

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday in the Gospel we hear the parable about the labourers in the vineyard. Some workers started at the beginning of the day and were joined by workers at various parts of the day. All were paid the same, which those who started work the earliest didn't think was fair. Jesus responded to them saying "The first will be last and the last first."

This parable is telling us that we are all equal recipients of God's gifts.

Jesus was not talking about actual daily wages for vineyard-labourers. The wages are forgiveness, life, and salvation for believers.

Due to a bereavement, we had to postpone our cultural evening that was to be held on Tuesday 19th September. We will advise the new date in term 4 as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Renee Beckett and her team for an outstanding Trivia Night last Friday. The transformation of the hall was a sight to behold. Karl Hobman did an amazing job of MC.

Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at Assembly:

St Mary Matteo Austria, Vincent Straka	St Lucy Lily Tracey, Paxton Selkirk
St Benedict Grayson Bayly, Jasmine Cate	St Leo Asher Lu, Henry Reardon
St Nicholas Seb Grounsell, Ben Grounsell	
St John Isla McDougall, Gabriella Pinkerton	St Joachim Jessie Byrne, Quinell Butt, Emily Meale
St Peter Polly Walker, Maya Timlin	St Anthony Chanelle McVeigh, Ryder Hinton
St Joseph Taylor O'Reilly, Lily-Anne Humphreys	St Augustine Reef Barrett, Finn Aitken
St Dominic Harry Low, Kobi Harwood, Celine Eckard	St Patrick Jack Handford, Jack Sykes

Charism Awards

Matikao **James Orjalo** Mokehu **Gabrielle Reardon** Huruhuru **Elizabeth Brennan**

Team News

Matikao

Scooter Club

At lunchtime Grayson and I are going to play on our scooters. Scooter club is awesome. You get to ride your scooters with your friends. You get to do wheelies too. The ramps are fun. Mrs Brading will be watching you. By James Walker.

Mokehu

With the changing weather, we are getting another round of colds and flu. Please keep your children home if they are sick to save spreading the germs around. Please keep up the home learning, especially the lessons part of Mathletics. A number of children spend most of the time on "Live Mathletics" and neglect the learning part of the programme.

Huruhuru

Our Passion Projects are nearing completion and we are all preparing for many visitors next Wednesday. Kapa Haka and Pasifika students have been showing tremendous commitment in preparing for future performances. Please take time to explore our new Huruhuru website. See below for a link to the site. <https://sites.google.com/stellamaris.school.nz/huruhuruteam/home>

God Bless

Alan Watts



Over the last two weeks the Matikao classes have taken part in the Celebration of the Eucharist in the school library. This creates a wonderful opportunity for our students to become more familiar with the Mass and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Next week the Mokehu classes will join together for Mass on Tuesday 26th September at 11.30 in the school library. Parents are always welcome to attend these events.

And this morning several classes travelled to St John's church in Orewa to witness the Baptism of their classmates. We pray for Emily, Lucas, Campbell, Kevana and Reeve as they take this important step on their faith journey and we thank their parents for sharing this special time with us. The Sacraments are an integral part of our lives as members of the Catholic Church and it is our immense privilege that we can include them as part of our faith community here at school. A big thank you to Father John for helping to make this happen.

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.

School Liturgy

The final liturgy for the term will be held on Thursday 28th September at the later time of 11.20am. All welcome to join the students and staff.

School Accounts

Student accounts have been posted out to families last week, a big thank you to all the families who have their account paid in full for 2017. Remittance for 2017 accounts should be made on or before 10th December, this allows time for submitting our schools reporting to the Auckland Diocese prior to the end of the school year. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mackereth.

Ritchies Bus Route 1518. Helensville And Parakai.

The bus stop outside the old picture theatre on Garfield Road in Helensville was removed and replaced with carparks by Auckland Transport around June of this year. Since then drivers have been having to stop ahead of the carparks if they are full in a no stopping area to drop off students. There has now been a minor incident and a bus was damaged. For safety they will no longer be stopping illegally there to drop off students. The bus will now be stopping on SH16 between Stewart Street and McLeod Motors and then at the bus stop at 51 Commercial Road outside Kaipara Medical Centre. This started on Monday 18th September. Any enquires please call 09 420 6091.

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.

Rippa Rugby Tournament Day Three The Boys Team came 3rd equal out of 24 teams!! (1 point behind first equal)

A truly outstanding result from a very skilful team who attained the best ever result Stella Maris has had at any Interschool Rugby Tournament. A special thanks to all those wonderful parents who supported the teams with transport, cheering and organising the teams on the day. Your commitment to the Stella Maris sports community is valued so very much.

Results:

Year 3/4 Team 1 win, 1 loss, 1 draw.
Girls 5/6 Team 2 wins 1 loss.
Boys 5/6 Team 3 wins.

Overall placings:

Year 3/4 Team Placed 7th out of 15 teams.
Girls Team Placed 5th out of 12 teams.



Congratulations

At the recent Winter Championship Swim Meet Georgia Brackebush was awarded a Gold Medal in the 50m Breaststroke. Fantastic result Georgia.

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 31st October Week 3 of Term 4.

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 Lachlan Porter.

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. Extra copies can be found on the school website Thank you.

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.

Please pray for the following student as she prepares for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on 29th October. **Gabrielle Reardon** - Helensville Parish.

North Shore Parishes Rosary Procession

To celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary, the annual North Shore Rosary Procession will take place on Sunday, 15th October 2017 2pm at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. The procession will take 45 minutes followed by Benediction. Those unable to walk in the procession can stay in the church to pray before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. The celebration will end with a shared cuppa in the hall. Now more than ever let us unite and pray to our Holy Mother for the Church and for our nation.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LEGO - Fan Display

See the posters in your child's atrium and your chance to win amazing prizes for the school. This show is going to be awesome a great family outing for young and old. You will also find an electronic copy attached to this newsletter on the schools website.

Silverdale Business Association Holiday Competition

During the last week of this term, students will receive a competition form to have a bit of fresh air and fun in the holidays. It will involve identifying "specific" items in shop windows in Silverdale and ticking off the sheets, this is suitable for any age, and we wish all the best of luck to our students. Great Prizes to be won.

Art In The Holidays

Drawing and Painting one-day workshop for ages 7 - 12 yrs. With step-by-step instruction children will draw then create a vibrant acrylic painting learning tips and techniques along the way. Venue: Estuary Arts Centre, Thursday October 12th, 10am - 3.00pm. Cost: \$55 (includes all materials) BOOKINGS: admin@estuaryarts.org, Ph.09 4265570.

Orewa Surf Lifesaving Club

Registration day Sunday 15th October at Orewa Surf Club 10am-12pm. From 3 years old upwards, come along and find out about our club sport and lifesaving. For more info about the club view www.orewasurfclub.co.nz

Mini Chef School Holiday Programme

There are two courses to choose from - Cooking or Baking! Both courses cover Hygiene, Food Safety, Production Schedules and Recipe Costing. All information available on their website www.internationalculinarystudio.com or email cheryl@internationalculinarystudios.com

Need mumps protection?

There's an outbreak of mumps amongst Auckland students not fully vaccinated.

The measles-mumps-rubella vaccine will help protect young people against three serious diseases that are easily spread.

And it is free. Talk to your doctor or nurse today.

For more info call 0800 Immune (0800 466 863) or visit ARPHIS.govt.nz

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18A Silverdale St, Silverdale 09) 424 1262

**Stella Maris
Knitted Cardigans
& Jumpers
Price Slash!!**

Was \$85 **Now \$70**

Girls Cardigan	Boys Jumper
PS - Qty 3	PS - Qty 4
PM - Qty 5	PM - Qty 3
PL - Qty 3	PL - Qty 4
XS - Qty 2	

Available until stock lasts. These items are being faded out.

Mark Your Diaries

23	Sep	General Elections - School hall Polling Booth
24	Sep	DAY LIGHT SAVING STARTS
26	Sep	Mokehu 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
09	Oct	Mental Health Awareness Week
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 Mokehu 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
15	Nov	Huruhuru Athletics from 9am
15	Nov	Full School Sprints 1pm
22	Nov	PTFA Forum 7.15pm to 9.15pm
28	Nov	Inter-school athletics
29	Nov	Huruhuru Team Kilikiti games with Rosmini students
30	Nov	Kapa Haka at Tu Maia festival at Orewa College
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**