

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday in the gospel we hear about the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. God is near when we are near to ourselves, even in our sin. We thirst for meaning in life, for knowing we are loved, for community and companionship – this is the offering of God. The living water is the Holy Spirit. We thirst for inclusion. In the depths of the well we are all equal. In the well we see everyone and can rediscover that we are all children of God.

We find the mercy of God in the well. As we go into depths of prayer and ourselves we are open to mercy. We may put all sorts of conditions on God's mercy and forgiveness – naming our sins, counting the numbers of them. God doesn't number sins but forgives them and covers them over with love. At the bottom of the well is the water of mercy.

The Life Education van arrived at school this week. All classes will have 2 visits with the Life Education educator Chris.

Mufti day tomorrow Friday 17 March green for St Patrick's Day and a gold coin for the people of Christchurch affected by the recent fires.

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

Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at Assembly:

St Mary Annabelle Dudek, Emma Edhouse.	St Lucy Paxton Selkirk, Katie McDowell.
St Benedict Tyler Slater, William Pickup.	St Leo Tegan Jones, Asher Lu
St Nicholas Liam Tracey, Ben Grounsell, Will Hegan.	St John Sophie Skinner, Hugo Thomas, Joshua Drinkwater.
St Anthony Jett Marshall Lyla Hudson.	St Joachim Zach Main Luke Fraser.
St Peter Molly Smith, Dylan Blanchard.	St Dominic Anthony De Courcy, Elizabeth Brennan, Hannah O'Neill.
St Joseph Regan Mant, Jordan Waddingham, Lily-Anne Humphreys	St Augustine Grace Brand, St Augustine for their care of our Taonga, our Kakahu and Poi.
St Patrick Adrianna Beck, Lilly Rumsby.	

Team News

Matikao Team: We are continuing to learn about Jesus and his journey to the cross. A reminder that on Tuesdays there is a time for students to ride scooters at lunchtimes (with helmets). Life Education is starting next week. Each class will have 2 sessions focusing on being a good friend. St Patricks Day is being celebrated on Friday – this is a gold coin donation and green themed clothing.

Mokehu Team: Thank you to all parents for your attendance at the Triadic Goal setting evening. If you were unable to make it last week, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time. It is important that parents, children and teachers are all working together towards the same goals. The teachers have commented on the positive goals for learning that have come out of these meetings. So thank you all for your input and participation.

Huruhuru Team: Congratulations to all our students who placed in our Swim Carnival last Monday. Please return any outstanding swim forms to class teachers as these lists need to be completed as soon as possible.

God Bless

Alan Watts



Once again, on Thursday morning last week, our school hall became a sacred space as we gathered for whole school Liturgy. This time we were skillfully led by St Joseph class. They helped us prayerfully explore the concept of forgiveness through scripture, song, prayers and dance. It is a blessing to start the school day with prayer, and when the whole school gathers it becomes a very special and holy occasion.

The words of the song St Joseph chose (Forgiveness by Matthew West) tell us of the power of forgiveness -“it moves away the mad inside” and “the prisoner that it really frees is you”. Lent is a time of year when we take the time to exam our own faith journey more closely. Becoming more deliberately forgiving is a way we can become closer to God.

*Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other,
just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.*

(Ephesians 4:32)

Kathie Bodle
DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

ANZAC Day

This year ANZAC day falls in the second week of the school holidays 25th April. Mrs Bates and Mrs Watt usually have a small contingent of students who join with other schools to march in the 11.00am service at the Whangaparaoa RSA. This year we have been invited to have 2 students read the Ode, one in Maori and the other in English. We also need a student to do the Gospel reading. I therefore need a commitment for some students to be at this service, realising it will occur in the holidays. If you are able to make this commitment now for the 25th, can you please see Mrs Watt know in St John. We can then choose our students to represent the school community and give them the appropriate readings to practise.

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).

End Of Day Pick Up From Classrooms

As teachers and students use the adjoining atriums for their classes for teaching, please can parents wait in the main foyer until the 2.40pm bus bell rings. This will allow teachers to finish their day without interruption. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Scholastic Book

Ordering Forms will be sent home tomorrow, orders will close on 24th March, please place your orders in the box on the reception desk. This is a wonderful initiative to encourage your children to read, in return the school gains reward points that are used to purchase resources for all students to enjoy.

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.



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



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.

Calling All Current Or Aspiring Year 3-4 Hockey Stars.

The season is about to begin next term. Games are on a Monday after school at North Harbour Hockey Stadium, Albany. If you would like to be a part of the team please text Nicky Jordan on 027 223 0028.

ICAS - International Competitions And Assessments Years 3-6

Entries close next Wednesday 23rd March. NO late entries can be accepted.

Help Our School Win A Digital Camera!!

For every recycled mobile phone our school sends to "The Sustainable Coastlines Phone Recycling Scheme" we are entered into a draw for a Digital Camera! There is a box at the school office for collecting the phones. To be entered into the draw phones need to be at the school by Wednesday 12th April. Thank you for your support.

Pita Pit Lunches

Orders to the school office by 9am Friday mornings. Last weeks "golden ticket" winner was Kalan Willis.

PTFA NEWS

Stella Raffle Tickets Come Home Next Week.

This year, instead of selling Easter Eggs, we thought we would try an Easter Raffle. Every child will receive 1 book of 10 tickets to sell by 7th April. Each ticket being \$3. There will be prizes for the children - most tickets sold in each age group (Matikao years 0-2; Mokehu years 3-4; Huruuru years 5-6) and for fastest sold. There are great raffle prizes to be won too, including \$1000 International travel voucher, Masport Elite BBQ RRP\$999, and 3 gourmet Easter baskets. So be on the look out on Monday, 20th March for the tickets coming home. All proceeds going towards phase 2 of the playground upgrade project. Thank you to our sponsor Chaffey and Szymanska Travel Associates and kind donations from Wright's Outdoor Equipment Centre, Hoyts Whangaparaoa, and Silverdale Adventure Park.

Mum's Catch Up On Saturday!

If you're at a lost end with the kids and Dads at Rewilding the Child, meet up with some other Stella Mums this Saturday 18th March. An afternoon wine, coffee and/or dinner with other mums is being organised - just text or ring Sarah on 021 995 226 for more details.

PTFA Forum - Wednesday 22nd March, 7.15pm In Staff Room

Come one, come all. This month's agenda includes decisions on donation funding for school wish list items, term 2 events, and much more. Be part of the Stella community 'fun' raising. The PTFA is a group of mums, dads, teachers, and school friends sharing ideas to keep our school great. Come to one meeting or two, attendance is open and flexible - no commitment required, just your ideas. Supper and drinks provided. See you there.

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.

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. Training starts on 31st March.

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.*

Lent Easter Preparations

Ministers Needed: We need 5 more Ministers of Communion for the Easter 10.15am Mass and 9 people for the foot washing ceremony on Holy Thursday Mass. Please consider adding your name to the list in church foyer.

Stations Of The Cross

Will be held at St John's Church 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.**



EASTER SERVICES

Hibiscus Coast Catholic Parish

St John's Church, 180 Centreway Road, Orewa - St Francis Church, 7 Motutapu Avenue, Manly

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 13

7.30 pm - Mass of the Last Supper,
Foot Washing and Vigil until 10pm
St Francis, Manly

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 14

3.00 pm - The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Veneration of the Cross
St John's, Orewa

SATURDAY - APRIL 15

8.00 pm - **Easter Vigil Mass, Renewal of
Baptismal Promises, 1st Mass of Easter**
St John's, Orewa

EASTER SUNDAY MASS - APRIL 16

8.30 am - *St Francis, Manly*
10.15 am - *St John's, Orewa*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7.30 pm - Friday *St John's, Orewa*
4.00pm - Sunday *St Francis, Whg*



Mark Your Diaries

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
02	Apr	DAY LIGHT SAVING ENDS
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
15	May	Book Fair Week
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
07	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
01	Aug	ICAS English 9am
10	Aug	Orewa College Year 7-9 pre enrolment Information Evening
16	Aug	Orewa College Enrolment Evening
17	Aug	Orewa College Enrolment Evening
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
24	Sep	DAY LIGHT SAVING STARTS
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
13	Nov	Orewa College ICL Workshop
14	Nov	Orewa College ICL Workshop
15	Nov	Orewa College ICL Workshop
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@hbcp parish.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**