

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

In the gospel this Sunday we hear Jesus' offer of rest to those who are burdened and heavy-laden. When we are not walking with the Lord as we should and strive to do things in our own power, it can feel like the weight of the world is upon our shoulders. Jesus is calling to us and saying, "Come here to me." Such a call involves a change in direction, and a change in life. It is a change of mind resulting in going from one direction to now going in another.

Another school term is at an end. So much happens in our school, giving us a lot to be thankful for:

Our students who have worked hard to raise their achievement.

Our staff who have supported and nurtured our students.

Our parents who have encouraged and supported students and teachers in many ways.

Sports coaches and managers who have enabled our students to participate in a range of sporting activities.

Our cultural leaders who have provided opportunities for our students to celebrate their cultural heritage.

Our PTFA who have organised and worked hard raising funds and upgrading our playgrounds.

Our BOT who have governed our school so capably. **"Thank you to all"**

Reports will come home today with students.

Parent Interview times are open to book on line at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz our school access code is nqx8c, the interviews will be held on Wednesday 26th July commencing at 1.15pm and Thursday 27th July commencing at 3.15pm. Interviews will finish at 7pm and 6.30pm respectively.

Coming Events To Note

July 7th	Teacher Only Day. Skids will be open all day.
July 24th	School starts for term three. Assembly at 11.20am
July 26th-27th	Parent Interviews.
July 28th	Market Day/second hand uniform sale at 8:15am in the foyer.

Team News

Matikao Team: Thank you to all who participated in Mufti Mania. It certainly raised the energy levels for the day and a generous donation for Nawi Catholic Primary School in Fiji. Please note, any students who have changed class will attend parent/teacher interviews with their original teacher. Matikao Team wish you a happy and safe holiday with your families, and we look forward to seeing you next term.

Mokehu Team: It was great to see so many of the children at the Disco. They seem to have had a great time. Reminder to book in for parent interview appointment. A reminder for a box of tissues please for each classroom. Thank you for all your support over the last term and we wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Huruhuru Team: This has been a busy term with many highlights. We would like to say a special thanks to all those involved in assisting with our extra curricular activities this term including, Kapahaka, Ripa Rugby, Football, Hockey teams, Netball teams, Waterpolo teams, the Think-a-thon, School Disco, Book Fair and many more. Without the support of our amazing community these opportunities would not be available for our students.

God Bless

Alan Watts



As term two draws to a close each class reflects on what they have learned during our Strand on Church. Once again, we remind the students that we are the Church and it is the way we live out the Marian Values in our daily lives that helps to spread the message of Jesus. I hope you all enjoy the holiday time with your children as you live the teachings of Jesus in your families.

*"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God"*

1 John 4:7

God Bless
Kathie Bodle
DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

**School Closed Tomorrow
Teacher Only Day
Term 3 Commences
24th July**

Parent Interviews Bus And Skids Information

Please note that the Bayes Bus will run at 12.30pm on Wednesday 26th July, the Ritches Buses will run at the usual time of 3pm. sKids is open for your convenience. Please book directly with sKids 027 846 1725. Please note that school closes at 12.20pm on Wednesday 26th July and the usual time of 2.45pm on Thursday 27th July.

40 Hour Famine - URGENT REQUEST

Well done to all who participated in this years 40 Hour famine. Your sponsor books and money should have been returned to Mrs Brading by now.

Pita Pit Lunches

Ordering envelopes can be collected from the school office and need to be returned to the office by 9.00am on Friday morning. Each week every order goes in to a draw to win a 'Golden ticket' The winner of the 'Golden ticket' gets their next pita pit order for free! Last weeks winner was Oriah Barrett.

Embroidery On School Uniform Items

The BOT have discussed a request to allow students to have their "surname" embroidered on to the back of their outer garments, i.e. fleece, cardigan or school jumper. It has been agreed that this will be permitted for students who wish to have this, it is NOT compulsory. Our current school uniform stockist, Positive Image, in Silverdale will be the only provider to offer this service. This will ensure that those who choose to have this done will keep our uniforms the same and all students will continue to represent the school well in a neat and tidy uniform. Positive Image have meet with management and have agreed to be the sole provider, the office is holding a sample for you to see and the cost for embroidery should you wish to add this to your child's uniform.

Congratulations

Jasmine Cate of The Dance Floor on receiving the top mark of Honours, plus a bonus Star Award for her first ever dance exam. Jasmine sat her BTDA Silver Rose Award in Lyrical. Well done Jasmine!

Congratulations

Gabriella Pinkerton, participated in the semi-finals of the NZ Junior Chef competition 'Kiwi Kids Can Cook' over the weekend. Because of SKIDS commitment to teaching kids to cook through our FoodStorm cooking programme, they were able to enter Gabriella to represent Stella Maris. Gabriella is only 8 and was up against 12 year olds in her heat. Although she did not progress to the finals, she did amazingly well cooking her own version of Spaghetti Bolognese. Well done Gabriella.

Sacramental Programme

How wonderful to see our Stella Maris students receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. A very special day in their lives.



SPORTS NEWS

Netball

Stella Stars:	Player of the day	Isla McDougall
Stella Comets:	Player of the day	Jessie Byrne
Silver Stellas:	Player of the day	Rylee Stephens

Flippa Ball

The year 6 Stella Sharks came first in their grade! Mr Watts came along to watch the final. Big thanks to coaches Hayden Porter and Tony Aitken and a huge well done to our Stella players!



PARISH NEWS

Rosmini College

Rosmini College Young Vinnies are offering help to those who need home visits, work around the house, gardening and lawns, help with cooking, shopping or help with phones and computers. Phone Paddy Hallisey 09 489 5417 or email him on phallisey@rosmini.school.nz

Alpha Course

Begin Your Greatest Adventure, Watch Bear Gryll's Story Alpha.org.nz. Course starts Wednesday 12th July at 7.15pm. St John's Church Hall. Contact Elizabeth on 027 583 5662 or email gavin.bell@ihug.co.nz

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)

The Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist is at Warkworth Church on the 5th of August at 5pm. Also preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and, Confirmation and First Eucharist, Jessie Byrne - St Patricks Cathedral and Gabrielle Reardon - Helensville Parish.

World Youth Day Auckland Experience July 15th - 16th

Join other young people from the North Shore on the 15 July for a 2 day event of Fun, Faith and Fellowship. 4pm St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield. To register contact Manu Bennett - stmglensfieldyouth@gmail.com

Care And Share Contact

A member of our group has recently moved home from Gulf Harbour and so we no longer have a contact person for this area. We need someone to act from time to time for phone liaison, simply to refer enquiries to other part of the parish or to make initial contact with new parishioners. If you are in a position to do this for Care and Share, then please contact Ken on 427 9106.

RCIA

Are you or a friend thinking of becoming a Catholic? Adults entering the Catholic Church or just thinking about it, follow a process called RCIA, the rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you have questions or want to know more, we invite you to attend an Information Evening on 18th July at St John's Church, Orewa. To find out more, ring Theresa Fouche at the parish office on 426 5599 Ext 1 or Lutita Rusk (after 9th July) on 427 9010 or 021 829 927

COMMUNITY NEWS

Boomerang Bags

Coming to the Hibiscus Coast! It's estimated that New Zealanders use a staggering one billion plastic bags per year, and these bags can take anywhere between 500 and 1000 years to break down in landfill. Boomerang Bags is a community initiative to reduce plastic bag use by offering free fabric tote bags that can be borrowed and brought back to shops for ongoing use. A dedicated group of volunteers are currently working hard towards our local launch of Boomerang Bags in a few months' time and we need your help. There are lots of ways to get involved: donating unwanted fabric (including calico) or thread, taking part in our sewing bees, or making bags at home. You don't need to be an expert sewer - we also need help cutting, ironing, and stamping logos. For more information, and to register your interest, please visit our Facebook page "Boomerang Bags Hibiscus Coast" or contact local coordinator Stephanie on hbcboomerangbags@gmail.com

Car Boot Sale

Is being held on Sunday 30 July at the Silverdale Centre. The upcoming school holidays are an ideal time for your school community to have a clean out of their unwanted and unused household goods! The Car Boot Sale will be held in the underground carpark, so it will be going ahead rain or shine! This is a fundraising initiative for the Orewa College Year 7 and 8 Water Polo teams to go to the AIMS Games in Tauranga.

Kidz Can Music Company

Kidz Can Music Company is offering students the opportunity to learn Piano, Guitar and Singing during the school day. They are starting a new singing group for years 3,4 and 5,6 Starting in term three. Why not give it a go. For more information please contact Susan Fraser Phone 410-1506 or 021 378 007 susanf@kidzcan.co.nz

Surf Life Saving Beach Education

Book now for Beach Ed in Term 4. For more information contact the Community Education Manager on 021 507510 or email northern.education@lifesaving.org.nz

Toolbox Parenting Groups

Parenting courses starting on the North Shore and Hibiscus Coast. Build a great family team. Join a Toolbox parenting group in your region and discover new ideas and strategies to add to your parenting kete. For more information and course dates and times contact your area coordinator Carolyn Hanson on 021 426 113 or email carolyn.hanson@parentingplace.nz

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Mark Your Diaries

07 Jul	TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
24 Jul	TERM THREE COMMENCES
25 Jul	Parent Meeting for Student Baptismal Preparation -staffroom 5.30pm
26 Jul	Parent Interviews School Closes at 12.20pm - Interviews from 1.15pm
27 Jul	Parent Interviews from 3.15pm
31 Jul	NED Show 1.30pm
01 Aug	ICAS English 9am
05 Aug	The Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist at Warkworth Church
10 Aug	Orewa College Year 7-9 pre enrolment Information Evening 6.30pm – 8.30pm
15 Aug	Full School Mass - St John's Church - School Feast Day 9.30am
16 Aug	ICAS Maths 9am
18 Aug	School Cross Country
22 Aug	Orewa College Enrolment Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm
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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 12pm-2.45pm
15 Sep	PTFA Trivia Night - Parent Only Event
21 Sep	Cultural Evening 5.30 - 6.30pm
24 Sep	DAY LIGHT SAVING STARTS
27 Sep	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
29 Sep	TERM THREE ENDS
16 Oct	TERM FOUR COMMENCES
18 Oct	Camp Meeting for All Parents 1.00pm
24 Oct	Grandparent's Day 8.45am-12.00pm
25 Oct	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
03 Nov	Carmel College Year 7 2018 Orientation Time TBC
06 Nov	Year 5-6 Camp Raglan to 10th November
11 Nov	Japanese Students arriving here till 26 November
13 Nov	Orewa College ICL Workshop 9am – 2pm
14 Nov	Orewa College ICL Workshop 9am – 2pm
15 Nov	Orewa College ICL Workshop 9am – 2pm
22 Nov	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm

Please Note: School Calendar Dates May Be Subject To Change

2017 School Term Dates

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

Labour Day 23rd October

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## 2018 School Term Dates

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| TERM 1 Monday 07 February | – Friday 13 April       |
| TERM 2 Monday 30 April    | – Friday 06 July        |
| TERM 3 Monday 23 July     | – Friday 28 September   |
| TERM 4 Monday 15 October  | – Wednesday 19 December |

## 2018 Public Holidays

Waitangi Day 6th February  
 Good Friday 30th March  
 Easter Monday 2nd April  
 Easter Tuesday 3rd April  
 Anzac Day 25th April  
 Queen's Birthday 4th June  
 Labour Day 22nd October

## Telephone

### 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

Deacon Greg Murphy  
[annegreg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:annegreg@xtra.co.nz)

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)

### 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**