

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday in the gospel we hear about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.

Perhaps we are to see ourselves in Lazarus and see the miracle of his restoration of physical life as the beginning of our entry into eternal life. That begins the moment we accept Jesus' offer of relationship with us. The rest of Lazarus's life was a witness to this miracle for God's glory, and this is the challenge for us.

Martha didn't get an instant response, but a delayed and sometimes different response which brought even greater blessing, but it is only with hindsight that we can see this. So when we find ourselves in one of these 'waiting' situations we shouldn't lose hope focusing on that moment, but instead remember God does have a plan and is working it out according to His timing, for the purposes of His glory and for our good.

A huge thank you to the Retimana family (Totara Contractors Ltd) who have nominated Stella Maris as the recipient of the Fuel for Schools programme. The school has received a 49 inch LG television as a reward.

The PTFA raffle money is due back on Friday 7th April. Please return the money or unsold books to the PTFA box.

Friday 7th April is a mufti day, please bring a gourmet item to enhance the Easter raffle. One item per family please.

Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at Assembly:

St Mary Lucas Reade, Lillian Otway.	St Lucy Sanvi Bhatt, River Thompson.
St Benedict Erin Walker, Connor McDougall.	St Leo Sam Handford, Nicholas Lim, Liam Craig.
St Nicholas Sebastian Grounsell, Hayley Wyatt.	St Augustine Reef Barrett, Peter Park.
St Anthony Nathan Parker-Smeed, Laine Hinton	St Peter Jamie Thorpe, Maya Timlim
St Joachim Quinell Butt, Eva Walsh	St John Mason McGowan, Hugo Thomas, Isabella Gobbie

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team

"Harold" has come and gone. We have really enjoyed spending our two sessions in the Life Education Caravan. Our focus on friendships extended into what we need to live (food, water and oxygen) and how we also need shelter, washing and hugs to be happy.

Mokehu Team

Thank you to those parents who have given some of their time to help us with our maths learning recently. We appreciate any time you can give. Please let your class teacher know if you can parent help at any time in the classroom. We would appreciate help with writing and publishing work on the computer, reading mileage, spelling learning or in our afternoon programmes.

Huruhuru Team

Congratulations to all our Interschool swimmers who represented us so very well today. Our Soap Box team are preparing for their Derby Day and we wish them well for the 8th and 9th of April.

Alan Watts
Principal



One of the Lenten practices that your children are learning about in RE is almsgiving. During Lent we make an extra effort to give what we can afford to help others. There are so many charities and agencies asking for money that at times it feels overwhelming. During Lent, Caritas (The Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace and Development) focuses on a particular need that is linked to a social justice issue. This year the focus is on the needs of our Pacific neighbours in regards to water. Many islands are struggling with the effects of climate change, some countries struggling with not enough water and some with too much. In Tonga, for example, groundwater has become too salty to drink because of rising sea levels. During Lent it is a good idea to make an opportunity to talk to your children about how having access to safe water for drinking, washing and growing food is a justice issue and why this should concern us as Christians. Maybe think about making a donation as a family to Caritas this Lent.

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.

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 Adam Viscoe. Adam gets his next pita pit for free.

Barfoot And Thompson Young Authors Challenge 2017

For more information and resources, and to submit your stories, go to youngauthorschallenge.co.nz Entries close 2 June 2017.

PTFA NEWS

Stella Raffle Tickets Books Due Back 7th April

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; Huruhuru 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.

Mufti Day

Friday 7th April

Bring A Gourmet Item - One Per Family
For Our Easter Raffle Baskets

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PTFA Market Day

Friday 7th April

School Uniform And More  
8.15am In The School Foyer

## PARISH NEWS

### Sacramental Programme Puhoi / Warkworth

Please pray for the following students as they prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

*Dylan Blanchard, Connor Garrity, Kyle Habeck, Ned Hancock, Monty Hakaraia, Bianca Person, Jasper Quinlan, Pipi Quinlan (Carmel), Nadine Rao (Kingsway)*

Reconciliation is on Monday 10th of April at 5pm at Puhoi Church. The evening is also open to everyone wishing to take 'advantage' of the opportunity!! The 10th is Monday of Holy Week - hoping this will set the children up to feel VERY HOLY for Easter!! The Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist is at Warkworth Church on the 5th of August at 5pm. (Saturday Vigil Mass)

### 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.*

### 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.

### Stations Of The Cross

Will be held at St John's Church on Fridays at 7.30pm and St Francis' on Sundays at 4.00pm during Lent

### Working Bee

At St John's Church on Saturday 1st April starting at 9am, weather permitting. Please bring along your garden tools and help with a general tidy up before Easter. Any time you can spare on that morning would be greatly appreciated.



# 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

### NZRDA Volunteers Needed

The North Shore Riding for the Disabled group is looking for volunteers to join them. Their facility is in Stillwater and they ride Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. If you thing you can help or want to know more call or email. 09426 8110 or [info@northshorerda.org](mailto:info@northshorerda.org)

### Woodford House

A boarding and day school for girls in Hawke's Bay, is hosting an Open Day on Friday 7 April, from 2pm – 6pm. This is a great opportunity to explore the next steps for your daughter's education. Meet students, tour the beautiful grounds, learn about their new equestrian academy and experience what it is like to learn and live at a leading school for girls. Register online: [www.woodford.school.nz/open-day](http://www.woodford.school.nz/open-day)

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**WHANGAPARAOA  
COLLISION REPAIRS**



**G.J. Gardner. HOMES**

## Mark Your Diaries

|           |            |                                                               |
|-----------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 02        | Apr        | DAY LIGHT SAVING ENDS - <b>Clocks Back</b>                    |
| 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</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                                         |
| 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</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                                              |
| 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      |
| <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

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 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@hbcparrish.org.nz](mailto:theresa@hbcparrish.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**