

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

The gospel readings after Easter unpack the tremendous event of Jesus' resurrection particularly from the perspective of the disciples who experienced this event. The disciples are huddled together out of fear for their lives and are startled and terrified. They think they are seeing a ghost when they encounter Jesus. Jesus encounters us and we him in the ordinary events of our lives. To encounter someone means a relationship with the person that is special in its depth. Jesus knew his disciples well, but now he was coming to them at an even deeper level of intimacy.

Our encounter with Jesus is filled with deep emotions with love given and received. We are in a love relationship with Jesus. Encounters with him are about care, concern, forgiveness and love beyond measure. We encounter him in others, those who love us and we them. We also encounter him in the community of faith that gathers to celebrate the Eucharist and the other sacraments.

Thank you for your support during the term. Term two begins on Monday April 30.

There is PTFA/BOT newsletter coming home tomorrow.

Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at Assembly:

<p>St Mary Ruben Norris-Ruru, Braxton O'Connor, Coco Hakaraia, Zoe Johanson.</p>	<p>St Lucy Evelyn O'Brien, Tavishi Arti, Matteo Astria, Ethann Kelay.</p>
<p>St Benedict Jasmine Cate, Gabe Boveland.</p>	<p>St Joachim Lucas Cox, Declan Porter.</p>
<p>St John Joseph Matthews, Trisha Phansekar, Chloie Alcoseba.</p>	<p>St Anthony Isabella Gobbie, Azario Goodall.</p>
<p>St Peter Wade Hessel, Mason Harkness.</p>	<p>St Patrick Sienna Jordan, Harrison Low, Kobe McKee Wright, Damian Kim.</p>
<p>St Joseph Ned Hancock, Alexander Knight.</p>	<p>St Augustine Maya Timlin, Nate Carkeek.</p>
<p>St Dominic Noah Hutchison, Kaitlin Kyle, Anthony Goodall.</p>	

Team News

Matikao Team: As we approach the end of the first term we reflect on the wonderful learning experiences that have greatly enhanced our Hauora. We thank the parents who came in to share their expertise and the parents who helped out in the classes. We all appreciate the support of parents, both in and outside school. Enjoy the term break and recharge ready for more fun learning in term two.

Mokehu Team: Next term, we will be cross grouping for reading and writing skills. Students have been grouped using assessments and observation, to be grouped with others at a similar level. Each teacher will be responsible for 2 groups and will work with them in their class to develop specific writing skills. More information will be available next term. Have a safe holiday!

Huruhuru Team: We ask all parents to look at the "End of Strand" parent communication task on your child's RE google classroom and leave a comment. We would like to thank all parents who have helped us during this busy term. We would like to invite you to attend our Passion Project sharing time in Week 3 of Term 2 on Tuesday the 15th May at 1:15 pm and before school on Wednesday 16th May. The Passion Projects will be displayed in the school Hall for sharing.

Alan Watts
Principal



As we come to the end of the first term, it is pleasing to look at the growth we can see in our students. Students and their families can proudly look back at the triadic goal setting sessions and see the progress that has been made. Our Special Character Charism enables us to use the virtues that Mary showed in her life to guide us in the choices we make on our life journey. This week at assembly we acknowledged three outstanding young men who have demonstrated their understanding in the way they live out our Marian Values. Congratulations to **Dylan Blanchard, Keaton Purvis** and **Orlando Purvis** for their Charism Awards.

“Graduates from a Catholic school.... are true witnesses of the faith by exhibiting an authentic integration of faith and life, a commitment to serving others”

Bishop Pat (from a recent newsletter)

God Bless and happy holidays
Kathie Bodle
Director of Religious Studies

SCHOOL NEWS



ANZAC POPPIES WILL BE FOR SALE IN THE MAIN ATRIUM TOMORROW MORNING

Anzac Day 25th April

If there are any families, or students who would like to represent Stella Maris at the ANZAC Day Ceremony which falls in the school holidays, 25th April at 11am, Vipond Road Whangaparaoa. Can you please contact Mrs Amanda Bates please E: amanda@stellamaris.school.nz **tomorrow**. Students will be required to wear their school uniform for this occasion. We hope that we can have a strong representation from the school.

Book Fair Week

This will run from the 7th to the 11th May inclusive, students will get to visit the library to make their "wish list" prior to sales opening. Sales will be before school from 8.15am to 8.45am, at lunch time, and at the end of the day from 2.45pm to 3.15pm.

Toothbrushes For Nepal

Nathaniel Churches would like to thank the students of Stella Maris, for their donations of toothbrushes for the children of Nepal. With a combined effort, they are taking over 1,000 plus Toothbrushes next week, as their adventure begins. On his return, Nathaniel looks forward to coming back to Stella Maris to give a short presentation about the community service expedition.

Important Message For Ritchies Bus Students

Kingsway School have a teacher only day on **Monday 30th April** which is the first day of **term two**. Route 1518 to Helensville and Parakai via Wainui and route 1577 to Waimauku via Coatsville **will not be running**. All other Ritchies bus routes will be running at normal times. The transfer bus will pick up as per normal.

School Uniform

Term 2 will commence on Monday 30th April at 8.45 - T2 sees a change into winter uniform. Please ensure that when you purchase shoes that they are a **plain black school shoe** (velcro, buckle or lace) - **NO** coloured shoes and **NO** shoes with coloured / white soles. If your child requires special shoes due to medical reasons the school still asks that they wear a **plain black shoe with no colour**. **School Uniform Socks**, uniform socks will be available from our stockist "Positive Image" in Silverdale from the 16th April in time for students return to school. The price is \$11.50 per pair. There will be a transition period, where students can wear black socks they may currently have. However, we will **still enforce that these are regulation knee high black socks** as stipulated in the school handbook.

PTFA Holiday Competition

Students have been given a "Design a Guitar" competition form. Have fun over the holidays, let your creative flair "shine" entries need to be returned by the 1st of May.

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball Results - Stella Maris Shadows

A very competitive game with some great defense by Stella Shadows. A loss of 4 to 0 against Whangaparaoa Wizards. Star player of the day was Sam Minogue for some explosive attack and many great steals.

PTFA NEWS

Mums Day Fun Lunch – Friday 11 May

A heads up that our next fun lunch will be on Mums Day, Friday 11th May. Come and have lunch with your child(ren) and share some sushi with them! This is an early notice as the lunch is the second week back at school next term. Orders will open over the holidays and close early in the second week. We will again be using the online Kindo system, check with your class text angel if you need the link. Final details and menu items to come once these are confirmed through St Pierre's. Anyone who can help by taking their class' sushi order through on the day would be much appreciated. Please contact Tina McKee Wright.

The PTFA Needs YOU, Please Read.

Over the last few years, we have achieved amazing results through our initiatives with support of our great community. With that success we have proudly donated around \$40k to school each year for upgrades, curriculum items, playground, teacher wish lists, etc. However, for this to continue, we need to ensure we have an agreed focus, goals and plans that align with both the community wants and the school needs. This decision making all happens during our monthly meetings which, sadly, have dropped dramatically in attendance in recent years. To the point that we had two meetings last year where we did not have our minimum numbers present and so we had to cease to operate/make decisions until the next month. To continue to bring great events and support fostering the community spirit, we need more of our community to attend and participate in the decision making. That could be parents (mum or dad), grandparents, teachers, staff, whomever has a vested interest in our children's life at Stella Maris. Please seriously consider being involved both as a helper at events which is awesome, and as participants in the decisions being made behind the scenes. The PTFA needs YOU. Next meeting, Wednesday 2nd May, 7.15pm in the school staff room.

PTFA Positions - Vacancies

We are seeking keen individuals who would like to be part of a passionate group of parents to achieve great things for our school:

- Chair - Preparation and run the monthly meetings (approx 10 per year) - signatory on the accounts. Other duties can be taken on and/or delegated based on the time/energy the chair can commit to the role. The main focus is holding the meetings with the support of the Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Deputy Chair - this is a new role created to support the Chair should they not be available, ie Chair a meeting if the Chair is away along with any other duties that are agreed as/if required.

Both these positions will be voted on at the next meeting, 2nd May. Please seriously consider putting your hand up for one of these roles. They are both great learning from a management and leadership point of view, it's charitable, and can be really fun if you don't take it too seriously. No harm in having a go, removing a bit of formality and just enjoying the gift of giving back to our school. If you have any questions, please email: stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz

COMMUNITY NEWS

Carmel College 2019 Enrolments For Year 7 To Year 9

The Pre-enrolment event for prospective Year 7 to Year 9 students starting at Carmel College in 2019, and their families, will be held on Thursday, 10th May 2018. Online applications for students starting in 2019 are now open. Information about the Pre-enrolment evening, the enrolment process and timeline is available on the college website under the enrolment link.

Carmel College Proprietor Board Vacancy

You are invited to come on Board and make a difference! Carmel College is seeking two prospective Directors for its Board of Proprietors who oversee the property and special character of the college. A commitment to Catholic and Gospel values is important and experience working with iwi or ethnic communities, or a not-for-profit or charitable organisation at a strategic level would be an advantage. Also useful will be expertise in one or more of the following areas: a legal background in property, employment or health and safety, or a marketing background preferably, but not necessarily in education or not-for-profit. We would love you to come on Board. If you are interested, contact Board Chair lynn.lander@xtra.co.nz for further information.

Centre Stage Youth Theatre

When Dr. Seuss' best-loved characters collide and cavort in an unforgettable musical caper! Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favourite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in *Seussical JR.* A fantastical musical extravaganza. Featuring Stella Maris pupils Rylee Stevens and Ilan Hobman. Shows start on Tuesday 17th April to Saturday 21st April. Centrestage Theatre. Tickets are all \$22.00. www.centrestagetheatre.co.nz.



Netball Holiday Programme - Orewa College

Suitable for Year 3 – 6 students. Tuesday 17th April 9am – 3pm and Wednesday 18th April 9am – 3pm. \$35 for 1 day and \$60 for 2 days. Orewa College Netball Courts, Gate 2. For further information contact Keri-Ann Muller Ph: 021 174 0010. E: keriannmuller@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

Dove Catholic Fellowship For Women

Warmly invites all women to their April Meeting and 30th Birthday of North Shore Dove. Topic: PEACE (Colossians 3:15). Speaker: Pam Wood. Wednesday 18th April, 7.30pm -9.30pm. Parish hall, St.Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629.

**TERM ONE ENDS
TOMORROW 13TH APRIL 2.45pm**

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**TERM TWO COMMENCES  
MONDAY 30TH APRIL 8.45am**

## Mark Your Diaries

|               |                                                         |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>13 Apr</b> | <b>TERM ONE ENDS 2.45pm</b>                             |
| 25 Apr        | ANZAC Day Ceremony 11am, RSA, Viponds Road              |
| <b>30 Apr</b> | <b>TERM TWO COMMENCES 8.45am</b>                        |
| 30 Apr        | Mokehū and Huruhuru Assembly 11.20am                    |
| 02 May        | PTFA Forum 7.15pm                                       |
| 04 May        | PTFA Market Day 8.15am school foyer                     |
| 07 May        | Matikao Assembly 11.20am                                |
| 07 May        | Book Fair Week                                          |
| 08 May        | ICAS Digital 9am                                        |
| 08 May        | BOT Meeting 7.30pm                                      |
| 10 May        | School Liturgy 8.55am                                   |
| 11 May        | Mums Day at Stella Maris 12.20pm–2.45pm                 |
| 11 May        | PTFA Fun Lunch                                          |
| 13 May        | Mother's Day                                            |
| 24 May        | Rippa Rugby 9am – 1.30pm                                |
| 28 May        | Full School Assembly Charism Awards Presented           |
| 29 May        | ICAS Science 9am                                        |
| 30 May        | PTFA Forum 7.15pm                                       |
| <b>04 Jun</b> | <b>QUEEN' BIRTHDAY SCHOOL CLOSED</b>                    |
| 05 Jun        | BOT Meeting 7.30pm                                      |
| 07 Jun        | Football Tournament Stanmore Bay                        |
| 07 Jun        | Liturgy 8.55am                                          |
| 11 Jun        | ICAS Spelling 9am                                       |
| 12 Jun        | Cafè` Stella 9am - Topic "Junior Reading Expectations"  |
| 12 Jun        | ICAS Writing 9am                                        |
| 19 Jun        | OPEN DAY 9am – 12pm                                     |
| 21 Jun        | Liturgy 8.55am                                          |
| 25 Jun        | Full school assembly - Charism Awards presented 11.20am |
| 26 Jun        | PTFA Fun Lunch                                          |
| 27 Jun        | PTFA Forum 7.15pm                                       |
| 30 Jun        | PTFA Art Auction                                        |
| 03 Jul        | BOT Meeting 7.30pm                                      |
| 05 Jul        | Liturgy 8.55am                                          |
| 05 Jul        | Rippa Rugby 9.00–1.30pm                                 |
| 06 Jul        | Catholic Schools Mufti Day                              |
| 06 Jul        | PTFA Market Day                                         |
| <b>06 Jul</b> | <b>TERM TWO ENDS 2.45pm</b>                             |
| <b>23 Jul</b> | <b>TERM THREE COMMENCES 8.45am</b>                      |
| 25 Jul        | School Finishes at 12.20pm - Parent Interviews from 1pm |
| 25 Jul        | Parent Interviews 1.00pm–7.00pm                         |
| 26 Jul        | Parent Interviews Continue 3.15pm–7.00pm                |
| 01 Aug        | PTFA Forum 7.15pm                                       |
| 02 Aug        | Liturgy 8.55am                                          |
| 10 Aug        | School Cross Country 1pm – 2.45pm                       |
| 14 Aug        | ICAS Maths 9am                                          |
| 14 Aug        | BOT Meeting 7.30pm                                      |

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

|                  |      |         |
|------------------|------|---------|
| 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)

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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**