

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday in the gospel we hear about Jesus at the outset of His ministry being tempted by the devil. Satan attempted to get Jesus to put his own needs and potential concerns above the will of His Father. He wanted Jesus to act independently of the Father. He wanted Jesus to sacrifice His future for the present. Jesus met Satan's challenge by trusting His Father to do all things in His time, in His way, and with His result.

All this gives us great assurance. Our God will never leave us alone. In the middle of all the trials and tests He is with us. He may seem to be unseen, but He is there. Let us put our trust in God today.

Goal Setting interviews take place on 8th and 9th March, notices were sent home last week with the code to book your time. Please note that school finishes at 12:20 on Thursday 9th March. HuruHuru Team don't book online, but have a separate notice which should have already been returned to school. Thank you.

Advance notice that Term 2 will finish on Thursday 6th July as teachers will be attending professional development with a speaker who is only in Auckland for 7th July.

Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at Assembly:

St Mary Aaron Craig, Chloe Hudson	St Lucy Leon Bell, Aiden Skinner
St Benedict Declan Porter, Ryan Harbeck	St Leo Henry Reardon, Sienna Dance
St Nicholas Finn Jordan, Isla Ye	St Peter Kaitlynn Kyle, Tessa Nui
St John Gabriella Pinkerton, Ryan Wyatt, Aimee Kelly	St Joachim Oria Barrett, Mason Harkness
St Anthony Oliver Pickup, Ethan Eastgate	St Dominic Celine Eckard, Connor Garrity
St Joseph Holly Gray, James Blanchard	St Augustine Brody Savage, Georgia Brackebush

Team News

Matikao Team: It was great to catch up with many families on Friday at the Welcome Picnic. Please remember that book bags and home learning diaries need to come to school every day. We cannot send books home without a book bag. PE gear should come on Monday and can be taken home on Fridays to wash. Triadic Goal Setting bookings are still open, so please book a time if you have not yet done so.

Mokehu Team: Thank you for those who were able to come to the school picnic and meet the teacher evening on Friday. It was good to see so many familiar faces and also to meet all the new parents. We look forward to working with you all this year. Please look on line to make an appointment for Triadic Goal Setting. Reminders: to have all PE gear at school and named, book bags every day and hats for the rest of the term.

HuruHuru Team: A huge thank you to the many parents who attended the combined HuruHuru meet the teacher session on Friday. We thoroughly enjoyed answering questions and presenting how we as a team will work this year. Please ensure all Swim Carnival letters have been returned to school.

God Bless

Alan Watts



Last Thursday the school gathered in the hall for Liturgy led by St Augustine. The focus was on Jesus as a friend. They shared their learning about praying with the whole body with a moving liturgical dance. It was a special and Holy moment as the whole class danced to lead us in prayer and reflection. Thank you St Augustine for demonstrating reverence and such thoughtful service to your community. Remember you are all welcome to join us on alternate Thursday mornings at 9am for whole school liturgies. Each class takes a turn to lead us in prayer.

Yesterday a small group of staff and students attended Ash Wednesday Mass at St Johns in Orewa. These students then took a role in our School Liturgy in the afternoon. Both these opportunities have seen our Year 6 students step up into leadership roles. The teachers in Huruhuru are delighted to see all our senior students so capably living out our Marian Values in the school setting. With Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent, the focus in RE classes has been on learning what this means for us as followers of Jesus. Talk to your children about what you can do together as a family during Lent.

*“As we begin the season of Lent we are called to renew our hearts
and change our lives.”*

God Bless
Kathie Bodle DRS

(from our Ash Wednesday Liturgy)

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations To Caitlin O'Reilly

We are so proud of past Stella Maris pupil Caitlin O'Reilly who has become the youngest female at 12 years of age, to swim across the Cook Strait. She completed her swim in darkness at 9.30pm having been in the water for 7 hours, 19 minutes and 16 second. An outstanding achievement Caitlin.

NZ Surf Lifesaving Championships

We wish well to Stella Maris students Jack Sykes, Finn Aitken, Jack Handford and James Blanchard who are all competing at the NZ Surf Lifesaving Championships at Mt Maunganui this week. Good luck to you all.

Congratulations To Past Pupils

At Carmel College scholars assembly held last week, Eilish Jones and Annabel Verhoevan both received recognition for outstanding academic achievement in NCEA 2016. We are very proud of their achievements.

Walking, Biking, Scootering To School And From School

We have a number of students who walk, bike or scooter to and from school. Please remind your children of road safety and the need to be alert at intersections and when crossing roads.

End Of School Day 2.45pm

A reminder that our end of school bell rings at 2.45pm. Parents are asked to wait in the main atrium until the bus bell rings at 2.40pm. If your child is not catching the bus, it is expected that your child will be collected at this time. If you need to book your children into afterschool care please contact SKIDS 027 846 1725 or E: stellamaris@skids.co.nz

Pita Pit Lunches

Ordering envelopes can be collected from the school office and needs to be returned to the office by 9.00am on Friday morning. Last weeks 'golden ticket' winner was Adrianna Beck. Adrianna gets her next pita pit for free.

Huruhuru Swim Carnival Monday 6th March

Please complete the permission form sent home with your children on Monday. The cost for this event is \$4.00 per child. Please send your payment into the school office in a named envelope. The permission form is to be handed in to the class teacher. Thank you.

Calling All Flipper Ballers!

The Sunday night league at Stanmore Bay will kick off again from Term 2. If your child has played before, or you want to give it a go, please email shporter@slingshot.co.nz to register your interest! There will be teams for years 3 - 6, but if you're year 2 and confident in the water you can give it a go too! Heaps of fun, and no experience needed. Games are played Sunday evenings at the Stanmore Bay pool through Terms 3 and 4. Email Sarah with your interest or any queries.

PTFA NEWS

PTFA Sushi Fun Lunch Wednesday 8th March

Order forms were sent home with your children on Tuesday of this week. The forms must be returned to the red PTFA box by tomorrow Friday 3rd March. Sorry **NO late orders** can be accepted.

Rewilding The Child Colouring Competition

What a fabulous response to the colouring competition. The children's work is on display in the school foyer. The lucky winners of the 2 spot prizes are Vanessa Zwart and Nathan Craig.

Pastoral Care Service – Stella Maris Caring Committee

This is a service of volunteers from Stella Maris that assists in providing meals for those in our school community that may be struggling through illness, accident, bereavement, new baby etc. The simple act of providing a few meals takes the pressure off and shows that the community cares and are supported which is a huge boost in times of hardship and/or sorrow. We are looking for more supporters to provide meals. Just once a term, it requires making an extra-large home meal and freezing half for another family. If interested in assisting, please contact Sarah Quinlan sarah@sqd.co.nz or 0272525100, who can provide you with more details or guidance around what is required. Consider this as a shine challenge opportunity for your older children or a chance to give back.

Stella Stars

All are welcome to come along to Stella Stars Playgroup with your Pre-Schooler for a fun filled and relaxing morning! Meet in the School Hall on Friday Mornings 8.45am –11.00. This weeks theme will be Autumn. For more info Contact Kelly 021500786 or stellastarsplaygroup@gmail.com Check out our Facebook page!

PARISH NEWS

World Day Of Prayer

All parishioners are invited to represent our Parish at an Ecumenical Service on Friday 3rd March, 10am at Orewa Baptist Church. Offerings will be used to support projects in the Philippines and New Zealand as well as to contribute to local and international World Day of Prayer. Organisers are encouraging members of the Filipino community to participate in the service by doing a reading. If you would like to put your name forward please email Deacon Greg, annegreg@xtra.co.nz Selected Stella Maris students will be attending this service.

Lent Easter Preparations

If you would like to volunteer for the following please add your name to the lists in the church foyer.

Palm Sunday: Reading the Gospel at either the 5.30pm, 8.30am or 10.15am Mass.

Holy Thursday: Minister of the Word or Minister of Holy Communion.

12 volunteers needed for foot washing ceremony.

Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday: Minister of the Word or Minister of Holy Communion.

If you can help with the following please contact Deacon Murray:

Stations of the Cross during Lent: will be held at St John's on Fridays at 7.30pm and St Francis' on Sundays at 4pm. Families or community groups are invited to lead the devotions.

RCIA - Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults

As members of our Parish Community are currently going through the RCIA program, can we please keep them in our prayers as they grow in their Faith and gain a greater understanding of the teachings of the Church. Please pray also for those leading and teaching these parishioners on their journey. RCIA Candidates: *Dafanie Goldsmith, (Tony) Hoi Jeon Kim, Phil Jones, Fiona Methven, George Beck, Brett Butland.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Girl Guiding New Zealand

Do you have what it takes to be a leader? They rely on adults (women and men) to volunteer with running their programmes and to help girls reach their full potential. They need support now for the girls in your neighbourhood to remain involved. For more information please visit: www.girlguidingnz.org.nz or phone 0800 484331.

Silverdale Kindergarten

Bike-a-thon/Gala, Saturday 18th March from 10am-1pm. Longmore Lane, off Millwater Parkway, Food, Games, Entertainment, Silent Auction, Pony Rides, Bouncy Castles and much more. Fun for the whole family. Call 09 426 9600 for inquiries.



Mark Your Diaries

03	Mar	PTFA Fun Lunch Orders due 3pm - NO Late orders can be accepted
05	Mar	Round the Bays
06	Mar	Swim Carnival Norther Arena Year 5-6
08	Mar	PTFA Fun Lunch
08	Mar	Triadic Goal Setting from 3.15pm
09	Mar	Triadic Goal Setting from 1.15pm
14	Mar	Families new to Stella Maris meet the BOT and PTFA Chairperson
14	Mar	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
15	Mar	Life Education at school until 24th March
17	Mar	St Patricks Day Mufti Day - Gold coin donation for Bishops Appeal
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
07	Apr	PTFA Mufti Day - Gourmet item for Easter Raffle hampers
11	Apr	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
12	Apr	PTFA AGM 7.15pm to 9.15pm
13	Apr	TERM ONE ENDS
14	Apr	GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
09	May	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
12	May	Mum's Day 12pm-2.45pm
24	May	Full School Mass - St Patrick's Cathedral 10am
24	May	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
13	Jun	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
20	Jun	Open Day for 2018 Enrolments 9am - 12pm
28	Jun	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
04	Jul	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
06	Jul	Catholic Schools Mufti Mania - Gold coin for Caritas
06	Jul	Reports Home Today
07	Jul	TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
26	Jul	Parent Interviews School Closes at 12.20pm
27	Jul	Parent Interviews from 3pm
31	Jul	NED Show 1.30pm
15	Aug	Full School Mass - St John's Church - School Feast Day 9.30am
23	Aug	PTFA Forum 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 Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
24	Oct	Grandparent's Day 8.45-12.00pm
25	Oct	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
22	Nov	PTFA Forum 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

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

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**