

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday in the Gospel we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus before he died. On a mountain top the disciples see Jesus revealed in all his divine glory. It is a special moment for them, as Peter confirms – ‘it is good for us to be here’ The voice of God the Father resounding from the cloud has an important message to convey to the disciples, and us - ‘Listen to him’.

The disciples were privileged to see Jesus in glory, to recognise that their friend could be fully present to them and to God. Jesus saw that the experience was too much for them and told them to keep it in their hearts as they headed back towards their everyday lives.

Transfiguration is about Jesus and about us. When we are with him, we are with the divine. When he is with us, he is with the human. His love, grace, sacraments, peace and compassion can transfigure us.

Please pray for the following students as they prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at Warkworth Church on Saturday 5th of August at 5pm.

Dylan Blanchard, Connor Garrity, Kyle Habeck, Ned Hancock,

Monty Hakaraia, Bianca Person and Jasper Quinlan.

On August 7th a short on line survey will be sent out about the Special Character of Stella Maris. This will help guide the future direction for our school.

Congratulations To The Following Who Were Awarded Certificates At Assembly:

St Mary Campbell Molloy, Tavishi Arti.	St Lucy Aaron Craig, Lillian Otway.
St Benedict Neveah Garrity, Timi Parker-Smeed.	St Leo Tegan Jones, Dani Hudson.
St Nicholas Rosie Thomas, Darcy Kelleher.	

Team News

Matikao: This week have been exploring dance and different forms of movement, along with exploring the language of movement and building our vocabularies to explain how we can move in different ways. The Ned Show was great, with a positive message: **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others and **D**o your best! Please keep children home if they are unwell. There are some very nasty bugs going around and we need to minimise their spread where possible.

Mokehu: Please check in your child’s bag for the Trip letter to Mind Lab on the 14th August. Please return the bottom of the form ASAP. The children all enjoyed the NED show today. **N**= never give up, **E**= encourage others and **D**=do your best. Please keep children at home until they are well and if you have not sent in a box of tissues to your class, can you please do so, as we are in great need of them at the moment. SHINE Challenges – a reminder to get these completed.

Huruhuru: A reminder please that PE gear should be worn for fitness each morning. If your child is unable to join in during fitness could you please send them with a letter from home stating how long they might be out for so we can follow up on wishes from home. We also ask that we remind our children about the school uniform and how notes must accompany temporary non-uniform items.

Alan Watts



This week our classes started work on the Sacrament Strand, learning about the Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Mokehu students are focussing on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, also called the Sacrament of Penance. They are learning about the importance of forgiveness. Huruhuru students are reviewing what they know about this Sacrament and learning more about the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The focus is on how these Sacraments bring people the graces of reconciliation, healing, strength and peace.

Year 1 students are learning about the holiness of God and how special it is when we gather for Eucharist. Our Year 2 classes are talking about Baptism – this is a good time to share family memories about these special times.

God Bless
Kathie Bodle
DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

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 Simone Lawson.

SHINE Challenges

A reminder to Year 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 31 October Week 3 off Term 4.

The NED Show - Never Give Up Encourage Others Do Your Best

On Monday this week Stella Maris had the pleasure of once again having the students attend the NED show, this is based on anti-bullying and generally looking out for each other. The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the positive messages that come through the show. We are confident that it gives students the necessary "tools" to help them in their daily school life, it was well received. A flyer has gone home around the purchasing of yoyo's and a dedicated "NED ZONE" has been set up for students to play with these. Yoyo's are able to be purchased in the foyer up until Monday, sales are 8.15am to 8.40am each morning and again from 2.30pm to 3.05pm. Thank you for your support.

Team Trips

Huruhuru Team will be going to Rosmini College to see their Production of "Bugsy Malone" on the 8th August and **Mokehu Team** will be going to Mindlab in Auckland, followed by lunch at the Domain on 14th August. Letters went home last 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.



Scholastic Book Orders Close Tomorrow

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.

**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

Cafe Stella 5th September

Mark your diary now for an informative presentation by Noel Leeming. Covering BYOD, Smart Phones, Ipads and Cyber Safety. This will take place in the staff room at 9am, all welcome.

The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

A celebration of our School Feast Day is to be held with a Full School Mass at St John's Church on 15th August at 9.30am. All Welcome.

Sports News

Rippa Rugby

Year 3/4 Team: 1 win, 1 loss, 1 draw.

Year 5/6 Girls Team- 1 win, 2 losses.

Year 5/6 Boys Team- 3 wins.

The third and final day for the Rippa teams is Thursday 14th September. It will be an exciting day with our Year 5/6 boy's team currently sitting in 3rd equal place.

Well done to you all.

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 Confirmation and First Eucharist.

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

Also preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and, Confirmation and First Eucharist, Gabrielle Reardon - Helensville Parish and Jessie Byrne - St Patrick's Cathedral

Rosmini College "Spread The Word"

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

Confirmation Photos

Parents who have ordered photos may collect these from the parish office.

Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion

Additional Ministers are needed for the 5.30pm, 8.30am and 10.15am Masses. If you feel called to this ministry please add your name to the list in the foyer.

Altar Servers

We are needing more altar servers at both churches. If you are aged 10 years+ and have been confirmed please consider volunteering for this ministry. This is a wonderful way for our youth to participate in the Mass. A training session will be held soon. Please contact Chris or Jo Wilson on 09 427 4925.

Baby Gear Needed

Does anyone have a high chair and portacot or two (for twins) to loan Theresa in the parish office from 31st August to 11th September. Please phone on 09 426 5599.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

HBC Summer Footy Is Coming In Term 4

Get your teams together because Hibiscus Coast AFC is running the hugely popular Summer Footy season again from Monday the 16th of October for 8 weeks at Stanmore Bay Reserve from 4.00pm to 7.00pm each Monday. Summer Footy is for school friends to enjoy playing football in a social, FUN and non-competitive environment and a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the long evenings on beautiful Stanmore Bay. Teams are traditionally made up of classmates from school and organised by parents. This year there are five-a-side competitions for years 1-2 and 3-4 from 4-5pm, and seven-a-side competitions for years 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12 with 'girls only' leagues as well from 5-7pm. The cost is \$40.00 per player.

Entry forms are available on the school website.

Email: jnrsummerfooty@hbcafc.org.nz if you have any questions.

**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

05	Aug	The Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist at Warkworth Church
07	Aug	Assembly - Mokehu and Huruhuru teams 11.20am
08	Aug	Huruhuru Team to Rosmini College "Bugsy Malone"
08	Aug	Pasifika meeting - Planning for Umu 6.30pm
08	Aug	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
09	Aug	PTFA Fun Lunch
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 9.30am - School Feast Day
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
05	Sep	Cafe Stella 9am
12	Sep	St Mary, St Lucy, St Benedict Class Mass 11.20am
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
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 | 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**