

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Wednesday we entered into a new liturgical season – Lent. This is the 40 days before Easter in which Catholics pray, fast, contemplate, and engage in acts of spiritual self-discipline. Catholics do these things because Easter, which celebrates the Resurrection of Christ, is the greatest Holy day of the Christian year.

The reason Lent lasts 40 days is that 40 is the traditional number of judgment and spiritual testing in the Bible. Lent bears particular relationship to the 40 days Christ spent fasting in the desert before entering into his public ministry. Catholics imitate Christ by spending 40 days in spiritual discipline before the celebration of Christ's triumph over sin and death. Fasting is a biblical discipline which Catholics follow by holding a partial fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On Ash Wednesday we continue the practice of having one's forehead signed with ashes. By having the sign of the cross made with ashes on their foreheads, Catholics mourn Christ's suffering on the cross and their own sins, which made that suffering necessary.

On Friday March 2 we have our welcome picnic and meet the teachers.

Meet the teacher times are as follows:

Matikao	4:30 - 5:00pm
Mokehu	5:00 - 5:30pm
Huruhuru	5:30 - 6:00pm

Coming Events

Feb 26	Full School Assembly Presentation of Charism Awards
Feb 27	ASB subsidised First Aid course for all students.
Feb 28	PTFA Meeting at 7:15pm in the staffroom – all welcome.
Mar 02	Welcome Picnic and Meet the Teachers.
Mar 05	School Swimming Carnival at Northern Arena.

Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at assembly:

St John Kash Hape, Marco Cardeno, Seb Grounsell	St Joachim Sam Minogue, Kree Hape
St Peter Alec Lloyd, Asher Lu	St Anthony Dylan Tang, Nicholas Lim
St Joseph Indianna Coman-Meyer, Georgia Thorpe	St Augustine Kate Grant, Maya Timlin.
St Dominic Jasper Quinlan, Tessa Nui	St Patrick Grace Daly, Kyus Hape

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team: The children are settling back into the routine of school. It is great to see so many children gaining confidence and becoming more independent. Please remember to bring your book bag back to school each with the Home Learning Diary and reading book. Thank you for all you support with this. This week we start our Lenten journey. We burnt ashes in preparation for Ash Wednesday, and celebrated Shrove Tuesday in traditional style with pancakes.

Mokehu Team: Routines are being established and students are settling in well to their classes. Classroom teachers are the first port of call if you have any concerns or questions. Email can be a convenient way of communicating if you are unable to pop in. There is an opportunity for year 3/4s to join a miniball team. If your child is interested in playing, Tasha Maloney is organising this and can be contacted on 022 658 3816.

Huruhuru Team: We have had a wonderful start to the year. It seems our Year 6 students have recognised themselves as leaders within the school already and our Year 5 students have stepped up to the initial demands of the senior school. Huruhuru team have information coming home this week about the upcoming Swimming Carnival and the Swim sessions. Please ensure all information is returned before the due date as it takes a long time to organise these events.

Alan Watts
Principal



This week the Church celebrated Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a period of fasting, abstinence and prayer which helps us prepare for Easter. In class, our students will learn how they can make Lent a meaningful time for them through their Lenten promises. Thank you to those who joined us at our Ash Wednesday Liturgy where we all received ashes on the forehead. The ashes are an outward symbol of our need to continually turn to God.

*“From the ashes new life will grow. Leave the past in ashes.
Let the old things give way”*

*From “ Out Of Ashes by Michael Mangan.
(sung by the school at Liturgy on Ash Wednesday)*

God Bless
Kathie Bodle
Director of Religious Studies

SCHOOL NEWS

Triadic Goal Setting Interviews

Wednesday 14th March commencing at 1pm to 7pm
Thursday 15th March commencing at 3.15 pm to 5.30pm

The School will CLOSE at 12.20pm
on the Wednesday 14th March



Bookings are to be made online by visiting
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Our School Access Number is **6wvn5**

Please note online bookings are for years 1 – 4
Years 5 – 6 are made via sheets sent home

Skids Will Be Open 14th March Book At

<http://skids.aimy.co.nz>

Buses 14th March

Bayes Bus will run at 12.20pm on Wednesday

Ritchies Bus will run at the regular time. If you wish to use the Ritchies service your child will need be booked into sKids to await pickup.

Carpark

Please **DO NOT** double park in the school carpark. Please adhere to all signage and follow the instructions of the staff on carpark duty before and after school.

Reminders

A reminder that school starts at 8.45am, if your child is at school prior to 8am, **they must** be supervised by yourself or registered to attend SKIDS, students may wait in the foyer from 8am to 8.15am at which time the bell rings for them to go to class. Students must have a hat for terms 1 and 4 - there are two school uniform styles that you can choose from, visit Positive Image in Silverdale for your uniform items. **No hat no outside play.**

Stationery

This has been distributed to your child and a list outlining the items and cost was sent home. Payment can be made via online banking or by cash or cheque or eftpos at the school office. **Regardless of the method of payment, your child's stationery form must be returned to the office for processing.** Thank you.

Absences

If your child is to be absent from school, please either email absences@stellamaris.school.nz alert us through the Stella Maris School app or phone the school and leave a message on the absence line 09 427 9189. Please include child's name, class and reason for the absence.

Stella Beacon

A weekly email sent on a Wednesday with current school news and information of events. To receive this you need to register via our school website www.stellamaris.school.nz The link is found on the home page. Please note this does not replace our weekly newsletter.

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 Asher Lu.

Year 3-4 Basketball Players Needed

Any Year 3 or 4 students who would like to play Miniball at the HBC Leisure Centre. We have a Coach and manager organised. We need a few more players to be able to enter a team. The cost is approximately \$40 for the Term. Please contact Tasha Maloney at tashm13@hotmail.com

PTFA NEWS

Welcome Picnic And Meet The Teacher

Friday 2 March, 3pm start straight after school. This is a chance for the Stella Maris school community to welcome new families and offers all parents the opportunity to meet teachers, and hear from the leaders of each of our teams, Matikao 4.30pm Mokehu 5.00pm and Huruhuru 5.30pm. Bring along a blanket and nibbles, there will be a sausage sizzle and drinks available to purchase. The school water slide will be open for the kids so don't forget togs and towel. For more information or to lend a hand with setting up please contact Kerri Tait 027 7334728.

PARISH NEWS

Shine Challenge Opportunity

If there are any families who would like to join the offertory procession roster at St Francis 8.30am mass, please contact Alexis. Your turn would only be once every 7 weeks and you can swap. Simon.Alexis@xtra.co.nz

Sacramental Programme

The programme for children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins on Sunday 18th February 9.00am at St John's Church.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sacred Heart College Auckland

Open Day Wednesday 7th March 2018. Sacred Heart is offering a scholarship opportunity for Catholic students of Maori or Pacifica decent. Year 7 and 9, 2019. For more information refer to the flyer on the notice board in Huruhuru atrium or contact enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz. Applications close 29th March 2018.

Kia Ora From 'On The Road!'

In 2018 "What Now" is hitting the road, broadcasting from a different community live every Sunday from 8am-10am. Kids (5-12yrs), families (including Mum and Dad), school classes, clubs and groups. You are all invited to be part of our awesome live audience! it's FREE and coming to YOUR community!!!! Here is your chance to try something new, maybe play games, get FOAMED or even GUNGED!! Space is limited, Don't miss out! There are two easy ways to register. online at www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience Or for class bookings please email with the date you prefer to audience@whitebaitmedia.com We can't wait to see you! From the 'What Now' team!

Gut Health Talk

Sunday 11th March. 1.30-3.30pm. Holy Cross Anglican Church, Dairy Flat Highway. Several guest speakers will be providing extensive knowledge and support on everything to do with gut health. Cost: \$10.00. Please email to secure your place anita@thekefircompany.co.nz

Apples Childcare

Would you like to work from home? You could become an Apples at Home Childcare Educator, for babies and preschool children in your home. For more information visit www.appleshomecare.co.nz or Facebook page "Apples at Home Childcare" Mob: 027 2555 081.

Marist North Harbour Rugby Club

Junior rugby. Great fun for 5 - 13 year olds. For more information on registration days see the school notice boards or go to www.maristnh.co.nz

Girls Only Ripa Rugby North Harbour

Does your daughter want to play girls only rugby this year? Saturday mornings 9.30am, May till August. For more information contact your local club for their registration dates or sarah@harbourrugby.co.nz Mob: 021 193 8716

Snowplanet Open School Program

Learn to Ski or Snowboard. Six week program, starting Wednesday 28th February. Ages 5 - 12 years. For more information contact jeremy@snowplanet.co.nz Phone: 09 427 0193.

Ronald McDonald Charities Orewa Fun Run Walk

Sunday 11th March, Moana Reserve, Orewa. Starts at 10am. Fantastic prizes to giveaway. Gold coin donation. All proceeds go the Ronald McDonald House.

Contemporary Dance Classes

Expressive dance class that combines elements of several dance genres including modern, jazz, lyrical and classical ballet. They make their classes fun, fit and interesting. Methodist Church Hall, Red Beach Road, Red Beach. Junior Classes 8-11yrs 9.30am Saturday mornings, Senior Classes 12-18yrs 10.15 am Saturday mornings. Enquiries to Mrs Lea Sandford email - balletdanceteacher@gmail.com

Marcellin College 60th Jubilee

March 23rd to 25th 2018. Registrations now open at www.marcellin.school.nz.

ITM Junior Tough Guy And Gal Challenge

Auckland Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th June. Amazing venues, Unique courses, Awesome experience, Great Prizes. Online entry www.eventpromotions.co.nz Phone 07 348 3301



Parenting Helpline

we can help with any of your parenting concerns

get support, advice and practical strategies

Call 0800 568 856
9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

www.parenthelp.org.nz

Parent Help

Mark Your Diaries

16	Feb	HBC Football Club - Year 1- 4 Rotation throughout the day
19	Feb	Matikao Assembly 11.20am
22	Feb	School Liturgy 8.55am
26	Feb	Full School Assembly - Charism Awards presented 11.20am
27	Feb	ASB First Aid Program - All students
28	Feb	PTFA Forum 7.15pm
02	Mar	Welcome Picnic and Meet the Teacher 3pm
05	Mar	School Swim Sports Years 5-6
07	Mar	Matikao Sculpture Gardens Trip
08	Mar	School Liturgy 8.55am
12	Mar	Huruhuru and Mokehu Assembly 11.20am
13	Mar	PTFA Fun Lunch
13	Mar	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
14	Mar	Goal Setting Interviews - School closes EARLY at 12.20pm
15	Mar	Goal Setting Interviews Continue School closes at 2.45pm
15	Mar	PTFA Fun Lunch
16	Mar	PTFA Market Day - Second Hand Uniform 8.15am school foyer
17	Mar	St Patrick's Day
18	Mar	Rotary Swimathon
19	Mar	Matikao Assembly 11.20am
20	Mar	Cafe' Stella 9am - staffroom
21	Mar	Year 5 and 6 swimming at Northern Arena commences
22	Mar	School Liturgy 8.55am
25	Mar	Kiwi Kids "Try" Athalon
26	Mar	Holy Week Commences
26	Mar	Huruhuru and Mokehu Assembly 11.20am
28	Mar	PTFA AGM 7.15pm
29	Mar	HOLY THURSDAY - Stations of the Cross 9am
30	Mar	GOOD FRIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
02	Apr	EASTER MONDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
03	Apr	EASTER TUESDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
09	Apr	Full School Assembly 11.20am - Charism Awards Presented
10	Apr	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
13	Apr	TERM ONE ENDS 2.45pm
30	Apr	TERM TWO COMMENCES 8.45am

Please note: school calendar dates may be subject to change

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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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|------------------|------|---------|
| 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**