

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

In the Gospel this Sunday we hear “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” God sent his Son into the world so that it might be saved, and not to condemn it. Jesus is the key to our salvation and this gospel stresses the importance of our faith.

The divine presence in each of us, is often called the light of God. Prayer is the time we switch on this light, and allow ourselves to become aware of the light of God filling us with love, forgiveness and healing. By our actions God’s presence spreads to others, and it is through us, that God’s light shines in the world.

On Tuesday March 20 we will have our first Café Stella for the year. Café Stella is where we invite parents to join us in the staffroom, have a cup of tea or coffee, and listen and discuss a topic. The topic for this Café Stella is ‘National Standards have gone – Now What’

Thank you to Kerri Tait and her team for organizing our Welcome Picnic last Friday. Special thanks to our student performers and their coaches for providing entertainment from 3:30 – 4:30.

## Coming Events To Note

Mar 12	Mokehu and Huruhuru Assembly – Charism Awards Presentation 11.20am
Mar 13	PTFA Fun Lunch – Jesters Pies
Mar 14	Goal Setting Interviews 1:00pm – 7:00pm
Mar 15	Goal Setting Interviews 3:15pm – 6.00pm
Mar 16	PTFA Market Day/ Second Hand Uniform sales 8.15am school foyer
Mar 19	Matikao Assembly – Charism Awards Presentation 11.20am
Mar 20	Café Stella 9:00am in the staffroom - Curriculum Levels and Assessment

## TEAM NEWS

**Matikao Team:** Thank you, all the parents who were able to come to the school picnic and watch our talented students perform. We enjoyed catching up with you all, especially those new to the school. On Wednesday we had a really exciting bus trip to the Kaipara Sculpture Gardens. Many thanks to all the parent helpers who helped to make this possible for our children.

**Mokehu Team:** Thank you for all the parents who were able to make the picnic last Friday. It was also lovely to see the Kapa Haka, Choir and Music Students performing. Mokehu Maths has started and students are learning the new routines and settling in to the processes. Groupings may change over the next few weeks as we adjust things to be as streamlined as possible. We encourage parents to use the drop off zone in the morning to promote independence.

**Huruhuru Team:** It was tremendous to see so many parents at our “Meet the Teacher” night last Friday. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the amazing parents that offered their help with our Swim Carnival on Monday. We wouldn’t be able to hold such fantastic events without your support. Information regarding the Interschool Swimming will be handed out to those students who made the squad. Please ensure all Swim Sessions permission slips, level information and Goal Setting letters are returned to the class teacher.

God Bless

Alan Watts



Lent is a time of purple prayer cloths and penitence and preparation for the coming celebrations of Easter. This morning at our school Liturgy St Peter class reminded us of the meaning of the Easter celebrations of our Church. Thank you to those students for sharing their ideas and prayers with us.

During Lent the Hibiscus Coast Parish holds Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.30pm at St John's Church and on Sundays at 4pm at St Francis. As a family, think about possibly taking your children to experience this type of prayer as part of your Lenten journey.

*"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."  
Prayer from the Stations of the Cross*

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](http://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.

### 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.**

### 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 Oriah Barrett.

### ICAS Tests For Year 3-6

Last week all Yr 3-6 students should have taken home a letter about the optional ICAS tests in Digital Technologies, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Maths. These tests are held between May and August. Entries close Friday 16 March – if you are interested in your child sitting any of these tests please return the entry slip and payment to the school office. If you missed the letter it is available on the website and App. Please contact Miss Cyprian if you have any queries [catherine@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:catherine@stellamaris.school.nz)

### 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.



### HBC Parish Care And Share Week 12th To 16th March.

There will be baskets in the school foyer to collect your items. Cereal, Pasta, Flour, Bathroom item's or a Can. All produce goes to helping families in need in the community. Thank you for your support.

## SPORT NEWS

### Basketball - Stella Maris Shadows

A fast paced game this week with some excellent team work and an outstanding goal by Zac. Unfortunately Shadows were beaten 4 to 1 by Whangaparaoa Sea Dragons. We now have a full team of 8 players!

## PTFA NEWS

### Easter - Cookie Time!

By now, you should have received your cookie time order forms. Key things to remember:

- 1) There is **no limit** to how many you sell. The class who sells the most will get a free pizza lunch!
- 2) **Orders are pre-paid.** Correct cash please. If via internet banking (12-3046-0376269-00) - please include Family name, class, cookies as the reference/particulars.
- 3) All order **sheets with payment due by 4pm Tuesday 20th March.**

Have fun selling to family and friends, or for your own Easter Baskets. Thank you for your support.

### PTFA Annual General Meeting - Calling Nominations

On 28th March, the PTFA will be holding their normal monthly forum, preceded by the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Every year, a new committee is confirmed with the three elected roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. These positions can be held for a maximum of 2 years. So, this year we are seeking to fill the Chair and Secretary positions, while our current treasurer is keen for re-election for their second term. The committee roles are a great way to gain basic governance experience while being part of a great volunteer team. The outgoing chair is happy to act as support/mentor to anyone who steps up to these roles. There is no expectation to sit in positions for two years, so have a go, it's really rewarding. All interested parties, please place your name and position into Red PTFA box by Tuesday 27th March followed by attendance at the meeting on Wednesday 28th March. For more information about the roles and expectations. Please email: stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz

### Fun Lunch – 13 March - Jesters Pies

It's time for our first Fun Lunch for 2018! Take a break from making school lunches, and order your child(ren) a pie or sausage roll for lunch, with a cookie and a drink. Online ordering! Lunches are delivered to each class room, and money raised goes to our hard working PTFA. Our first "Fun Lunch" for the year will be on 13 March, and will be through Jesters Pies. Ordering is again online through the Kindo system - <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/> Don't forget you'll need to re-enter classroom names for children for the new year. Orders close at 5pm, Friday 9 March. If anyone has any queries or trouble ordering, please contact Tina McKee Wright on 029 244 4777. Anyone available to help deliver lunches to the classrooms, please meet Tina in the Atrium on 13 March around 11.45am (will take about an hour).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Stella Stars

Stella Stars will be on an away trip this Friday 9th March. Any questions contact Kelly 021 500 786.

### Nepal - Toothbrushes Collection Day Today

Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile initiative.

### Dove Catholic Fellowship For Women

Warmly invites all women to their March meeting. Topic: Patience (1 Timothy 1:16). Speaker: Linda Fisher. Wednesday 14th March 7.30pm. St Thomas More Church, Glenfield.

### Good As New Pre Loved Kids Market

Orewa Community Centre, Saturday 10 March, 9am - 12 noon. 50+ stall selling pre loved kids; clothes, toys, books, nursery furniture, buggies and lots more. Let's all get behind recycling.

### Marrzipan Drama

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! It's not too late to join Marrzipan! They are looking for some awesome students to fill some parts in our play, which they will be performing for parents and their peers at the end of term. Come along to a Trial Lesson and see whether you like it! You can sign up for one directly via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) they have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!

### Navy Open Day

24th March. 10.00am – 4.00pm. Devonport Naval Base. Free Entry, Boat rides, Helicopter display, Navy Band, Food and Drink. Go along and meet the Navy.

### Hibiscus And Local Boards

Auckland's future is in your hands. Have your say. For more information on how. Go to [www.akhaveyoursay.nz](http://www.akhaveyoursay.nz)

### Kelly Sports Fridays At Stella Maris

It's not too late to book for Kelly Sports Back To School Sport! After-school sports clinic every Friday at Stella Maris School, straight after school. Book the remaining sessions for only \$45 at [www.kellysports.co.nz/hibiscus-coast](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/hibiscus-coast) Or call Russ at 021 409 455

### Visual Voice Photography In Orewa

Would like to help Kate Harpur achieve her goals of being able to walk unaided and not be in a wheelchair. They are doing a fund raising photography session on her behalf. If you'd like to help Kate and get some awesome pictures of your kids and you in the process, please get in touch with Paul on 021 192 2219 or [paul@visualvoice.co.nz](mailto:paul@visualvoice.co.nz). The shoot is planned for 17th March. All proceeds will go to help Kate achieve her dreams. Visit Visual Voice Photography facebook page for more information.



## Wave Warriors Holiday Surf Programme

The O'Neill Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the spring holidays for 6-16yr olds at Orewa Beach

**Fun, Safe, Active & Healthy**

6-16yr olds | 5 Day Programme | 16-20 April | 23-27 April  
\$150 per person | Morning or Afternoon session times

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment at Orewa Beach

**Limited spaces | Please email to book**  
[surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz](mailto:surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz)  
[www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz](http://www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz)




## Mark Your Diaries

12	Mar	Mokehu and Huruhuru 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	<b>Goal Setting Interviews - School closes EARLY at 12.20pm</b>
15	Mar	<b>Goal Setting Interviews Continue School closes at 2.45pm</b>
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	Mokehu and Huruhuru Assembly 11.20am
28	Mar	PTFA AGM 7.15pm
29	Mar	HOLY THURSDAY - Stations of the Cross 9am - All welcome
30	Mar	<b>GOOD FRIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
02	Apr	<b>EASTER MONDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
03	Apr	<b>EASTER TUESDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
09	Apr	Full School Assembly 11.20am - Charism Awards Presented
10	Apr	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
13	Apr	<b>TERM ONE ENDS 2.45pm</b>
30	Apr	<b>TERM TWO COMMENCES 8.45am</b>
30	Apr	Mokehu and Huruhuru Assembly 11.20am
02	May	PTFA Forum 7.15pm
04	May	PTFA Market Day 8.15am school foyer
07	May	Maikao Assembly 11.20am
08	May	Book Fair Week
08	May	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
10	May	School Liturgy 8.55pm
11	May	Mums Day at Stella Maris 12.20pm-2.45pm
11	May	PTFA Fun Lunch
13	May	Mother's Day

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 |

Please note: Easter Tuesday 3rd April is a school holiday

## 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**