

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

The gospel on Sunday tells about Jesus being crucified with the two thieves. Jesus prayed "Father, forgive them: they do not know what they are doing." Meanwhile, the people stood watching. Some of the leaders kept jeering at Jesus, saying: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, the chosen one."

Jesus forgives those who wrong him for, "they do not know what they are doing." Can we step back, recognize what we are doing or not doing, and make an effort to change?

Thank you to all who were able to support our "Working Bee" last Sunday. There was an amazing turn out of staff, students, parents and grandparents. The school has been enriched by your efforts.

We have some amazing hampers for our raffles thanks to the donations last Friday, and the special wrapping by Renee Beckett and her helpers. The hampers are on display inside the Mokehu atrium.

Our "Carols on the Coast" is only a week away on 30th November. Come along and enjoy carols, food and some Christmas shopping ideas. The school carpark will not be available on Saturday (except for staff and stall vendors), but parking will be available across the road at the Silverdale Centre.

Coming Events

November	18-22	Year 5 and 6 camp at Raglan.
	25-29	Care and Share Food Item Appeal, Boxes in the foyer
	26	Interschool Athletics for Year 5 and 6 at Metro Park.
	30	Carols on the Coast at Stella Maris 4pm – 8:30pm
December	05	PTFA Fun Lunch – pizza
	06	PTFA Market Day at 8:15am in the foyer

Team News

Matikao Team: Classes are training hard for our Athletics day on Thursday 12th December. Please feel free to come along and watch us run, jump and throw. A reminder please that students should have sunscreen applied before school and ensure they have a named hat for Term 4. If you are coming to athletics day, please sign in when you arrive, there will be a book in the foyer.

Mokehu Team: Well done to our Year 3 and 4 choir who performed at the annual Parish Christmas Lunch. Thank you also to parents who helped with transport. Our team is responsible for manning the sausage sizzle and selling raffle tickets for the hampers at the Carols on the Coast event, Saturday 30th November. If you are able to spend a little time on the night helping with this, please fill in the forms outside St Joachim and St Anthony. The choir will be singing at 4:50pm until 5:15pm, and any other students keen to join will have a chance to practise next week each afternoon.

Huruhuru Team: Are away on camp this week. We wish the team and the parent helpers all the best for a wonderful week.

God Bless

Alan Watts
School Principal



As Catholics we are often given opportunities to share our faith with others. The Carols on the Coast on Saturday 30th November is a wonderful opportunity for us to gently share ourselves with the local community. Christmas Carols continue the tradition started by St Francis of Assisi who through his Nativity plays introduced carols to many countries. The word carol means dance or a song of praise and joy. Through our commitment to this community event, our offers of service, our willingness to spend time helping at the Carols on the Coast, we are bringing songs of praise and joy to the community. May our welcome to those who come to Carols on the Coast show the joy we have in being Catholics, the joy we have in celebrating the birth of our Saviour and the joy we have in belonging to Stella Maris. The angel said,

"Don't be afraid, I'm bringing you good news that is for everyone."

Christmas doesn't feel much like good news for those who are lonely, especially if we don't have a warm place to be or a warm welcome. God, help those of us in the Stella Maris community to open our hearts to everyone this Christmas, so that the angel's message may truly be good news for those who we meet. Amen

Karl Hobman
DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

A Massive 'Thank You'!



Wow! What a team! The grounds look amazing, the gardens are all tidied up and Stella Maris is looking great for 'Carols on the Coast' Christmas fun. Our last few native trees were planted and some lovely planter boxes are now all ready for their herb plants, too. It was a fabulous turn-

out of wonderful workers who got down to it and worked their magic on Stella Maris. The kids joined in and had a lot of fun as well. So a huge thank you to you all!

Amanda Bates (Environment Team)

Weetbix Tryathlon Stella Maris Team

22nd March 2020 is the Weet-Bix tryathlon. Stella Maris has entered a team and we would love as many Stella Maris students as possible to join in. You can enter individually or as a team of 3 (each competitor completing one leg each). Students don't have to be strong swimmers as they can walk in the water, and there are heaps of life guards in the water with the children. Stella Maris will have a gazebo up for families to sit together and we will share a bbq at the end of the tryathlon. It's an awesome experience for the participants. If you would like to enter please follow the link <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35585&G=101339>

Alexis Purvis (Stella Maris Weet-Bix tryathlon coordinator)

Old Mill Road Entrance To Stella Maris

When exiting Stella Maris carpark using the top Old Mill Road exit, please **look LEFT before exiting to the right**, there can be traffic coming from that direction. Also if you are dropping off or picking your children up, please do not block residents driveways. Thank you.

I have a can-do attitude!

**Cereal, Pasta, Flour
Bathroom item or A Can**

**25th to 29th November to support
Hibiscus Coast Parish Care & Share Group**


**Baskets will be available in the foyer for
you to leave your item.**

**All produce goes to families in the
community who are in need.**



Huruhuru Team at Camp Raglan

SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB



*Order forms have gone home
orders will close on*

Wednesday 27th November

*This is a wonderful way of
supporting your child's reading
and raising bonus points for the
school to purchase curriculum
items. Please hand your orders
into the school office.*


Your support is appreciated.

SCHOLASTIC

PTFA NEWS

WANTED: Second Hand Books!

Have you got good quality second hand books you no longer want?
We would like to take them off your hands for the Second hand book
stall for the Carols on the Coast event.



If you have any books you would like to donate please place them
inside one of the boxes located inside the foyer.

Thank you so much for donation!

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Masses

If you are available to be a Minister of the Word, Minister of Communion, Sacristan, Mass Coordinator, Collector or Altar Server for the Christmas 5.30pm, Midnight, 8.30am or 10.15am Masses, please add your name to the list in the church foyer.

The Youth Group

Will meet in the St John's Hall on Friday 22nd November, 7pm – 9pm. Please bring a plate. All ages are welcome. For more information contact Tania Alofaki Ph: 020 4147-3785.

Nativity Play

All children who would like to be involved in this years Christmas Eve nativity play at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St John's Church, please attend the Children's Liturgy over the next couple of weeks. For more information, contact Tania Collier 022 0368480 or Kathy Ellery 021 055 1144.

Hibiscus Junior Choir


There is still room for more people. Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Are you able to read? We are keen to hear from you. We meet on Saturday's 3pm - 4.30pm at St John's Church.

**COAST
TO COAST
ROSARY**

Saturday
7 December 2019
3pm

**for Life
and
Faith**

*under the mantle
of
Our Lady of
Assumption*



**COAST
TO COAST
ROSARY**

We invite all
North Shore
parishes to join us
in praying the Rosary and
Divine Mercy Chaplet
for Life and Faith
under the mantle of
Our Lady of
Assumption,
patroness of
New Zealand.

It will be held at
St Thomas More
Catholic Church,
336 Wairau Road, Glenfield
on
Saturday
7 December
at 3pm to 4pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Carols On The Coast Raffle

Thank you for selling the raffle books. All profits from the event go back to Stella Maris School for our pathway. Please remember stubs and money needs to be returned to the PTFA box by this **Friday 22 November**. Don't forget a couple of prezzie cards are up for grabs for most raffle books sold. Winners of the most sold will be announced at school the week following the event. Good luck!

The Original Gypsy Fair

Stalls, free entertainment and free entry. Centreway Reserve, Orewa 9am to 5pm. 23rd to 24th November.


Ocean Kids Series

King of the Bays, Takapuna Beach 7th December. Enter now oceankids.co.nz

The Music Academy Drama Show

With our talented Stella
Maris Students, are proud
to present...

OLIVER TWIST



Date: 1st December 2019
Time: 1.00 pm sharp
Venue: Centre Stage, Centreway Road
Orewa

Cost of Show: ENTRY IS FREE: JUST
COME ALONG.

Donation at the Door: We will be collecting
for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. If you
would like to donate on the day.

Mark Your Diaries

25 Nov	Matikao Team Assembly 11.20am
30 Nov	Carols on the Coast PTFA Public Event 4pm
02 Dec	Mohehu Team Assembly 11.20am
04 Dec	School Helpers morning tea - Please register of the office
05 Dec	Liturgy 8.55am
05 Dec	PTFA Fun Lunch - Pizza
09 Dec	Huruhuru Team Assembly 11.20am
11 Dec	Mohehu Team Athletics 9am - 12.20pm
12 Dec	Matikao Team Athletics 9am - 12.20pm
16 Dec	Whole School Assembly 9am - Presentation of SHINE and Charism Awards
17 Dec	Reports home today
17 Dec	Class swap for 2020 classes
19 Dec	End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy St Johns Church 11am
19 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Dinner 5.30pm RSA Vipond Road
20 Dec	TERM FOUR ENDS 12.20pm

Please note: school calendar dates may be subject to change

2019 School Term Dates

TERM 4 Monday 14 Oct - Friday 20 Dec

2020 School Term Dates

TERM 1 Friday	07 Feb - Thursday	09 Apr
TERM 2 Tuesday	28 Apr - Friday	03 Jul
Teacher Only Day	Friday	29 May
TERM 3 Monday	20 Jul - Friday	25 Sep
TERM 4 Monday	12 Oct - Friday	18 Dec

Family Whanau Book Resource Link

<http://www.faithalive.org.nz/assets/Resources/Family-whanau-book.pdf>

Telephone

Netball

- Cancellation Number -
09 424 2318

Parish Office

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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

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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