

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday the Gospel starts with a private conversation. Here we find Jesus in a Samaritan city. Jacob's well was there, and it is here that Jesus speaks of living water to a Samaritan woman. Jesus ask the woman for a drink which was not something a Jew would ask of a Samaritan woman. When she questions Him about asking her for water, He tells her that he is the "Living Water." Jesus tells her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Where does Jesus find us today? Are we feeling like we're on the outside, looking in? Is Jesus calling us to stop going to the same dried up well for joy or relief, and instead drink deeply of the living water that will bring joy and relief eternal? Are there people around us who are thirsty and in need of the hope that comes from the good news of a God who cares and loves and changes lives?

This Friday is our Welcome Picnic starting at 3pm. Many of our students will be performing during the evening and it is also a chance to meet the teachers and hear how things work in your child's team and class. It's also a great chance to see the enhancements our PTFA has made to our playgrounds.

Meet the teacher times are as follows:

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

Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at assembly:

St Mary Charles Cate, Nuala Cuffe, Quinn McKenzie-Linnell	St Lucy Aaron Craig, Campbell Molloy
St Benedict James Walker, Lily Tracey	St John Ruby Harwood, Dustin Slater
St Peter Emily Meale, Kira Timlin	St Anthony Zach Main, Conor Beker
St Joseph Dylan Blanchard, Ryan Wyatt	St Augustine Liam Walker, Ella Henderson
St Dominic Auriel Straka, Ciara Walker	St Patrick Jaymie Henshaw, Ryder Hinton

TEAM NEWS

Matikao Team: It has been another busy week! We all learnt what to do in an emergency thanks to the St John's session we had on Tuesday. On Friday we are looking forward to meeting you at the School Picnic. And don't forget we are all off on a trip next week to the Kaipara Sculpture Gardens.

Mokehu Team: We look forward to seeing families at the welcome picnic tomorrow. This will be a chance to answer general questions about our teaching programme. However, if you want to discuss your own student, you need to make an appointment for another time.

Huruhuru Team: Have begun their maths workshops sessions this week. Independent work has been set in their PLT Google classroom for working on in between workshops. We will be talking through this process at our meet the teacher night on Friday.

Alan Watts
Principal



During Lent Catholics make a special effort to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Almsgiving involves taking steps to help those who are in need. It could be making regular contributions to our food collection for the Parish Care and Share who help those in need in our community, or it may be making a donation to the Caritas fund. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development. The Caritas focus for this year is on helping the communities of Timor-Leste.

“ Let us go together. We are personally called to go on a journey - with each other and with God. In the course of the journey we are changed and we change the world around us.”

Suzanne Aubert

God bless you all and may Lent continue to be a holy time for you and your families

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.

Year 5 And 6 Swimming Sports

This will be held next Monday 5th March at Northern Arena. The entry form should have been returned to the class teacher and \$4.50 been paid to the school office. Thank you.

Mufti Day Funds Raised For Tonga

Thank you for your gold coin donations. A total of \$467.30 was collected to help Tonga affected by cyclone Gita.

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 Jessie Byrne.

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 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 there 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.

Cafe` Stella Tuesday 20th March

Come along to our first Cafe` Stella for 2018. The topic for discussion over a cup of tea or coffee is "Curriculum Levels, how your children progress through them and our Assessment processes" If you would like a better understanding and have any questions this is your opportunity. Tuesday 20th March, 9am in the staffroom. We hope to see you there.



SPORTS NEWS

Basketball Results

Stella Maris Shadows Year 3-4 Basketball team won their first game of the season 4 to 3 against Kingsway. Well done.

HBC Football Fee Sponsorship

HBC Football would like to give the opportunity for any child to play football. They know 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 children who would not otherwise be able to play. Please contact Simon Franks for further information simon@hbcafc.org.nz

Congratulations

Benjamin Grounsell (St John) took part in his first ever open athletics competition at the Millenium Stadium. Between the clubs on the North Shore and The West clubs he gained a first in the 300 metre, 2nd in the 60metre sprint and 3rd in the shotput. Fantastic result!



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Nepal - Toothbrushes Collection Day - 8 March

Boxes will be placed in the school foyer to collect the toothbrushes. Thank you for your support.

Dove Catholic Fellowship For Women

Warmly invites all women to their March meeting. Topic: Patience (1 Timothy 1:16). Speaker: Linda Fisher. Wednesday 21st March 7.30pm. St Thomas More Church, Glenfield.

Westlake Girls High Pre-Season Coaching Clinic For Year 1- 8 - Open To All

Ready your netball skills for school. Under the guidance of Westlake girls Premier Netball team and coach April Ieremia, Cost \$35.00 Sunday 4th March 9.30-12.30pm or 1.30-4.30pm. To register go to www.westlakegirls.school.nz then Online payments and Netball coaching clinic. Any questions phone April 021 300 020.



St Benedict Class Learning about First Aid

PTFA NEWS

Easter Cookie Time - Fundraiser!

Back by popular demand, it's Cookie Time for Easter. Great Easter Tins filled with those yummy chocolate chip cookies. Plus, there are no limits on order numbers. All order sheets with payments due back by Tuesday 20th March. Cookies will be delivered the following week, in time for pre-Easter munchies. Look out for the order forms coming home soon. Enjoy!

Stella Maris Caring Committee

Pastoral Care Service - Providing Meals To Our School Community In Times Of Trouble

This is a service of volunteers from Stella Maris that assists in providing meals for those in our school community that may be struggling through illness, accident, bereavement, new baby etc. The simple act of providing a few meals takes the pressure off and shows that the community cares and are supported which is a

huge boost in times of hardship and/or sorrow. We are looking for more supporters to provide meals. Just once a term, it requires making an extra meal and freezing it for another family. You can cook it at the same time as one of your own meals, or make a special one. The kind of things we need are those that are eaten by your own family and are suitable for freezing. Ideally, they would feed 2 adults and 2-4 children, however we need meals for every sized family, so everything is appreciated. If interested in assisting, please contact Sarah Quinlan sarah@sqd.co.nz or 0272525100, who can provide you with more details or guidance around what is required. Consider this as a shine challenge opportunity for your older children or a chance to give back?



Students Enjoying our New Playground Equipment

Mark Your Diaries

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 - Charism Awards presented
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
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 - Charism Awards presented
20	Mar	Cafe' Stella 9am Topic - Curriculum Levels and Assessment. All welcome
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

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