

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

Welcome back to term three, I trust that you have had an enjoyable break with your children and are all refreshed to start the new term.

In the gospel this Sunday we hear two parables in which Jesus describes the physical treasure that two different men valued so much that they sold all they had to gain it. Jesus uses this illustration to teach the spiritual truth that there is nothing on earth as valuable as entering into His kingdom. The difference between the two parables is that in the first, the person stumbles onto the treasure; while in the second, the merchant had been looking for it. This is the way in which salvation can come to us. Some have been searching for the truth before they find it in Jesus Christ. Others have just been living their lives without much thought to eternal things when they stumble into Christ and find the answer to the question that they had not even been asking – what is life all about?

Thank you for supporting our Parent – Teacher interviews this week. Working together to review goals and set new goals is the way to move the student forward.

## Coming Events To Note

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| July 31 | Matikao Team Assembly in the hall 11.20am.                           |
| July 31 | The NED show – Never give up; encourage others; do your best. 1.30pm |
| Aug 03  | School Liturgy at 9:00am   |
| Aug 05  | Confirmation and First Eucharist at Warkworth Church 5pm             |
| Aug 07  | School Assembly 11.20am  |
| Aug 08  | Huruhuru Team Trip – Rosmini College 11am                            |
|         | Pasifika Meeting at 6:30pm   |
|         | BOT Meeting at 7:30pm in staffroom                                   |
| Aug 14  | Mokehu Team Trip – Mindlab Auckland 9am                              |
| Aug 15  | School Mass St John Church to Celebrate our School Feast Day 9.30am  |
| Aug 16  | PTFA Forum 7.15pm all welcome  |

## Team News

**Matikao Team:** Welcome back! There have been some changes to classes since last term and students have settled in well to new rooms. Today we were lucky enough to have a dance display, which provoked much language and discussion. Next week we are looking forward to the NED show as well. Please note the new dates for Matikao team assemblies, these are held each “even” week of the term and also on the 5th and 9th week of the term when Charism Awards are presented. Dates will be advertised as a reminder to parents.

**Mokehu Team:** Welcome back to term three. Thank you for all those we saw for Parent Interviews. Teachers will contact those who couldn’t make this time and make alternative appointments. Please ensure PE gear is at school EVERY DAY as we are preparing for Cross Country. If your child will be wearing shoes on the day of cross country, then they need them at school each day for the practices. If your child is sick please keep them at home until they are well to save spreading the germs to other children and their teachers. There will be a “team” trip this term on the 14th August, a letter went home on Tuesday of this week.

**Huruhuru Team:** Welcome back to an extremely busy term. We ask that students PE uniform is at school for every day this term as we will be working hard with a specifically designed fitness programme to prepare all students for our school cross country. They may also bring in running shoes if they wish. There will be a team trip this term on 8th August to Rosmini College. The school will be presenting a Production of “Bugsy Malone” a letter was sent home on Tuesday with the details for this trip.

God Bless  
Alan Watts



Welcome to term three. Our students start the term developing their understanding about prayer. This week all classes are focussing on praying using our imaginations. In Huruhuru we are using a guided meditation on the Parable of the Mustard Seed. Reflecting on the Gospel readings is one way to develop a deeper prayer life.

*“Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.”*

*Mahatma Gandhi*

God Bless  
Kathie Bodle  
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## SCHOOL NEWS

### School Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help. The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office. Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: [www.catholicschools.org.nz](http://www.catholicschools.org.nz) go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues. If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs Ph.09 360 3069 at the Auckland Diocese office. Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2017 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to November 2017.

### 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!

### Scholastic Books

Ordering Forms were sent home with your child this week, orders will close at 3pm on the 4th August. Please place your orders in the box on the school 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.

### The NED Show

Never give up: encourage others: do your best. This show is on Monday 31st July for all students. There will be merchandise on sale for half an hour before and after school from Tuesday 1st August to Friday 4th August.

### Team Trips

**Huruhuru Team** will be going to Rosmini College to see their Production of “Bugsy Malone” on the 8th August and **Mokeyhu Team** will be going to Mindlab at the Auckland Museum, followed by lunch at the Domain on 14th August. Letters went home on Tuesday of this week. Please return the permission form to our school office. Payment can be made via internet or at our school office. Thank you.

### Sickness

In order to stop the spread of illness, **please** keep your children at home until they are well over any sickness they may have. If a child is vomiting it is important they are kept at home for at least 24 hours from the last instance of vomiting. Thank you.



**A Reminder That Our School Atriums  
Are Teaching And Learning Spaces**

**In The Afternoons  
Before Proceeding To Your Children's  
Classrooms  
Please Wait In The Main Atrium  
Until The  
2.40pm Bus Bell Rings**

**Thank You For Your Co-operation**

## PTFA NEWS

### Quiz Night 2017 - Friday 15 September

PTFA presents - a Quiz night in New Orleans. Save the date, book your babysitters, this is going to be a great night. To make sure it's a success, we're looking for some help.

- keen decorators to set up during the day on the 15th
- a team of people to join in the fun as the bar and sales team on the night.
- donations of vouchers from local businesses which we can use to raise funds on the night

If you can support any of these please, email Renee beckett@ihug.co.nz. Tickets go on sale 28th August. Watch this space.

**PTFA Fun Lunch  
Wednesday 9th August  
Order Forms Coming Home Soon**

## 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)*

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

### 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 phallissey@rosmini.school.nz

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Car Boot Sale

Is being held this Sunday 30th July at the Silverdale Centre. 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.

### Thinking Caps

Help your child's maths confidence grow with Thinking Caps! This term we will be covering fractions, decimals and percentages. Small group sizes, tailored to your child's needs. Book online at [www.thinkingcaps.co.nz](http://www.thinkingcaps.co.nz) or call 09 424 3536 for more information.

### Toolbox Parenting Groups

The Parenting Place also offers a "Family Coach" service which is designed to provide one-on-one parenting help. If you want help on specific issues or support in applying the principles to your particular context then this may also be helpful. 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. Courses starting soon, for more information and course dates and times contact your area coordinator Carolyn Hanson on 021 426 113 or email [carolyn.hanson@parentingplace.nz](mailto:carolyn.hanson@parentingplace.nz)

### 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](mailto:hbcboomerangbags@gmail.com)

### National Council Of Women, Hibiscus Coast

Invite you to a tea/coffee/cake evening being held on Tuesday 8th August at St Stephens Anglican Church, 3 Stanmore Bay Rd, Whangaparaoa. Commencing with refreshments at 7pm. Guest Speaker is Kate Shevland, Principal of Orewa College who will be speaking on "Education for Girls Today." Contact Julie Walker via email [julie\\_walker@windowlive.com](mailto:julie_walker>windowlive.com) or phone 4243121

### Love Soup Food Rescue Whangaparaoa

Are holding a kids disco on Saturday 2nd September 2017. 5-11 years from 6.00-7.30pm and 12-15 years 8.00-10pm. Admission will be \$2.00. Whangaparaoa Hall, opposite Westpac on Plaza entrance. Cash only on the night for sausage sizzle, cold drinks, lollies and glow in the dark novelties. We will be selling tickets on the night and also prior to the event. Contact Tracy 0210706507 or Suzanne 0211016929.

### Marrzipan Drama

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! They run awesome classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to their peers. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz)

## Mark Your Diaries

31 Jul	Matikao Team assembly 11.20am
31 Jul	NED Show 1.30pm
01 Aug	ICAS English 9am
05 Aug	The Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist at Warkworth Church
07 Aug	Assembly - Mokehu and Huruhuru teams 11.20am
09 Aug	PTFA Fun Lunch
08 Aug	Huruhuru Team to Rosmini College "Bugsy Malone"
08 Aug	Pasifika meeting - Planning for Umu 6.30pm
08 Aug	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
10 Aug	Orewa College Year 7-9 pre enrolment Information Evening 6.30pm – 8.30pm
14 Aug	Mokehu Team trip to Mindlab and lunch at the Domain
14 Aug	Matikao Team assembly 11.20am
15 Aug	Full School Mass - St John's Church - School Feast Day 9.30am
16 Aug	ICAS Maths 9am
18 Aug	School Cross Country
21 Aug	Whole school assembly - Charism Awards 11.20am
22 Aug	Orewa College Enrolment Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm
23 Aug	Orewa College Enrolment Evening 3.30 - 7.00pm
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
04 Sep	Assembly - Mokehu and Huruhuru teams 11.20am
11 Aug	Matikao Team assembly 11.20am
15 Sep	PTFA Trivia Night - Parent Only Event
18 Sep	Whole school assembly - Charism Awards 11.20am
21 Sep	Cultural Evening 5.30 - 6.30pm
24 Sep	DAY LIGHT SAVING STARTS
27 Sep	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
<b>29 Sep</b>	<b>TERM THREE ENDS</b>
<b>16 Oct</b>	<b>TERM FOUR COMMENCES</b>
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

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

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| 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**