

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

In the gospel this Sunday we hear how Jesus cured the man who was born blind.

Just like this man, each of us who is a follower of Jesus has a unique and personal story. It's a story about how we became a follower. That story is one of our greatest gifts.

We may say "But I was raised in the church, I don't have a dramatic testimony." It doesn't matter. "Nothing exciting has happened to me." It doesn't matter. Our story is the story of Jesus Christ working inside of us and that makes it important and exciting.

Jesus thought us special enough to die for us and to dwell in us with the Holy Spirit. If God values us so much our story has significance.

Jesus approached the blind man in a unique way and he approaches us in a unique way.

Our Mufti Day raised \$369.80 for the Bishops Fire Response Appeal, thank you all so much for your kind donation to this very worthy cause.

PTFA raffle tickets were sent home on Monday one book with each child. Money or unsold tickets are due back April 3rd.

## Coming Events To Note

Mar 30	School Liturgy 8.55am
Mar 30	Hibiscus Coast Interschool Swimming Carnival
Apr 07	Mufti Day – Bring a gourmet item for Easter raffle
Apr 08	Soap Box Derby at Brightside Road.
Apr 10	Holy Week
Apr 11	Pasifika Meeting in the staff room at 6.00pm
	BOT meeting in the staff room at 7.30pm
Apr 12	PTFA Annual Meeting
Apr 13	Term 1 Ends at 2.45pm

## TEAM NEWS

**Matikao Team:** This week we have been visiting the Life Education Caravan, with a focus on friendships. Students have loved going to the space and learning about how everyone is different, but we all have feelings. We have been discussing how others may be feeling, and ways to respond appropriately.

**Mokehu Team:** With the change in weather can we please remind families to send a box of tissues to the class, please. A general reminder about all homework, which we try to keep to a minimum. Reading logs need to be filled in every night in the children's diary, 10 minutes of spelling, and some time on Mathletics is the general rule.

**Huruhuru Team:** A huge thank you to all parents who have given their time to help us with walking to and from Northern Arena with our team swimming sessions. There are still a number of forms to be returned. Could these be returned to the office as soon as possible please.

God Bless

Alan Watts



As Lent continues, our students are learning more about the Lenten practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. The younger students are talking about ways they can turn back to Jesus – you will see footsteps on display as they use the metaphor of a journey towards Easter. In Huruuru we are learning about the importance of prayer and of praying together as a community. One special way we can do this during Lent is by praying the Stations of the Cross together. On Friday evening, 24th March a small group of our Year 6 students are leading the parish Stations of the Cross at St John's in Orewa at 7.30pm. You are most welcome to join us at this parish event.

*“We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world”  
(from the Stations of the Cross prayers.)*

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 two 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 let 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 would like to say a huge thank you to the following companies for sponsoring our two trolleys this year. Clarkson Electrical who are the full sponsor for trolley 309. Aspire Engineers, JG Civil, L.R.C. NZ Ltd and Crest Clean who are sponsoring trolley 317. We also thank Mike Butt Panelbeaters who have done the paint work on the trolleys. We hope you are able to come along and support the Stella Maris teams at the Soapbox Derby on the weekend of 8-9 April, Brightside Rd, Stanmore Bay.

### 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.

### ICAS - International Competitions And Assessments Years 3-6

Entries have closed. Sorry NO late entries can be accepted.

### School Assembly Monday 27th March

St Joachim will be leading. Charism awards will be presented at this assembly. 11.20am in the school hall. All are welcome.

### Liturgy Thursday 30th March

St Patrick will be leading this Liturgy. 8.55am in the school hall. All are welcome.

### Scholastic Books Orders Close Tomorrow

Ordering Forms have been sent home, orders will close tomorrow, 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.

### 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.

### 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

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 Grace Brand. Grace gets her next pita pit for free.

## PTFA NEWS

### Stella Raffle Tickets Have Gone Home.

This year, instead of selling Easter Eggs, we thought we would try an Easter Raffle. Every child has received one 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. 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.

### PTFA Annual General Meeting - 12th April

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. The PTFA 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](mailto:beckett@ihug.co.nz).

### 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 appreciate the active voices and hands of service. All you need to do is send an email to Renee, you will put you on the list: [beckett@ihug.co.nz](mailto: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.*

### 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.**

### Transport Offered

To Parishioners in Red Beach area to the 5.30pm Mass most weekends. Door to door. (No walkers as vehicle is small). Contact Veronica 426 7844.

### Baptismal Preparation Programme

We are keen to encourage greater involvement of the school community in our parish community and would be pleased to have 3-4 parent volunteers to lead the baptismal preparation programme. This programme is held one evening a month at St John's for the parents of children to be baptised. Material and training will be provided. With enough helpers each person may only be rostered once a quarter. For more information or to put your name forward please contact Fr John Tollan, 426 5599 Ext. 2.

### St Thomas More Live Lent March 25th

Day of reflection for youth and young adults. 9am-4pm. To register E: [stmglenfieldyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stmglenfieldyouth@gmail.com). St Thomas More Parish Hall. Cost: Donation.



# 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*



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### A Grateful Member Of Red Beach Community

"Some kind school children and their mum returned a lost dog to our place in Gilshennan Valley, Red Beach, a couple of weeks ago. We were out at the time. I would very much like to thank this family. If you and your mum would like to phone me or call around, I have some ice blocks for your family, to show our appreciation."

Please call Mrs Mackereth to get contact details.

## Mark Your Diaries

30 Mar	Inter school swimming 9.30am
30 Mar	School Liturgy 8.55am
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	Pasifika Parent Meeting 6.00pm
11 Apr	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
12 Apr	PTFA AGM 7.15pm to 9.15pm
<b>13 Apr</b>	<b>TERM ONE ENDS</b>
<b>14 Apr</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
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
06 Jul	Reports Home Today
<b>07 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
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
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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
<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**