

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday in the Gospel we hear about Jesus curing the daughter of a Canaanite woman. She was a member of a condemned race that to the Jewish nation was nothing more than a despised people. But she was a mother who would fight for her child. So she approached Jesus. Jesus saw her faith, and cured her child, and praised her faith.

In this story, Jesus reaches out and meets the woman in her culture. He doesn't ask her to join the club. He doesn't set any provisos for the welcome. He just accepts her as she is, shows compassion and grace, and allows her to continue in her own cultural way of being. This is what we are being asked to do.

A short on line survey was last week sent out about the Special Character of Stella Maris. This will help guide the future direction for our school. The survey closes on 31st August
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LYSB2ND>

Congratulations To The Following Who Were Awarded Certificates At Assembly:

<p>St Mary Emalyn Harvey, Emilio Boric</p>	<p>St Lucy Devin Harkness, Katie McDowell</p>
<p>St Benedict Annabelle Dudek, Chloe Hudson</p>	<p>St Leo Sienna Dance, Jessica Holm, Noah Hutchison</p>
<p>St Nicholas Ryan Habeck, William Pickup</p>	

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team

Tomorrow is the Cross Country! We will begin the races at 1:00pm. Students are encouraged to run in bare feet, as the course is on grass and muddy. The training has demonstrated the student's growing pride in their increased personal fitness. On the day, the focus is not just on winning, but on improving upon your personal best and being resilient in the face of challenge. We look forward to seeing supporters!

Mokehu Team

We had a fantastic trip to MindLab in Newmarket this week. The children worked in pairs to build a car with a propeller and then worked with a robotics computer programme to make a robot car move in many directions and to stop. This was one of the best trips we have taken. Thank you to the parents who were able to accompany us.

Huruhuru Team

We have been training hard for tomorrow's the Cross Country. The training programme has been designed to ensure all students who self manage and participate fully in this will be completely prepared for the race. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd places given out and we select our Team from the year 5/6 races to represent us at the Interschool Cross Country. While results are important we also emphasise the individual successes of all runners during our training by setting targets, beating our personal bests and discussing improvements we have tracked during the training programme. We also emphasise that for many the challenge is to complete the race in a better place than last year or simply to complete the race, running the whole distance. Each student is asked to set personal goals and persevere to achieve these. Please join us in celebrating their individual successes tomorrow.

God Bless

Alan Watts



Gathering to celebrate the Eucharist as a community is a vital part of living as a Catholic Christian. Joining in with our Parish to celebrate our school Feast Day on the Feast of the Assumption was an example of this in action. Each time we gather together we are nourished by the Word of God and by the Sacrament of the Eucharist – this enables us to grow in our faith and in our ability to live Christ-filled lives. Thank you to those who gave their time and talents to help make our gathering a joyous occasion.

“And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in Remembrance of me.”

Luke 22:19

God Bless

Kathie Bodle
DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

School Uniform – Shoes

There is an increasing number of students wearing incorrect footwear. A reminder that the uniform policy outlines that children are to wear a **plain black school shoe**, not street wear. If your child is required to wear a different shoe because of medical reasons you are required to request a uniform pass in writing, and we ask that you get an all black shoe for this purpose.

Dad's Day

A date for Dad's diary. Please note that on the 1st September we are celebrating Father's Day where you are invited to spend an afternoon with your child from 12.00 - 2.45pm. There will also be a fun lunch on that day, details to follow.



Cafe' Stella 5th September

Noel Leeming Silverdale will be presenting information, products, cyber safety, buying benefits and a Q&A session on 5th September at 9.30am in the staff room. A flyer was enclosed with last weeks newsletter. Please do come along and take advantage of the very special offer and presentation to our school community.

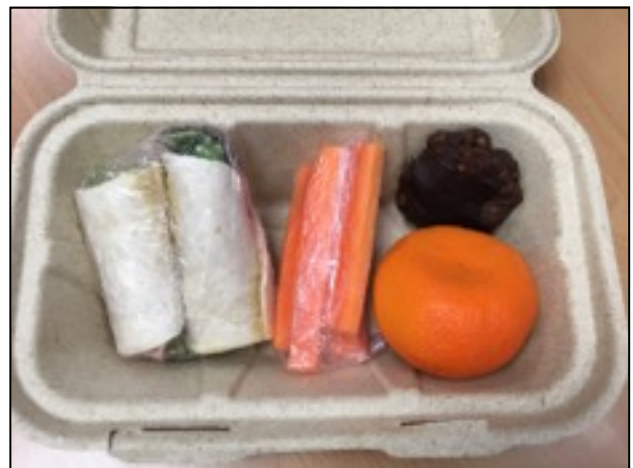


SHINE Challenges

A reminder to Yr 2-6 students to keep getting your SHINE Challenges signed off by your class teacher as you complete them so that you are on track for completion. Don't leave them all until the last moment. All SHINE challenges need to be completed by Tuesday 31st October Week 3, Term 4.

Black Cherry Lunch Options

The school is delighted to advise families that commencing on Monday 21st August a local Cafe' will be offering "healthy option" lunches to our students. This will be daily Monday to Thursday inclusive. Ordering envelopes are available from the school office. The menu options are so varied we are confident that every child would find something that suits their taste buds. They are truly nutritional and affordable. A flyer was included with last weeks newsletter. Pita Pit will remain a Friday lunch option.



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.



Class, Individual And Team Photos

Photolife will be in school on 29th August for Class and Individual photos and again on 30th August for team photos. Photo ordering will be online after the photo day. Please see the brochure enclosed with this newsletter. If you would like a sibling photograph taken you will need to collect a pre-pay order form from the school office and return it prior to the 29th August.

Swim Programme Northern Arena Year 0-4

Starting 30th October - Term 4. Permission, swim level and payment option forms were sent home with your children last week.

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 Tobias Di Muro.

**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
2.35pm Bus Bell Rings**

Thank You For Your Co-operation

PTFA NEWS**Stella Maris Presents - A Quizzical Night In New Orleans - Friday 15th September**

It's going to be interactive, social and a fun night out. There are limited tickets - only 150 (15 tables) will be sold. \$20 per ticket or \$180 per table of 10. Tickets go on sale before school on Monday 28th August and the team will be there in the morning and after school all that week. Make sure you or your friends are organised to purchase as tickets will sell quickly. No pre-reservation of tables, you must pay on the day. As they say in New Orleans - **"Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!"** Let the good times roll!

Trivia Night fundraising support

As you know it's the parents turn to have a fun evening of games and laughter on Friday the 15th September. We are currently looking for donations of goods and/or services to support the fundraising on the night. These can be in the form of vouchers or donated items which we can use through the evening for spot prizes, balloon lucky dips and game prizes. If you would like to donate or have a local contact that would be keen to support us, the team would greatly appreciate your support. We are fundraising to install new equipment on both the Junior and Senior playgrounds. If you have any questions, please contact Renee via email: beckett@ihug.co.nz or mobile: 021 612025. Of course you can support us on the night too.

PARISH NEWS**Sacramental Programme**

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

Gabrielle Reardon - Helensville Parish and Jessie Byrne - St Patrick's Cathedral

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 any questions or want to know more please phone Lutita Rusk on 09 427 9010 or pick up one of their flyers from our Community Notice's table.

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COMMUNITY NEWS**Tim Bray Productions - Miss Wishy-Washy**

Live on stage 23rd September to 14th October. Pumphouse Theatre, Takapuna. To make a booking phone 09 489 8360 or www.timbrayproductions.org.nz

Japanese Students

**This Year We Are Delighted Once Again
To Be Hosting Japanese Students.
They Are Arriving On
11th November To 26 November**

**We Will Be Calling For Host Families
Closer To The Time**

**If You Or Other Family Members Are In A
Position To Offer A Homestay Place
Please Let The Office Know
Thank You For Your Consideration.**

Mark Your Diaries

18	Aug	School Cross Country - Starting at 1pm
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
29	Aug	Photolife - Class and Individual Photo's
30	Aug	Team and Group Photo's
31	Aug	Interschool Cross Country - Shakespear Park
01	Sep	Dad's Day 12pm-2.45pm
04	Sep	Assembly - Mokehu and Huruhuru teams 11.20am
05	Sep	Cafe Stella 9am - Noel Leeming Presentation
06	Sep	Huruhuru Camp parent help meeting 6pm
12	Sep	St Mary, St Lucy, St Benedict Class Mass 11.20am
12	Sep	BOT Meeting - 7.30pm
14	Sep	3rd Rugby Tournament
15	Sep	PTFA Trivia Night - Parent Only Event
18	Sep	Whole school assembly - Charism Awards 11.20am
19	Sep	St Leo and St Nicholas Class Mass 11.20am
21	Sep	Cultural Evening 5.30 - 6.30pm
23	Sep	General Elections - School hall Polling Booth
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
21	Oct	Huruhuru Class Mass 11.20am
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 | Wednesday | 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@hbcparish.org.nz](mailto:theresa@hbcparish.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**