

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

Welcome to the 2017 school year. A special welcome to all of our new families and new staff.

Our students and teachers are in three teams with each team named after the different parts of a fern.

Matikao (In Bud) St Mary – Pam Pyatt, St Lucy – Amanda Bates, St Benedict – Diana Luxon, St Nicholas – Natasha Pretorius/Gill Askwith, St Nicholas – Olwyn Hobman.

Olwyn Hobman is the team leader and Sue Brading is the Associate Principal with overall responsibility for this team.

Mokehu (Emerging Frond) St Joachim – Monica Manning /Gill Askwith, St John - Patricia Watt/Gill Askwith, St Anthony – Megan Foley/Gill Askwith, St Peter - Michelle Kleingeld.

Patricia Watt is the team leader and Catherine Cyprian is the Associate Principal with overall responsibility for this team.

Huruhuru (Full Frond) St Augustine – Tina Hunt, St Dominic – Kathie Bodle, St Joseph – Karl Hobman, St Patrick – Tracey Law.

Karl Hobman is the team leader and Catherine Cyprian is the Associate Principal with overall responsibility for this team.

Kathie Bodle is the Director of Religious Studies (**DRS**).

If you have any concerns, in the first instance contact your child's class teacher. Next see the team leader and then the Associate Principal with responsibility for the team.

Parents and family are most welcome to join us for assembly, which is held every second Monday at 11:20 in the hall. A school Liturgy is held every alternate fortnight on Thursday at 8:55, starting 23rd February. Changes will be notified in the newsletter and the school App. You can download the Stella Maris School App(free) at the App store.

Events are listed on the calendar on the school website www.stellamaris.school.nz and the school App: Coming events to note:

Feb 10	School Mass in the hall at 11.20
Feb 13	School Assembly at 11:20 in hall
Feb 23	School Liturgy at 8:55 in hall
Feb 24	Welcome Picnic and Meet the Teacher
Feb 27	School Assembly at 11:20 in hall - Presentation of Charism Awards

Fr Pat Brady, our parish priest is moving to St Josephs Orakei this week. We sincerely thank Fr Pat for the wisdom, time and energy he has given to Stella Maris. Fr John Tollan will be starting as the new parish priest this Sunday.

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team: Welcome back to everyone. It has been lovely to see families again and we look forward to catching up with everyone over the next few weeks. This week we have been settling in and establishing routines. In this hot weather please send in water bottles and smother your children in sunscreen. Hats are compulsory this term. It is great to see the students carrying in their school bags independently.

Mokehu Team: Welcome back to a great year of learning. PE this year will be every Monday so please ensure that if your child is using PE gear for sports they need to have it at school on Monday morning. Please ensure your child has a sunhat to start the new year. They are to be worn everyday. No hat, No play! Children also need a named water bottle.

Huruhuru Team: We welcome all our parents and Year 5-6 students back to 2017. We are extremely excited about the year ahead with a lot of planning underway to ensure our Year 5 and 6 students become the leaders we know they are capable of being. There are a number of events for our Huruhuru students over the next few weeks and these are outlined in our Team newsletter that will come home this week. Individual teachers have also sent home a letter introducing themselves to their class. These letters explain how we plan to go about building on the success of 2016 as well as outlining our plans with regards to homework. We look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks, answering any questions you may have about the upcoming year and working with you throughout 2017.

God Bless

Alan Watts



Welcome to the start of another year in our wonderful Stella Maris community. It is great to see everyone refreshed after the long holiday break. The staff spent a valuable day last week on retreat with Father Brendan Ward – a day of prayer, reflection and sharing based on our understanding of vocation.

The students start the year by looking at our special school Charism in RE lessons. The youngest students are learning that Stella Maris means Star of the Sea and that Mary is our guide in life. Each year at school the students deepen their understanding of the Marian Values and our senior students reflect on how they can live out these values in everyday life. Ask your children which Marian Values they have been learning about in class. It is important that the children realise that what they are learning about in school is important at home too.

“...be our guide on life’s journey”

(from the School Prayer)

God Bless
Kathie Bodle DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

School Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help. The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office. Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: www.catholicschools.org.nz go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues. If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs Ph.09 360 3069 at the Auckland Diocese office. Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2017 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to November 2017.

School Attendance Dues And Donations

Accounts will be posted home next week.

Buses 2017

We ask that if your child/children will be busing home in 2017 you complete a NEW bus form. Forms were sent home with your children on Tuesday. A new bus form is required each year. Thank you.

Stationery

This was distributed to your child this week and a list outlining the items and cost was sent home. Payment can be made via online banking or by cash or cheque or eftpos at the school office. Regardless of the method of payment, your child’s stationery form **must be returned** to the office processing. Thank you.

Address And Contact Information

If you have changed your address and or contact details during the holiday period, please notify the school office as soon as possible so we can update your information. Email: achieve@stellamaris.school.nz

School Uniform

As we start the new school year there are a few reminders about school uniform. There is an expectation that school uniform is worn correctly, with a pride and respect that reflects the Spirit of Stella Maris. The uniform code can be found in the Home Learning Diary or in the Parent Handbook (which can be found on the school website under news and information). If for some reason your child needs to wear a non-uniform item (eg: item is lost or medical reasons) please write a note to the class teacher who will provide your child with a uniform pass. Uniform passes are temporary. **Footwear** is a black roman sandal, or Mackinley safari style (term 1 and 4) or school shoe (term 2 and 3). **No street shoes to be worn**, this includes sandals or shoes that go above the ankle. We do understand that for medical reasons some children need to wear a different footwear, if this is the case please provide a doctor’s note, and we ask that the alternative footwear is black and worn with the long black school socks. **School hats are compulsory in term 1 and 4.** **Hair:** black hair ties and ribbons only. All hair touching the collar, both boys and girls is to be tied up and off the face. **Jewellery:** Children with pierced ears are only allowed to wear gold or silver studs, no sleepers. Children may wear a necklace with a cross or of cultural significance. They may wear a watch.

Scholastic Book Orders

Twice a term students will bring home a scholastic book ordering sheet for you to choose books or gift items from. Each campaign usually runs for a about a week, all orders are to be posted into the “scholastic” box which will be found on the reception desk during the ordering time frame. For every order that is placed the school receives reward points which are accumulated and resource items are purchased for students to benefit from during their learning. This is a great way to encourage students to keep up with reading and gain great rewards.

Absences

If your child is to be absent from school, please either email absences@stellamaris.school.nz alert us through the Stella Maris School app or phone the school and leave a message on the absence line 09 427 9189. Please include child's name, class and reason for the absence.

Stella Beacon

A weekly email sent on a Wednesday with current school news and information of events. To receive this you need to register via our school website www.stellamaris.school.nz The link is found on the home page. Please note this does not replace our weekly newsletter.

School Assembly

Held at 11.20am fortnightly Monday in the school hall. All welcome to join us. Our next assembly will be on the 13th February.

School Liturgy

Held fortnightly on Thursday at 8.55am in the school hall, commencing on 20th February.

School Mass

Please note there will be a special Mass to celebrate the start of the new school year. This will be in the school hall on Thursday 10th February at 11.20am. All are invited to join us.

Litterless Lunch Wednesdays

As a WasteWise school and to keep alive the awareness of the necessity to reduce, reuse and recycle responsibly Stella Maris has Litterless lunch Wednesdays. Thank you parents for supporting your children in their efforts to rethink the way we create and dispose of waste.

PTFA NEWS

Market Day

There is to be our first "Market Day" this Friday commencing at 8.15am, this is an opportunity to purchase second hand uniform items, so do come along if you need any extra uniform, tables will be set up at the entrance of the school.

PARISH NEWS

Altar Servers

The parish is needing more altar servers at both churches. If you are aged 10 years or older and have been confirmed, please consider volunteering for this ministry. This is a wonderful way for youth to participate in the Mass. A training session will be held. For more information please contact Chris or Jo Wilson Ph: 09 427 9425.

Ash Wednesday 1st March

Ashes are usually made by burning palm leaves from the previous year. If you still have your palm leaves from 2016 please return these to the box in the foyer at school or at the church.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Spanish Lessons

At Stella Maris from 1.30pm Friday's during term time. The cost per lesson is \$10.50. If you have any questions or you wish to enrol please contact Cristina Mob: 021 073 4528.

Piano Lessons

Enthusiastic and experienced Piano Teacher offers lessons for beginners and advanced students of all ages. All lessons half hour each held after school either at 26B Scott

Road, Stanmore Bay (near the new New World shops) or at KingsWay School Senior Campus Music Department. 4pm till late, Monday to Friday. Book early to ensure you get your preferred time slot. Contact: Ruth Goodenough Mobile: 021 145 6816.

Piano Keyboard

Ben Fernandez pianist, composer and arranger has Piano/ keyboard lessons at Stella Maris school on Wednesday and Thursday's during school time. There are a few spaces available for 2017. Contact: Ben Fernandez. E: fernandez.ben@gmail.com, Mobile: 021 056 5506, Res:(09) 4199549.

Guitar / And Singing Lessons

During the school day at Stella Maris with Maria O'Flaherty. Starting next Wednesday February 8th. Maria is a professional vocalist. She is well-known and respected in the New Zealand Jazz scene. Please contact Maria for details: E: oflaherty.maria@gmail.com, mobile: 021 0325287 09 4267986.

Get Ready For The Mountain

Stella Maris ski/snowboarding program at Snowplanet: The program includes: 1 Hour group lesson PLUS 1 hour rental equipment hire, Skis and Boots or Snowboard and Boots. (Clothing not included) PLUS 1 hour Helmet hire (Helmets are compulsory, and must be worn to participate in the programme). A skills awards program is available as part of entry level training. The program emphasizes skill development designed to allow an individual to enjoy the sport of skiing for life and, if they are interested, to have the confidence to move to more competitive racing.

Follow the link to enrol today! <https://term1stella17.eventdesq.com> Any questions please call or text Victoria Thorpe on 027 473 3249.

Kidz Can Music And Drama

Hi there to all Stella Maris Students. Kidz Can Music Company is your local Music School. We are able to offer students the opportunity to learn Piano, Guitar, Drama and Singing during the school day. This year our Drama Production will be Peter Pan. Why not give it a go. We are now open for enrolments in 2017. For more information please contact Susan Fraser on Ph: 09 4101506 or Mob: 021 378 007 E: susanf@kidzcan.co.nz

Ice Tour Ice-Skating Rink

In conjunction with Whangaparaoa Coast Plaza, All Star Infinity Cheerleaders are bringing "Ice Tour" Ice skating rink to the Rodney district on February 10th – 12th 2017. This is a wholesome, affordable community event that we hope will bring our community together and create some healthy fun. **Venue:** Whangaparaoa Coast Plaza **Cost:** \$7 for kids and \$13 for adults (ice skates included and Eftpos onsite). **Time:** Friday 12pm - 8pm, Saturday 10am - 8pm, Sunday 10am - 5pm.

Orewa Optics

Orewa Optics is offering all Stella Maris students 20% off a pair of Le Tissier 100% UV protective sunglasses. Families of Stella Maris students can also get a 15% discount on all frames. This offer is valid until December 2017 and must be mentioned at the time of purchase. More details can be found on the Sunsmart flyer" that went home to all new entrants, or a copy can be seen on the community notice board. Any enquires please call Orewa Optics 09 426 6646.

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Mark Your Diaries

03	Feb	Stella 'Market Day' - Second hand uniform sale 8.15am school foyer
10	Feb	Full School Mass 11.20am - School Hall
21	Feb	Catholic Schools Staff Mass Owairaka 7pm
22	Feb	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
24	Feb	Welcome Picnic and Meet the teacher Evening
01	Mar	Ash Wednesday - Selected Year 6 students to Mass at St John's 9.30am
01	Mar	Ash Wednesday - Liturgy at school 1.30pm - Distribution of ashes
15	Mar	Life Education at school until 24th March
22	Mar	Year 5-6 swimming until 29th March
22	Mar	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
30	Mar	Inter school swimming 9.30am
07	Apr	Stella 'Market Day' 8.15am school foyer
12	Apr	PTFA AGM 7.15pm to 9.15pm
12	May	Mum's Day 12pm-2.45pm
24	May	Full School Mass - St Patrick's Cathedral 10am
24	May	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm to 9.15pm
22	Jun	Open Day for 2018 Enrolments 9am - 12pm
28	Jun	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm to 9.15pm
06	Jul	Catholic Schools Mufti Mania - Gold coin for Caritas
07	Jul	TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
15	Aug	Full School Mass - St John's Church - School Feast Day 9.30am
23	Aug	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm to 9.15pm
29	Aug	Photolife - Class and Individual Photo's
30	Aug	Team and Group Photo's
01	Sep	Dad's Day 12.00-2.45pm
27	Sep	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm to 9.15pm
24	Oct	Grandparent's Day 8.45-12.00pm
25	Oct	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm to 9.15pm
22	Nov	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm to 9.15pm

Please Note: School Calendar Dates May Be Subject To Change

2017 School Term Dates

TERM 1	Tuesday	31 January	-	Thursday	13 April
TERM 2	Monday	01 May	-	Thursday	06 July
FRIDAY 07 JULY TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED					
TERM 3	Monday	24 July	-	Friday	29 September
TERM 4	Monday	16 October	-	Friday	15 December

2017 Public Holidays

Waitangi Day	6th February
Easter	14th - 17th April
ANZAC Day	25th April
Queen's Birthday	5th June
Labour Day	23rd October

WAITANGI DAY OBSERVED

**MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY
SCHOOL CLOSED**

Telephone

Kelly Sport

- Cancellation Number -
09 427 9377

Netball

- Cancellation Number -
09 424 2318

Parish Office

- Parish Secretary -
Theresa Fouché

theresa@hbcpaish.org.nz

- Pastoral Associates -
Deacon Murray Morgan
murraymorg@gmail.com

09 426 5599

SKIDS

- After School Care -
027 846 1725

School Dental Clinic

09 426 8470

Bayes Buses

09 426 5504

Ritchies Buses

09 420 6091

Public Health Nurse

09 427 0300 ext 4339

Influenza A (H1N1)

- Advise Healthline -
0800 611 116

Stella Maris School

- Website -
www.stellamaris.school.nz

School Bank Details

Attendance Dues & Donations

12 3046 0362238 01

All other Payments

12 3046 0362238 00

PTFA Bank Details

12 3046 0376269 00

Waitemata Health

www.webhealth.co.nz

Vodafone

- Intelligent Rewards -

0508 011 737

www.intelligentrewards.co.nz

Auckland Youth

www.akyouth.org.nz

**“Ki te ingoa o te Matua, O te Tamaiti O te Wairua Tapu, Amene”
In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen**