

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

We have a common saying that expresses our insistence on tangible proof of every faith claim: "I'll believe it when I see it."

In this Sunday's gospel we hear Thomas tell his fellow disciples that he needs to see Jesus' wounds before he will believe He has risen.

When will the moment come for us, when we look up and really notice, really see the Risen Lord?

During mass the priest says to us "The Peace of Christ be with you." This is a statement of the way things are because the Risen Christ, present with us in worship, has brought us peace.

Life and peace are the reality of the resurrection. They do not necessarily change the circumstances of our life and world. Cyclones will still form, the hungry still need to be fed, and loved ones will die. The life and peace of Jesus' resurrection enable us to meet and live through those circumstances. He gives us his peace, his breath, his life, and then sends us out.

## Coming Events To Note

Apr 09	Full School Assembly and Charism Awards at 11:20am
Apr 13	School ends at 2:45pm for Term 1
Apr 30	School starts at 8:45am for Term 2

## Team News

**Matikao Team:** We have all returned refreshed after our 5 day Holy break. Easter was a great time to be together as a family and relax and not too much chocolate hopefully! The children are all busy working on their art projects ready for the art auction later in the year.

**Mokehu Team:** We hope everyone had a good Easter break. We are completing our Jesus Strand, so RE books will be coming home over the next week or so. Please fill in the comment boxes and send them back to school the following day. If you need suggestions for comments, please look at Page 26 of the Family Whanau books for ideas.

**Huruhuru Team:** Would like to encourage all parents to look into the wonderful work all students have been doing on Google classrooms. There have been some mature and thoughtful ideas and comments made, particularly on our RE google classroom where the events of Easter have been explored in detail.

God Bless

Alan Watts





On Sunday the church celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. Today at the whole school Liturgy, St Joachim class re-enacted the story for us – the empty tomb, the message from the angels and Jesus appearing to his disciples. As we remember these events from long ago we need to remind ourselves that Jesus is present for us, all of us, in our lives today. An important part of our regular RE lessons is to help our students encounter the risen Jesus.

*“The Angels said, “Why do you look for Jesus among the dead in this tomb? He is not here. He has been raised from the dead!”*

*From Luke’s Gospel (the version read at school Liturgy today)*

God Bless  
Kathie Bodle  
Director of Religious Studies

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School Accounts And Tax Donation Receipts

All receipts for donations have been posted. If anyone still requires a copy please email [achieve@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:achieve@stellamaris.school.nz). Term 1 attendance dues and donations are due by the end of next week. Thank you to the families who have their accounts up to date.

### Pita Pit

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’



### 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](mailto:amanda@stellamaris.school.nz) by Tuesday 10th of April. Students will be required to wear their school uniform for this occasion. We hope that we can have a strong representation from the school.

### Charism Awards Assembly

Monday 9th April is a Full School Assembly. Charism Awards will be presented. 11.20am in the school hall.

### Cafe Stella

It was great to see so much interest in this terms Cafe Stella. Mark your diary for next term. The topic will be “Junior Reading Expectations” this will be held on 12th June 9am in the staffroom.

**Stella Maris**  
**Catholic Primary School**

**Board of Trustees Casual Vacancies**

Two Casual vacancies have occurred on the Board of Trustees for elected parent representatives.

The Board has resolved under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancies by selection.

If 10% or more of the eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancies, then a by-election will be held.

*Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:*

Chairperson,  
BOT,  
P O Box 103 Silverdale,  
Auckland 0944

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Interschool Swimming

Congratulations to all students who competed in last weeks interschool swimming competition. You can all be proud of your achievements. Certificates will be presented at next Mondays assembly, 11.20am in the school hall. A big thank you also to parents who helped on the day.

### Basketball Results - Stella Maris Shadows

Our determination paid off with a great win this week. 4 to 3 against Smashers. Star player of the day was Dylan Tang.





Stations of the Cross Liturgy at Stella Maris

## PTFA NEWS

### 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 regarding either role, please email: [stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:stellaptfa@stellamaris.school.nz)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### The New Horizon 2018 Variety Show

Featuring National and Local artists. Saturday 14th April 7.30pm at Orewa Arts and Events Centre. Raising funds for HBC Youth Centre and Rugged Learning Adventures. To purchase tickets email [tickets@newhorizon.co.nz](mailto:tickets@newhorizon.co.nz) \$30.00 or available on eventfinda \$30.00 per ticket.

## 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.

### Altar Servers

If you are 10 years or older and have been confirmed, we encourage you to consider becoming an Altar Server. The parish particularly needs more servers at the 5.30pm and 8.30am Masses. Please contact Jo Wilson, Ph: 09 427 4925.

**TERM ONE ENDS  
NEXT FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 2.45pm**

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



## Mark Your Diaries

|           |            |                                                         |
|-----------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 09        | Apr        | Full School Assembly 11.20am - Charism Awards Presented |
| 10        | Apr        | BOT Meeting 7.30pm                                      |
| <b>13</b> | <b>Apr</b> | <b>TERM ONE ENDS 2.45pm</b>                             |
| <b>30</b> | <b>Apr</b> | <b>TERM TWO COMMENCES 8.45am</b>                        |
| 30        | Apr        | Mokeyhu 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                                |
| 08        | 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</b> | <b>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        | Cafe` 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</b> | <b>Jul</b> | <b>TERM TWO ENDS 2.45pm</b>                             |
| <b>23</b> | <b>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

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## 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)

- 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**