

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday in the Gospel we hear Peter come to Jesus and ask, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Forgiveness is when you release any bitterness that you might feel you have a right to have, towards someone else. Forgiveness is to give up the right to get even with someone who has wronged you. Forgiveness does not want revenge. Forgiveness is to set someone free from an obligation to you that is a result of a wrong done against you. It may not change the situation but it changes your attitude.

Forgiveness is an attitude, not an action

Next Thursday September 21st at 11:30am is a very special day for 5 of our students. Campbell Molloy, Lucas Molloy, Reeve Giddy, Kevana Giddy and Emily Meale will be baptised at St John's Church. The classes these students are in will join their classmate's at the church and then celebrate a shared lunch with them back at school in their classroom. Please keep these students in your prayers as they take their first step of initiation into the Catholic Church.

Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at Assembly

St Mary Harry Thomas, Ethann Kelay.	St Lucy Sanvi Bhatt, Will Tait.
St Benedict James Walker, Lucas Reade.	St Leo Tiana Lafaialii, Chloe Alcoseba.
St Nicholas Callum Hope, Will Hegan.	

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team

Thank you for the great donations of socks to give to the Auckland City Mission for Social Justice Week. The plastic bag mat is on-going and being overseen by St Leo. We do not need any more plastic bags at the moment. Please remember to return forms for swimming asap if you have not already done so. Also please fill in the sheets outside the classrooms if you are able to help with walking to and from the swimming pool next term.

Mokeyhu Team

We experienced a fabulous week of dance with a very talented instructor, Mark from "Dances for Schools." It culminated in a parent performance last Friday. I hope those who got to see it, really enjoyed it. In the five lessons, the children learnt a Hip Hop dance and a partner dance, The Paso Doble. We would love to have these instructors back again next year. Please check out the calendar art in the main atrium, ordering closes on 28th September.

Huruhuru Team

Huruhuru team would like to invite members of the Stella Maris community to attend their Passion Project Presentation Day on Wednesday 27th September, between 1:15-2:30pm in the hall. This is an opportunity for our students to share their inquiries that they have been working on for Movement this term. Please join us as we share our exciting presentations with you.

God Bless

Alan Watts



Thank you to those who have contributed to our collection box in the foyer for the Parish Care and Share team. The food collected is used to support people in need in our parish and often involves members of our school community. This week is Social Justice week and the theme is Weaving Bonds of Belonging. Pope Francis is asking us to rebuild a sense of belonging and connection in our communities. We can start doing this by becoming more active members of our school and faith communities. What actions can you and your children do to be part of this response to God's call?

"Many people are able to weave bonds of belonging and togetherness which convert overcrowding into an experience of community in which the walls of the ego are torn down and the barriers of selfishness overcome."

Pope Francis, Laudato-Si 2015

Kathie Bodle
DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

Host Families Needed For Japanese Students Visiting Stella Maris

Calling for Host Families to share a "cultural exchange" experience with our Japanese students while attending Stella Maris School from 11th to 26th November 2017. Past years have seen a number of families "repeat hosting" as the time has been so enjoyable and rewarding to all parties. For all the information please contact Liz Whelan on 09 836 1277 or email: host@lpstudenthomestays.co.nz. Liz is our schools Home Stay co-ordinator and will be able to answer any queries. Thank you so much to all our families who have already indicated their availability, your kindness in offering a "home away from home" and a true "New Zealand" experience is very much appreciated by the school. Host families will receive \$250.00 per week per student. Thank you.

Snow Planet Skiing/snowboarding Term 4

After a successful term 2 and 3 snow planet are offering to run the ski and snow boarding program again in Term 4. Tuesday's 4-5pm \$26 per lesson. If you think your child would be interested or would like further information please contact Victoria Thorpe ASAP 027 4733 249.

Calendar Art

This years "master pieces" are available for viewing and ordering. Class art is in folders in the foyer, a flyer has gone home to all students for parents to use for ordering. Please return to the Red PTFA Box by Thursday 28th September. Thank you

School Lunch Options

The school is well underway with our new lunch provider "Black Cherry Cafe" which delivers Monday to Thursday inclusive. Pita Pit remains our Friday lunch provider and as with Black Cherry all orders must be at the office by 9am and placed in the respective providers ordering box. The school is delighted with the feedback and the students are embracing the "healthy option" lunches.

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 Isaac Porter, Issac gets his next pita pit for free.

Congratulations

Ben Thorpe was placed second in the skiing event at Snow Planets recent Special Winter Olympics. We are proud of your outstanding achievement Ben!



Proudly displaying his ribbon

Ben on the Podium

Stella Maris Environmental Team

New World is again offering the "Little Garden" plants / seedlings to customers when purchasing from their stores. If you are not wanting to use these yourself to plant and see them grow, are you able to donate these to the school, a box is in the foyer for this purpose. The students who are currently working hard with a team of adults representing our "Green Team" and learning the value of growing your own plants and produce will value and appreciate these little plants if you are not going to enjoy them yourself. Your thoughtfulness in leaving them in the school foyer is appreciated. Thank you.

Yummy Sticker Return

Please have all Yummy Sticker sheets returned to Mr Hobman in St Joseph by Monday 18th September to be collated and sent out to win our Yummy Sports gear.

School Liturgy

The final liturgy for the term will be held on Thursday 28th September at the later time of 11.20am.

Charism Awards Assembly

The final assembly for the term will be a full school assembly held on Monday 18th September at 11.20am. Charism awards will be presented.

PTFA NEWS

Save The Date! Bad Moms 2 Movie

Wednesday 8th November at Hoyts Cinemas Hibiscus Coast. Support KidsLink's Help for Kids programme! KidsLink has so far helped 202 children with \$63,500 of services! Email shporter@slingshot.co.nz or call/text 021 995 226 to pre-book your tickets. \$25 each which includes a glass of wine or bubbles and giveaways

PARISH NEWS

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, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you have any questions or want to know more, please contact Lutita Ruck 09 427 9010.

Sacramental Programme

Enrolments for the Parish Sacramental Programme are now open. Enrolment forms can be found in the foyer of the churches and at the Stella Maris School Office. Children need to have been baptised Catholic and be in Year 3 at school. The programme runs from 14th October 2017 to June 2018. The cost of the programme is \$60, which includes course material, a personalised candle and professional photograph of your child during the ceremony. If you wish to enrol your child please complete the enrolment form and return with payment to the Parish Office. If you have any questions or require more information please contact Antoinette Yelcich, programme coordinator, at antoinettey@vodafone.co.nz or phone 027 294 0993.

Congratulations to **Jessie Byrne** who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday 10th September.

Please pray for the following student as she prepares for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Gabrielle Reardon - Helensville Parish.

Retreat

Are you feeling tired and need to spend more time with the Lord Jesus? If so, then you are invited to the 'Come drink from the water of life' retreats to be led by Aneel Aranha. Aneel is an annointed retreat leader and speaker and is again visiting Auckland to lead the retreats. These are being held at St Mark's Pakuranga on 20th September and 1st October and Sacred Heart Ponsonby on 7th October. For more information contact Mike Lobo 09 390 0048 or Kevin Farrell 027 702 4941.

Dove Catholic Fellowship

Warmly invites all women to a meeting on Wednesday 20th September 7.30pm at St Thomas More Church Hall Glenfield. "Keep your eyes on Jesus" Ph: 09 419 0348.

COMMUNITY NEWS

sKids School Holiday Programme

With the school holidays around the corner, sKids have prepared for you a fun-filled Holiday Programme. They are offering a line-up of exciting themes and engaging activities to keep your children entertained. Book now at <https://skids.aimy.co.nz/> For enquiries, please contact Paolo at stellamaris@skids.co.nz or 02102376188. See the school notice boards for programme of events.

Red Beach Surf Life Saving Club - Junior Division

Registration days for 2017-2018 Season: Sunday 17th September and Sunday 1st October from 11am to 2pm. Club Rooms, Ngapara Street, Red Beach. New members welcome any enquires: Sidah 027 471 8571 or Kirsty 021 888 142.

School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

Theme is ABBA. Perfect for children aged 5-15yrs. BOOK NOW for a week of fun, covering Hip Hop, Drama, Singing, Jazz, Face Painting, Art, Theatre Arts, Hair Design and MORE! \$70 per day or \$300 for the full week including the FINAL SHOW. 9-13th October, Westlake Boys High School. Bring a friend or sibling and you both receive \$50 off the full weekly fee to BOOK Contact: Hayley 09 2947129 or www.artzonshow.co.nz



Kristin School Free Event. To Book Phone 0800 289 289 Or Go To Eventfinder.co.nz

Mark Your Diaries

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 - Library
19	Sep	Cultural Evening 5.30 - 6.30pm
21	Sep	5 students Baptised 11.30am St Mary, Lucy, Joachim, Anthony attending
23	Sep	General Elections - School hall Polling Booth
24	Sep	DAY LIGHT SAVING STARTS
26	Sep	Mohehu Class Mass 11.20am - Library
27	Sep	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
28	Sep	School Liturgy 11.20am St Nicholas leading (new time)
29	Sep	PTFA Market Day 8.15am school foyer Second hand uniform and more
29	Sep	BOT / PTFA Newsletter home today
29	Sep	TERM THREE ENDS
16	Oct	TERM FOUR COMMENCES
18	Oct	Camp Meeting for All Parents 6.00pm
20	Oct	Umu lunch
23	Oct	Labour Day school closed
24	Oct	Grandparent's Day 8.45am-12.00pm - Family Life Gift Stall
25	Oct	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
30	Oct	Matikao and Mohehu swimming starts
31	Oct	Huruhuru Class Mass 11.20am - Library
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
28	Nov	Inter-school athletics
08	Dec	End of Year Picnic 4pm
14	Dec	Prize giving
14	Dec	Graduation Dinner
15	Dec	TERM FOUR ENDS 12.20pm

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@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**