

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

In the gospel this Sunday we hear how Jesus took Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.

Lent brings us into this mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord – we are part of this, and we try to make life a resurrection-grace for others. We can transfigure the lives of others, or disfigure. Our call is to be people of the transfiguration.

Thank you for your participation in our goal setting with our students. This helps strengthen the partnership of learning.

The Life Education van will be at school next week. All classes will have 2 sessions with the Life Education teacher.

## Coming Events To Note:

- March 14 BOT meeting @ 7:30pm.
- March 15 Life Education van arrives.
- March 18 Rewilding the child.
- March 23 Cafe` Stella

## Congratulations To:

All who participated in the “Oceans” junior surf life saving nationals at Mt Maunganui last week.

## TEAM NEWS

### Matikao Team

Thank you to all the families who have participated in the Triadic Goal Setting process. We really appreciate the chance to spend time sitting down with students and their parents. If you were unable to make these appointments, please feel free to talk to your class teachers to make an alternative time

### Mokehu Team

It seems unbelievable we are just about at half way mark for the term. Teachers are finishing up term assessments and getting ready for triadic goal setting this week. If any of you are free to help with our Maths sessions from 9.05am until 10.05am we would welcome you come along and help. Please see Mrs Watt in St John’s class.

### Huruhuru Team

A huge thank you to all parents who assisted with our Swim Carnival on Monday. We can’t have these events without your assistance. We would also like to thank all the parents who attended the first Soapbox practice and we look forward to continuing to share this experience with you.

God Bless

Alan Watts



Our students have participated the rituals of Ash Wednesday and are now learning about how to observe this season of Lent. Lent is not just about giving things up but is a time to renew our faith and our spiritual practices. The traditional Lenten practices are Fasting, Praying and Almsgiving. Talk to your child about what they have learnt.

The Caritas theme for Lent this year is “Your face, Lord, do I seek’ (Psalm 27:8) and the focus is on Just Water: Climate Change in the Pacific. As Catholics we are called to participate in Social Justice action. At our Ash Wednesday liturgy we prayed to Jesus to “give us hearts of love and compassion.” Our challenge is to turn this compassion for others into action.

*“Hear my voice when I call, Lord;  
be merciful to me and answer me.  
My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”  
Your face, Lord, I will seek.” (Psalm 27:7-8 )*

Kathie Bodle  
DRS

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Soapbox Derby

We have another highly enthusiastic group of students who have begun practising for the 10th annual Hibiscus Coast Soapbox Derby. All families are welcome to come along to the derby which is held on Brightside Rd, Stanmore Bay on the 8th April. Last year Stella Maris won the local event, gaining a place in the Nationals, we are aiming to repeat this. We’d love to see you over the weekend of the 8th-9th April supporting our teams (we have 2 teams this year).



2016 Soap Box Team

### 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](mailto:stellamaris@skids.co.nz)

### Congratulations

The Brennan family have welcomed a new baby girl into their family, Layla, a sister for Elizabeth. We wish you all the blessings that a new baby brings to a family.

### 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 Chloe Hudson. Chloe gets her next pita pit for free.

### Cafe Stella March 23rd

You are invited to come along to our first Cafe` Stella for 2017. Cafe` Stella is an informal and relaxed opportunity to meet with other parents and staff. Father John Tollan will be joining us on this occasion. You are most welcome to come and meet Father John 1.30pm in the staffroom.



### Huruhuru Swim Programme Northern Arena

Information, permission and pre assessment forms have been sent home with your children. If you have not received these they are available for downloading from our school website under Huruhuru notices. The pre-assessment form should have been completed and returned to the class teacher. The permission and payment form needs to be handed in to the school office. The cost per child for the 6 session programme is \$57.50.

### Yummy Fruit Company Stickers

You will find enclosed with this newsletter a sheet for collecting ‘yummy stickers’. The more the school can collect the more sporting equipment rewards the school will receive. So keep collecting!!! Return sticker sheets to the school office or Mr Hobman. Thank you for your support.



**St Patrick's Day  
"Green" Mufti Day  
17th March  
Gold Coin Donation  
For The Bishops  
"Fast Response To  
Fires" Appeal**

## 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.

### 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. Stella Maris will be leading on 24th March at St John's Church.

### 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.*

## PTFA NEWS

### Keeping Up To Date With PTFA

Have you been interested in being involved with the PTFA? Keen to volunteer to join in on helping the variety of events? Wanting to attend some of the monthly forums but unsure of what's covered? Be in the know, put yourself on the PTFA email list and receive the monthly agendas and minutes. It always helps to know what's coming up, who the contacts are so you can plan on how to be involved. Everyone is welcome and we appreciate the active voices and hands of service. All you need to do is send an email to the chair, Renee, and she will put you on the list: beckett@ihug.co.nz.

### PTFA Annual General Meeting - 12 April 7.15pm

The end of the PTFA financial year is coming up, so time to elect our Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for the year to come. Are any of these roles of interest to you? All you need to do is place your self nomination on a slip of paper and pop into a sealed envelope with 'PTFA elections' written on the front. Nominations are due in the Red PTFA box by 3pm 11th April. We are also looking for an accountant parent who could volunteer to review our annual accounts. This is conducted annually as part of an internal review to ensure we are maintaining a professional level of accounts. So if you are an accountant, active or retired, and would be willing to do this review, please contact our chair, Renee Beckett: beckett@ihug.co.nz.

### 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.



## Mark Your Diaries

|           |            |   |
|-----------|------------|---|
| 09        | Mar        | Triadic Goal Setting from 1.15pm                                      |
| 14        | Mar        | Families new to Stella Maris meet the BOT and PTFA Chairperson 6.30pm |
| 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   |
| <b>13</b> | <b>Apr</b> | <b>TERM ONE ENDS</b>  |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Apr</b> | <b>GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED</b>                                      |
| 09        | May        | BOT Meeting 7.30pm  |
| 12        | May        | Mum's Day 12pm-2.45pm   |
| 23        | May        | ICAS Digital Tech 9am   |
| 24        | May        | Full School Mass - St Patrick's Cathedral 10am                        |
| 24        | May        | PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm   |
| 31        | May        | ICAS Science 9am  |
| 13        | Jun        | ICAS Writing 9am  |
| 13        | Jun        | BOT Meeting 7.30pm  |
| 14        | Jun        | ICAS Spelling 9am   |
| 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  |
| <b>07</b> | <b>Jul</b> | <b>TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>                               |
| 26        | Jul        | Parent Interviews <b>School Closes at 12.20pm</b>                     |
| 27        | Jul        | Parent Interviews from 3pm  |
| 31        | Jul        | NED Show 1.30pm   |
| 01        | Aug        | ICAS English 9am  |
| 15        | Aug        | Full School Mass - St John's Church - School Feast Day 9.30am         |
| 16        | Aug        | ICAS Maths 9am  |
| 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      |
| <b>FRIDAY 07 JULY TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b> |         |            |   |          |              |
| 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@hbcp parish.org.nz](mailto:theresa@hbcp parish.org.nz)

- Pastoral Associates -  
Deacon Murray Morgan  
[murraymorg@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.webhealth.co.nz)

### Vodafone

- Intelligent Rewards -  
0508 011 737  
[www.intelligentrewards.co.nz](http://www.intelligentrewards.co.nz)

### Auckland Youth

[www.akyouth.org.nz](http://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**