Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER 27 September 2018

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Dear Families

This Sunday in the gospel we hear John say to Jesus: "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." John has discovered that someone, not one of the disciples, was also ministering in Jesus' name. They took offense because this was seen as a direct threat to what they saw as their exclusive calling by Jesus. But, Jesus responds: "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me". Jesus is teaching us that who is included in the Kingdom is not within our authority, or even within our concern. The call as to who is included in Christ's Kingdom belongs to Christ alone.

Congratulations to the Huruhuru Team on their production of "Shakespeare Rocks." We have now had 3 shows and many, many hours of practice. All the hard work is very evident in the performances and is a credit to the determination of all. Good luck for the final show tonight.

From next term Stella Maris is becoming a water only school. Please only send water to school with your children. On Tuesday October 30 there will be a parent meeting at school at 7:30pm to explain why, and to answer any questions you may have. Data provided by the Waitemata District Health Board for the students in our school shows that at 5 years of age our 73.3% of our students have no cavities, but by age nine that figure drastically reduces to only 45.2% of our students being cavity free.

We are reviewing our end of year liturgy and prize giving ceremony. We have received feedback from Year 3-6 students, and we would like feedback from parents. There is a short survey which will help our decision making. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LS53WDJ

Coming Events

Sept 28	PTFA Market day – Fun lunch
	Calendar orders close today
	End of Term 3 - 2.45pm
Oct 15	Term 4 begins – 8.45am

Team News

Matikao Team: The highlight of our week was watching the Huruhuru team production, 'Shakespeare Rocks!' The children have been enjoying the new gardens and are respecting this as a special place to enjoy. We look forward to our term break and returning refreshed for term four.

Mokehu Team: We are so proud of the students in Mokehu team. We have had a great term with lots of hard work and fun. Thank you to all the people who have come in and supported our classes. We look forward to having a great term four. Don't forget we are transitioning to a 'Water Only' school next term. Please return swimming forms as soon as possible. Have a great holiday!

Huruhuru Team: Huruhuru classes would all like to thank everyone who has contributed towards our Production in any way. So many people have given freely of their time and expertise to make this amazing learning opportunity possible. We hope you all enjoy the show and are able to see the fruits of all the time and effort our students have put into making this such a successful show. We are also extremely proud of how our dedicated students have shared their talents so willingly.

God Bless

Alan Watts

Hibiscus Coast Parish Priest: Father John Tollan – P: 09 426 5599 ext 2 – E: mejrt53@gmail.com

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The last few weeks as the Huruhuru team have been busily preparing for their production we have seen a wonderful example of a community coming together to work as a team. Jesus taught us that we each have talents and skills that we are to use to serve others, to help build up God's kingdom here on earth. Watching each person involved in the production play their part and work towards the common good (in this case a stunning show) demonstrates how followers of Jesus can work for good in the world. I hope you didn't miss the show!! It was an exciting way to end the term.

" There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body."

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

God Bless and happy holidays
Kathie Bodle
DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance Dues 2019

The school has received notification from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland to advise families that Attendance Dues for 2019 will increase from $107.50 per child per term to $110.00 per child per term. This is for all primary school students. The Board of Directors of Auckland Common Fund Limited (ACFL) represents the Proprietors of all Catholic primary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Auckland. The 2% increase was made after careful consideration and every effort to keep costs down for families. Accounts sent out in 2019 will reflect the new amount. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact Mr Watts or Mrs Mackereth.

Rosary

During the Month of October the school community comes together to pray the Rosary daily. Students pray every day at 9am in the class, except on a Thursday when the Rosary will be prayed in the hall at 9am. All families, grandparents, and our wider community are invited to attend the Rosary in the hall each Thursday in October at 9am. Rosary Beads will be available from the school office at the beginning of term 4, $1 a pair, we look forward to families joining us on the Thursday mornings.

Grandparents Day

An invitation is extended to all the grandparents of our students to join the school community from 8.45am to 12 midday on Tuesday 23rd October. It would be most appreciated if families could please bring a plate that our grandparents can enjoy over a cuppa. We look forward to hosting this event and opening our school doors to our very valued grandparent community.

Unnamed Scholastic Book Orders

The office is holding a book ***"The Fourth Closet"*** from a previous Scholastic Book order. There was no name on the order placed. If your child ordered this and you are waiting for this book please can you call to the office and see Mrs Craig who is holding this for the owner.

Matikao And Mokehu Swimming Programme

A notice went home last week outlining the swimming programme for teams Matikao and Mokehu in term 4. The programme commences at the start of week 4 Monday 5th November and runs for two weeks. Please ensure you fill out the forms and return them by Monday 15th October. If you require another notice you can download a copy from the school website.

Tree Planting

The Stella community would like to acknowledge and praise the energy and enthusiasm of all those who came along last Sunday to help with preparing garden beds and planting the trees and shrubs in our native/sensory garden. It is really beginning to take shape now, thanks to the hard work of the Molloy, Cuffe, Craig, Child, Bell, Palande, McPhail-Lu, Farrell, McLeod-Edhouse and Bates families. Many thanks to all who gave their time and energy.

Summer Uniform

A reminder that in term 4 the children wear summer uniform. Please ensure your children have plain black school sandals, and a reminder hats are compulsory in term 4. We ask that during the holidays you also take time to make any repairs to uniforms to ensure that uniforms are worn with pride and in the spirit of Stella Maris. If your child requires a uniform pass please write a note or email the class teacher to explain – uniform passes are temporary. For more information regarding summer uniform please refer to the parent handbook available to view on the school website.

Full School Mass At St John's Church

On Wednesday 21st November we will join with Parishioners at St John's Church in Orewa to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be at 9.30am. Students will travel by bus.

PTFA NEWS

We Need Your Help!

Planning is under way for the end of year picnic. This is a time for students, staff and families to celebrate the year and have some fun! To make this happen we need to call on our Stella Maris Community. We're trying a different approach this year with each classroom coming up with a stall/activity. So be prepared, your children may need help! If you can contribute goods/services in any way. Donations for prizes or skills/talent for our music and entertainment programme. Please contact. Tasha 022 658 3816 or tashm13@hotmail.com

Calendar Art Orders Close Tomorrow

Order forms have been sent home with your children. Your child's art is on display in the school foyer. Their creative artwork can be turned into Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Pads and Sketchpads. There is also an option to order the same products using your own photographs. This option is done online, and you will need to follow the instructions on the bottom of the order form. **Orders will close on the last day of term, Friday 28th September**. Please return your order forms to the PTFA box by this date. Thank you.

PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale Tomorrow

Friday 28th September. 8.15am in the school foyer.

PTFA Fun Lunch - Pizza & Popcorn

PTFA Fun Lunch. Pizza and popcorn. Orders have now closed. Pizza will be delivered to each classroom for lunch time on Friday. Any queries contact Tasha on 022 658 3816.

SPORTS NEWS

Stella Shadows

A fast paced and challenging game against the top team. So proud of our team for their determination, they played right to the final whistle. We lost 7 to 1. Star Player: **Sam Minogue** for all round outstanding play. Goals: **Zac Roughton** (1)

HBC Flippaball Term 3 Finals

Stella Sharks 5/6 vs Wentworth Warriors Loss 1:3
Second Place Overall

Stella Sealions 3/4 vs Brutus Forfeited game
Second Place Overall

Superstar effort teams – fantastic results and a big thumbs up for your skills development this year. Thanks also to Pipi Quinlan and Brooke Churches for coaching our Stella teams.

Congratulations

Rafael Austria, recently completed his Poom/Black Belt Grading at Kumgang Martial Arts and successfully passed his assessment. It takes time, commitment, self-control, perseverance and indomitable spirit over many years to succeed as a Black Belt. We are very proud of your effort Rafael.

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Programme HBC Parish

Enrolments for the 2018/19 programme are now open. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or from the church foyer. Children need to be baptised Catholic and aged 8 years by end October 2018. The programme runs from October 2018 to June 2019 - dates still to be finalised. The cost of the programme is $60, which includes course material, a personalised candle and professional photograph of your child during the ceremony. If you wish to enrol your child please complete the enrolment form and return with payment and a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the parish office no later than Friday 19th October 2018. For more information please contact Claire Buckley, programme coordinator, (09) 420 4045 or email: cmbuckley76@gmail.com

Altar Servers

The parish are looking for more altar servers for the 5.30pm, 8.30am and 10.15am Masses. If you are 10 years or older and have been confirmed, please consider becoming a server. Please contact Chris or Jo Wilson 09 427 4925.

Warkworth Puhoi Parish First Eucharist and Confirmation

Term Three Ends
Friday 28th September 2.45pm
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Term Four Commences
Monday 15th October 8.45am

LABOUR DAY
MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER
SCHOOL CLOSED
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Mark Your Diaries

27	Sep	Huruhuru Production Performance 1pm and 7pm
28	Sep	PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale and Market Day 8.15am
28	Sep	PTFA Pizza and Popcorn Fun Lunch
28	**Sep**	**TERM THREE ENDS**
07	Oct	Fijian Language Week Begins
14	Oct	Niuean Language Week Begins
15	**Oct**	**TERM FOUR COMMENCES**
15	Oct	Rosary Commences
21	Oct	Tokelauan Language Week Begins
22	**Oct**	**LABOUR DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**
23	Oct	Grandparents Day 8.45am to 12.00pm
05	Nov	Year 1-4 Swimming Programme Commences
06	Nov	Carmel College Orientation
06	Nov	Rosmini College Orientation
13	Nov	BOT Meeting 7.30pm - All welcome
20	Nov	Huruhuru Athletics 9am, Full School Sprints 1pm
21	Nov	Feast of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
21	Nov	Full School Mass at St Johns Church 9.30am
23	Nov	PTFA Fun Lunch
23	Nov	Day for all days
27	Nov	Interschool Athletics
28	Nov	Matikao Prace Show 1.20pm
30	Nov	New Entrants 2019 First School Visit
06	Dec	Christmas Show for Matikao parents 9.30am
07	Dec	New Entrants 2019 Second School Visit
13	Dec	Matikao Athletics 9.30am
14	Dec	End Of Year Picnic and Stalls
18	Dec	End of Year Prize Giving Liturgy 11am St John's Church
18	Dec	Year 6 End Of Graduation Dinner 5.30pm
19	**Dec**	**TERM FOUR ENDS 12.20pm**

Please note: school calendar dates may be subject to change

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2018 School Term Dates

TERM 3	Monday	23 July	–	Friday	28 September
TERM 4	Monday	15 October	–	Wednesday	19 December

2018 Public Holidays

Labour Day 22nd October

2019 School Term Dates

TERM 1	Thursday	07 February	–	Friday	12 April *
TERM 2	Monday	29 April	–	Friday	05 July
TERM 3	Monday	22 July	–	Friday	27 September
TERM 4	Monday	14 October	–	Friday	20 December

2019 Public Holidays

*Easter and ANZAC Day fall in the April school holidays

Queen's Birthday 3rd June

Labour Day 28th October

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School Dental Clinic
09 426 8470

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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

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

Auckland Youth
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
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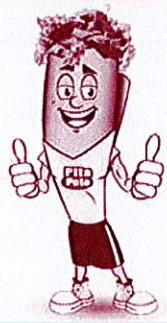

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