

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday in the Gospel we hear about Jesus being transformed on a high mountain.

This incident on the mountain gets us to look forward either to the resurrection of Jesus or the glory of the second coming.

Peter's reaction also gets us to look forward to life with God, so that we will say in eternity, "It is good for us to be here."

This revelation came after an arduous climb up a high mountain. We are being told that our path to God, will not always be easy, so we must be prepared.

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
Mar 13	BOT Meeting

Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at assembly:

St Mary Maddie McColl, Arden Lu	St Lucy Mina Hanna, Chloe Hudson
St Benedict Paxton Selkirk, Devin Harkness.	

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team

We are all enjoying the summer weather that has made a temporary return. A number of children made the most of this and spent their lunchtimes on the waterslide. We all enjoyed the Friday soccer skills training session with amazing coaches. St Benedict led the first team assembly on Monday. Thanks to all those parents who were able to come and support.

Mokehu Team

Assessments are ongoing in the team, and teachers are gathering data about specific next learning steps for students. The football sessions with HBC Football Club last week were very enjoyable and participation was fantastic. Can parents please ensure they sign in and out at the office, even if they are just popping in to drop items into class.

Huruhuru Team

Please return all swim forms for the Stella Maris Interschool Trials as well as the forms for the Swim sessions as soon as possible please. Last week we enjoyed a morning of Hauora exploration where students rotated around the teachers exploring all four walls of Hauora-Wellbeing. Feel free to ask your children about their experiences during these sessions.

Alan Watts
Principal



This morning St Augustine class led us in a Liturgy that celebrated our school Charism. A charism is a spiritual gift, it is the special way a school carries out its mission. As reflected in our name “Stella Maris – Star of the Sea” our charism is Mary. We look to Mary as our guide who helps show us the way to Jesus. We have our Marian Values - characteristics that Mary displayed in her life and that we aspire to display as well. Each year our young people spend time exploring our school Charism and developing their understanding. Thank you, St Augustine for displaying wisdom and service this morning.

*“Oh Mary, Star of the Sea, We entrust this day to you”
from our School Prayer.*

God Bless
Kathie Bodle
Director of Religious Studies

SCHOOL NEWS

MUFTI DAY TOMORROW Gold Coin Donation To Support Tonga

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

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 Emily Searancke.

At The End Of The School Day

Parents / Caregivers are asked to remain in the foyer until the end of day bell rings. (2nd bell) There are signs at each doorway explaining the process, this allows our students to finish their days learning. Students use the atriums for learning and need to be able to do this without interruption, thank you for your co-operation.

Visiting The School

When you come into the school during school time. Please remember to **report to the school reception. You MUST sign in and out.**

School Stationery

This was distributed to students on the first day of term with a list of items, costs and methods of payment. If you have not already done so, please return the form to the school office. Payment can be made at the school office or online. 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.

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.

Year 5 And 6 Swimming Sports

This will be held on Monday 5th March at Northern Arena. Please return the entry form to the class teacher and payment of \$4.50 to the school office. Thank you.

School Uniform News

Our BOT are delighted to advise that our uniform stockists "Positive Image" in Silverdale, have been able to source new boys black shorts and girls black skirt, the same as currently worn. The great news is there has been a reduction in price due to their hard work in getting these new items. The boys shorts will reduce by \$5 per pair and the skirt by \$16 a pair. At the start of T2 there will be the introduction of **compulsory school socks**, these can be purchased from Positive Image. Shoes and socks are worn in Term 2 and Term 3 and all students are to ensure that they do wear **correct uniform**. Families will be advised when the socks arrive at our stockist.

Rotary Swimathon

We are looking to put a school team into the inaugural Rotary Swimathon to be held on Sunday 18th March at Stanmore Bay Leisure Centre. Teams raise sponsors and then on the day swim as many lengths as they can over a 55 minute period. Funds raised go towards supporting our local community. We currently have 2 students who are keen but are looking for at least another 4 to make up a team. If you are interested please email Catherine Cyprian catherine@stellamaris.school.nz

Hibiscus Coast Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Give It A Go This Year

The Early Bird discount for the Hibiscus Coast Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is about to end! We hope to see as many of you as possible giving it a TRY on Sunday 25 March 2018 at Manly Park in Whangaparaoa. Make sure you register now and pay only \$38.00 per participant that's a saving of 32% off the full price. Be quick this offer ends midnight on Sunday 25 February 2018. Register and make payment online at tryathlon.co.nz. There will be a school tent set up on the day. Any questions please txt Irena on 021 477658.

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. Meet the teacher time are: **Matikao** 4.30pm **Mohehu** 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Open Day At Coast Kindy

733 Whangaparaoa Rd, Lower level of Whangaparaoa Baptist Church on Thursday 8th March 9:30 - 2:30pm. Check our website for details of a special offer www.coastkindy.co.nz or [facebook.com/coastkindy](https://www.facebook.com/coastkindy).

Mathematics Tuition

Tutoring Available in Millwater. Please contact Ruth Craig Ph: 027 5554558, or E: glencrannog@gmail.com

Orewa Kindergarten Duck Derby

Sunday 4th March 10am – 1pm. Orewa Beach. Loads of great prizes to be won. For information visit facebook page Orewa Duck Derby.

Blind Foundation Guide Dog Appeal

23rd to 24th March. If you are able to volunteer as a collector register online or contact redpuppy@blindfoundation.org.nz

Nepal - Toothbrushes Collection Day - 8 March

Every two years Kristin undertake a service expedition to either Northern India or Nepal. In April 2018 the Kristin Senior students will be travelling to Nepal to complete the development of a community centre and to support the remote rural populations by assisting dental and medical teams. Past Stella Maris student - Nathaniel Churches will be traveling there this year. While few of us enjoy a visit to the dentist, we benefit from the care and skill of the dentists to maintain our mouth and tooth health. For the people in the remote villages they will be working in, they may never have seen a dentist or optometrist. They lack the basic equipment to maintain their dental health. The toothbrushes that are collect and distributed will provide the basic equipment for dental health, and the students will undertake to teach the villages about dental health, supporting the dental team. Your generous donations of toothbrushes will make an ongoing difference to the health and well being of the people in rural Nepal. On Nathaniel's return he will come and speak to the Stella Maris students and show a small slide show of this travels and your donations! Thank you.

Centrestage Youth Theatre Presents

"Suessical Jr." 17th – 21st April. Book at Centrestage Theatre Ph: 09 426 7282. Stella Maris student's Ilan Hobman and Rylee Stevens are members of the cast as well as some past Stella Maris students.

Centrestage Theatre Presents

Jesus Christ Superstar 9th – 24th March. Book now at Centrestage Theatre 09 426 7282.

ASB Bank Supporting Success In Schools

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB Home loan of \$250,000 or more. ASB will donate \$500 to our school.

THE
Music
ACADEMY



Come and join our music lessons for 2018.
Enrolments open now.

We provide Piano, Guitar, Singing, and Drama lessons.

Come and enjoy learning music with our fun friendly lessons during the school day.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

For more information please contact
Susan Fraser on
09 410-1506 or 021 378 007

Mark Your Diaries

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
12	Mar	Visit from Vodafone Warriors 1.30pm - Whole school in the hall
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

~~~~~

## 2018 School Term Dates

|        |           |             |   |           |              |
|--------|-----------|-------------|---|-----------|--------------|
| 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

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