

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

Welcome to the 2018 school year. A special welcome to all of our new families.

Our students and teachers are in three teams with each team named after the different parts of a fern.

Matikao (In Bud) St Mary – Pam Pyatt, St Lucy – Amanda Bates, St Benedict – Diana Luxon. Pam Pyatt is the team leader and Sue Brading is the Associate Principal with overall responsibility for this team.

Mokehu (Emerging Frond) St Joachim - Monica Manning /Kathie Bodle, St John - Olwyn Hobman, St Anthony Megan Foley / Kathie Bodle, St Peter - Michelle Kleingeld. Olwyn Hobman is the team leader and Catherine Cyprian is the Associate Principal with overall responsibility for this team.

Huruhuru (Full Frond) St Augustine – Tina Hunt, St Dominic – Natasha Pretorius / Kathie Bodle, St Joseph – Karl Hobman, St Patrick – Tracey Law. Karl Hobman is the team leader and Catherine Cyprian is the Associate Principal with overall responsibility for this team.

Kathie Bodle is the **Director of Religious Studies (DRS)**.

If you have any concerns, in the first instance contact your child's class teacher. Next see the team leader and then the Associate Principal with responsibility for the team.

Parents and family are most welcome to join us for assembly, which is held on Monday's at 11:20 in the hall. Please refer to the school calendar for specific dates for your child's team assembly. A school Liturgy is held every alternate fortnight on Thursday at 8:55, starting February 22. Changes will be notified in the newsletter and the school App. You can download the Stella Maris School App(free) at the App store.

Events are listed on the calendar on the school website www.stellamaris.school.nz and the school App: **Coming events to note:**

Feb 12	Huruhuru and Mokehu assembly in hall at 11:20am
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday Liturgy 1:30pm in hall
Feb 22	School Liturgy at 8:55am in hall.
Feb 26	Whole School Assembly at 11:20am in hall - Charism awards presented

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team: Welcome back to everyone. It has been lovely to see families again and we look forward to catching up with everyone over the next few weeks. This week we have been settling in and establishing routines. In this hot weather please send in water bottles and smother your children in sunscreen. Hats are compulsory this term. It is great to see the students carrying in their school bags independently.

Mokehu Team: Welcome back to everyone. It has been lovely to see families again and we look forward to catching up with everyone over the next few weeks. In this hot weather please send in named water bottles and smother your children in sunscreen. Hats are compulsory this term. Please look out for important newsletters this week including stationery lists and bus information.

Huruhuru Team: We welcome all our parents and Year 5-6 students back to 2018. We are extremely excited about the year ahead with a lot of planning underway to ensure our Huruhuru students become the leaders we know they are capable of being. We have a number of exciting events over this term that will be outlined in our Team newsletter coming home in week 2. Individual teachers will also send home a letter introducing themselves to our parent community. We look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks and working with you all throughout 2018.

God Bless
Alan Watts



Welcome to the 2018 school year. It is good to see familiar faces back and wonderful to be able to welcome new families to our community. Our school motto is “Shine for God” and this asks us to be the best person we can be in whatever situation we find ourselves. Here at Stella Maris we take Mary as our guide in life and use our Marian Values to live by. This term, as a school, we will be focussing on the Marian Values of Faith and Courage. Each class will discuss what these values look like in the school environment. Talk to your child at home about how they can “Shine for God” as they demonstrate these values in their lives.

“A candle loses nothing by lighting another”

Rumi

God Bless
Kathie Bodle
Director of Religious Studies

SCHOOL NEWS

School Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help. The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office. Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: www.catholicschools.org.nz go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues. If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs Ph.09 360 3069 at the Auckland Diocese office. Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2018 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to November 2018

School Attendance Dues And Donations

Accounts will be posted home next week.

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.**

Buses 2018

We ask that if your child/children will be busing home in 2018 you complete a NEW bus form. Forms were sent home with your children yesterday. **A new bus form is required each year.** Thank you.

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.

School Uniform

As we start the new school year there are a few reminders about school uniform. There is an expectation that school uniform is worn correctly, with a pride and respect that reflects the Spirit of Stella Maris. The uniform code can be found in the Parent Handbook (which can be found on the school website under news and information). If for some reason your child needs to wear a non-uniform item (eg: item is lost or medical reasons) please write a note to the class teacher who will provide your child with a uniform pass. Uniform passes are temporary. Footwear is a black roman sandal, or Mackinley safari style (term 1 and 4) or school shoe (term 2 and 3). No street shoes to be worn, this includes sandals or shoes that go above the ankle. We do understand that for medical reasons some children need to wear a different footwear, if this is the case please provide a doctor's note, and we ask that the alternative footwear is black and worn with the uniform school socks. School hats are compulsory in term 1 and 4. Hair: black hair ties and ribbons only. All hair touching the collar, both boys and girls is to be tied up and off the face. Jewellery: Children with pierced ears are only allowed to wear gold or silver studs, no sleepers. Children may wear a necklace with a cross or of cultural significance. They may wear a watch.

Address And Contact Information

If you have changed your address and or contact details during the holiday period, please notify the school office as soon as possible so we can update your information. Email: achieve@stellamaris.school.nz

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.

PTFA NEWS

Happy 2018 And Welcome Back From The PTFA

As you will see, phase 2 of the playground upgrade is all go and looking awesome. The PTFA team are super keen for this year's phase 3 goal and have some great events planned to work towards achieving it. Everything is outlined in the insert of this newsletter. Please have a look and let us know how you can support our initiatives over the year to be part of making the goal a reality. We will also be using Kindo, the online ordering platform, again for fun lunches along with other initiatives as it makes sense. Watch this space for the details on how to log on. We are looking forward to having another great year with our awesome Stella Community!

PARISH NEWS

“Serving Spoons”

Hibiscus Coast Parish has launched an outreach initiative called “Serving Spoons”, in conjunction with Love Soup, to reduce hunger and support the lonely in our community. A free community meal will be offered in St John’s Hall on the last Monday of each month at 12.30pm, for those who could do with a meal or the company. Our first meal will be on Monday 26 February. This is a volunteer initiative and we invite Stella Maris parents to get involved in the following ways:

- Donate fresh fruit and vegetables: These may be delivered to the Serving Spoons fridge/bins at St John’s Church on Saturdays between 9am-6.30pm or Sundays between 9am-12 noon, and to St Francis between 8am-9.30am on Sundays. We welcome weekly donations as this will be shared with Love Soup for their weekly dinners at Whangaparaoa Hall.
- Volunteer at the monthly lunches: Volunteer forms may be requested from Theresa Fouche in the parish office – (09) 426 5599 or email: hbcparish@xtra.co.nz
- Make a monetary donation: Place any amount in an envelope marked ‘Serving Spoons’ and place it the Mass collection bag or make a direct payment to the parish account 02 0100 0120966 17 with ‘Serving Spoons’ as the reference.

We can make a difference in the community – let’s feed the need with meals that matter!

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

Dove Catholic Fellowship For Women

Warmly invites all women to their February Meeting Holy Mass to welcome in 2018. Celebrant: Fr. Alfredo Garcia. Wednesday 21st February, 7.30pm. St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. Contact: Nanci 09 4190348 www.dove.org.nz

COMMUNITY NEWS

Piano Keyboard

Ben Fernandez pianist, composer and arranger has piano/keyboard lessons at Stella Maris school on Wednesday and Thursday's during school time. There are a few spaces available for 2018. Contact: Ben Fernandez. E: fernandez.ben@gmail.com, Mobile: 021 056 5506, Res:(09) 419 9549.

Spanish Lessons

At Stella Maris during term time. If you have any questions or you wish to enrol please contact Cristina Mob: 021 073 4528.

Guitar / And Singing Lessons

During the school day at Stella Maris with Maria O'Flaherty. Maria is a professional vocalist. She is well-known and respected in the New Zealand Jazz scene. Please contact Maria for details: E: oflaherty.maria@gmail.com, mobile: 021 0325287 09 4267986.

Drum Lessons

R&B Music offering Drum lessons. Please contact Ross Browne Phone: 021 703 146.

The Music Academy

Hi there to all Stella Maris Students. The Music Academy is your local Music School. We are able to offer students the opportunity to learn Piano, Guitar, Drama and Singing during the school day. Why not give it a go. We are now open for enrolments in 2018. For more information please contact Susan Fraser on Ph: 09 4101506 or Mob: 021 378 007 E: susanf@kidzcan.co.nz

Aikido Kids And Adults Classes On The Coast

If your child (or you) is interested in learning a defensive, non-aggressive martial art then Aikido is for you! The classes are taught in a friendly manner with emphasis on defence, fitness, coordination and self-discipline. Aikido Whangaparaoa has been running for 6 years and the classes are taught by black belt instructors. The club is affiliated with Japan and has close ties to the main dojo in Auckland. Ring Ngaire, 021 261 2267 for more information.

Orewa Optics

Orewa Optics is offering all Stella Maris students 20% off a pair of Le Tissier 100% UV protective sunglasses. Families of Stella Maris students can also get a 15% discount on all frames. This offer is valid until December 2nd and must be mentioned at the time of purchase. More details can be found on the Sunsmart flyer” that went home to all new entrant students. Any enquires please call Orewa Optics 09 426 6646.

Employment Preparation Course

Do you know someone who may benefit from attending a FREE and professionally run day time course for employment preparation and readiness? Hearts and Minds are running a group starting 19th February from 10am-12pm. Work preparation skills such as cv and cover letters, the interview and much more, as well as learning skills to lift self esteem and confidence. Facilitated by a registered psychologist and HR expert. Phone 441 8989 or email learning@heartsandminds.org.nz to enrol now!

HBC Football Club

HBC Football would like to give the opportunity for any child to play football. Some families struggle to be able to afford to play sport. They have been given a donation that will allow them to sponsor the fees of kids who would not otherwise be able to play. Contact Simon Franks at simon@hbcafc.org.nz if this grant would make a difference for your family.

Mark Your Diaries

12	Feb	Huruhuru and Mokehu Assembly 11.20am
14	Feb	Ash Wednesday Liturgy 1.30pm school hall
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 Program in schools
28	Feb	PTFA Forum 7.15pm
02	Mar	Welcome Picnic and Meet the Teacher 4pm
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 12.20pm
30	Apr	TERM TWO COMMENCES 8.45am

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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**