

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday's gospel is about overcoming temptation. We hear the experience of Jesus, who is our supreme example. This is the story of the encounter of Jesus with Satan. Satan attempted to get Jesus to put his own needs and potential concerns above the will of His Father. He wanted Jesus to act independently of the Father. He wanted Jesus to sacrifice His secure future for the present. Jesus met Satan's challenge by trusting His Father to do all things in His time, in His way, and with His result!

Very often, we are concerned about the present. We are tempted to sacrifice our principles for a short-term gain. Satan powerfully lures us into this trap. Instead of giving in, we can follow the example of Jesus in overcoming temptation through trust in God.

We look forward to seeing you at our "Welcome Picnic" and "Meet the Teachers" tomorrow night Friday February 28th. We will also celebrate the opening of the scooter/bike/running track.

- Matikao Team meet at 4:00pm in the Matikao Atrium
- Mokehu Team meet at 4:30pm in the Mokehu Atrium
- Huruhuru Team meet at 5pm in the Huruhuru Atrium.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates at Assembly:

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| St Joseph Zach Main, Julia Anders | St Dominic Emily Rackham, Sam Minogue, James Thorpe |
| St Augustine Nina Van Kampen-Marsich, Trisha Phansekar, Kash Hape, Mylah Hodgson | St Patrick Donte Gomes, Finn Jordan, Mason Pratt, Bella Pistorius |

Team News

Matikao Team: What a fun time we had during our football skills/games session last week! The facilitators were amazing - organised, talented and great with the kids. It has been a busy week this week with preparing ashes, making pancakes and a wonderful liturgy on Wednesday to begin the season of Lent. Now we begin our journey to Easter with Jesus.

Mokehu Team: We look forward to seeing parents and families tomorrow afternoon at the welcome picnic. This is a great informal way to meet other families and make connections. Mokehu teachers invite parents and caregivers from the team to meet us in our atrium at 4:30pm to hear a brief overview of how we run our team. Teachers will then go into their classes for any questions you may have about the programme. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Huruhuru Team: Throughout this week students are working on PAT testing to measure student progress and inform next steps for goal setting. We thank all those students who have taken on leadership roles for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Kapa Haka has begun and we are preparing for the upcoming events. We are all set to welcome Japanese students on Friday at 11.20am. Meet the Teacher is on Friday after school, Huruhuru session will begin in St Joseph's at 5.00pm. Huruhuru's Swimming Carnival is on Tuesday 3rd March, held at Northern Arena. The cost of this is \$4.50, could this please be paid to the school office. Students are asked to record in the Atrium whether or not they are swimming competitively or non-competitively for each of the events. Parents are encouraged to talk these decisions through with their child.

Alan Watts

Principal



This week senior students led us in two very special Liturgies. Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent. As Pope Francis calls it "a wake up call for the soul". On Thursday St Joseph class explored our Lenten Caritas appeal providing a focus for us for our almsgiving and works of charity. During Lent Catholics are encouraged to Repent, perform acts of Charity and to Fast from things that take our focus away from God. Through these acts we attempt to journey with Christ all the way to his cross, our source of salvation. The students have many ideas about how they might experience this Lent. Perhaps discuss with your children how your family might mark this Lent season.

*God of goodness and mercy,
Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest
with myself as I look into my heart and soul,
noticing the times I turn away from you.
Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love.
May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you
and live forever in your abundant grace.
Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit
myself to grow closer to you each day. Amen.*

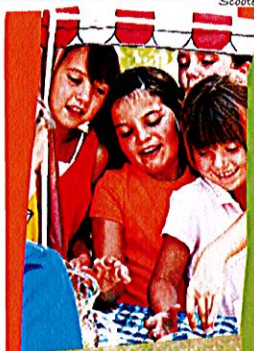
Karl Hobman
DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School



The PTFA warmly invite all new and returning families to a fun family 'Welcome Picnic' and 'Meet the Teacher' evening. Official opening of the new Bike / Scooter Track !!! and other games for all to enjoy !!!



**Friday 28th
February at
3.30 pm**

Come along for an informal evening picnic to meet and mingle. You can bring your own picnic, or purchase food at the school.

Don't forget your scooter.

This is a great time to meet your new teachers and say hello to new families who have joined us. It's also a great way to catch up after the holidays with parents you haven't seen over the summer.

Matikao Team 4pm

Mokehu Team 4.30pm

Huruhuru Team 5pm

The Cycle/Scooter track and playground will be open.

Any enquires please contact Roxy E: stellapfta@stellamaris.school.nz. See you there

Triadic Goal Setting Interviews

Wednesday 18th March commencing at 1.15pm to 7pm
Thursday 19th March commencing at 3.15 pm to 6.30pm

**The School will FINISH at 12.20pm
on the Wednesday 18th March 2020**



Bookings are to be made online by visiting
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Our School Access Number is **a2fhs**

**Please note online bookings are for years 1 – 4
Years 5 – 6 are made via sheets sent home**

Stationery Payment Due

This has been distributed to your child and a list outlining the items and cost was sent home. Payment can be made via online banking or with cash or cheque or eftpos at the school office. **Regardless of the method of payment, your child's stationery form must be returned to the office for processing.** Thank you.

Bus And Skids On Wednesday 18th March

Skids will be open from 12.20pm on Wednesday. The Bayes bus will run at the earlier time of 12.20pm. The Ritchies buses will run at the regular time. If you want your child to catch the Ritchies bus they will need to be booked into Skids until the bus arrives in the afternoon. To book into skids email stellamaris@skids.co.nz or phone 027 846 1725.

Absences

If your child is to be absent from school, please either email absences@stellamaris.school.nz, alert us through the Stella Maris School app or phone the school and leave a message on the absence line 09 427 9189. Please include child's name, class and **reason for the absence**.

Weetbix Tryathlon

Stella Maris has 28 students registered to participate in the weetbix tryathlon on the 22nd of March at Manly. If you have not yet paid can you please complete payment. If you would like to register your child please go to www.tryathlon.co.nz. Early bird payments close on the 1st March. We will have a team gazebo and a bbq for a sausage sizzle. If you register as part of the school team, the kit will be delivered to the school at a reduced courier cost. Contact Alexis Purvis, simon.alexis@xtra.co.nz Weetbix tryathlon coordinator.

PTFA NEWS

Welcome Picnic

The PTFA will be holding a sausage sizzle and ice cream sale at Friday's Welcome Picnic so make sure you bring some coins for a treat.

PARISH NEWS



Stations Of The Cross During Lent

If you are willing to lead the stations of the Cross at either St John's on Friday at 7.30pm or St Francis' on a Sunday at 4pm during Let, please add your name to the list in the Church foyer.

Easter Rosters

Ministers needed for Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Liturgy, Easter Vigil 8pm and Easter 10.15am Masses. We also need sacristans, collectors, readers for Palm Sunday and people willing to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. If you are able to volunteer for any of these please add your name to the lists in the Church foyer.

Youth Group Tomorrow

Friday 28th February in the parish hall at 7pm. Youth of all ages welcome. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Contact Tania 020414 73785.

World Day Of Prayer

All are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 6th March, hosted by Manly Methodist Church, 945 Whangaparaoa Road, 10.30am. Prepared by the women of Zimbabwe and the theme is 'Rise! Take your mat and walk'. Any volunteers who may like to participate in the service please contact Barbara Hines 09 427 8496.

Sacramental Programme Hibiscus Coast Parish

Please keep the following in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation:

Josephine Anders, Neil Bennett, Norah Bennett, Alexis Bonilla, Gabriel Boveland, Marco Cardeno, Jasmine Cate, Campbell Coggins, Harrison Coggins, Finn Cuffe, Shyla Dickinson, Kiera Dimock, Annabelle Dudek, Sophie Endlich, Kash Hape, Kree Hape, Kyus Hape, Devin Harkness, Celeste Heaney, Harlem Hope Jensen, Riley Hope Jensen, Caleb Jardim, Noah Johanson, Zach Juntilla, Shiloh Juntilla, Matthew Kajta, Darcy Kelleher, Damian Kim, Joesph Kim, Alyvia Lintag, Viktor Magdziarz, Isla McDougall, Emma Edhouse, Maika Moce, Sera Park, Marta Pozarosczyk, Maya Pozarosczyk, Sophie Skinner, Aiden Skinner, Zoe Smythe, Elam Thompson, Isabella Tier, Amaia Warren.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sacred Heart College Scholarships

A scholarship opportunity for Catholic students of Maori or Pasifika descent. Year 7 and 9 2021. Applications for Endeavour Scholarships are invited from Maori and Pasifika boys currently in Year 6 or 8 at their present school who display leadership potential, academic ability and participate in cultural activities. The Endeavour Scholarships provide the opportunity for four boys to receive an education to Sacred Heart College from Year 7/9 to Year 13. The scholarships include financial contributions, boarding fees and other expenses. Applications close 27th March 2020. If you would like further information please contact: Nicola Thomas, enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz 09 529 3660, ext 714.

Sacred Heart Open Day

Wednesday 4th March 2020. Welcome address at 1pm. Tours of the college at 11.45am and 1.30pm.

Mark Your Diaries

| | |
|--------|---|
| 27 Feb | Japanese students arrive 4pm |
| 28 Feb | Welcome Powhiri for Japanese students 11.20 |
| 28 Feb | Welcome Picnic 3.30pm |
| 28 Feb | 4pm Matikao "Meet the teacher" |
| 28 Feb | 4.30pm Mokehu "Meet the teacher" |
| 28 Feb | 5.00pm Huruhuru "Meet the teacher" |
| 01 Mar | National Children's Day |
| 02 Mar | Full School Assembly 9am school hall all welcome |
| 03 Mar | Year 5/6 Swimming Carnival 10.30am - 12.30pm Northern Arena |
| 09 Mar | Community singing 11.20am |
| 09 Mar | Carmel College Enrolments for 2021 to be completed |
| 10 Mar | Farewell lunch Japanese students and Host families |
| 10 Mar | New families BOT Welcome Pizza dinner 6pm |
| 10 Mar | BOT Meeting 7.30pm |
| 11 Mar | Japanese students leaving |
| 12 Mar | Liturgy 8.55am in hall - all welcome |
| 14 Mar | PTFA Parents Event |
| 16 Mar | Matikao Team Assembly 11.20am |
| 18 Mar | School finishes at 12.20pm for Goal setting interviews |
| 18 Mar | Goal Setting Interviews from 1.15pm |
| 19 Mar | Goal Setting Interviews continue from 3.15pm |
| 23 Mar | Mokehu Team Assembly 11.20am |
| 25 Mar | PTFA AGM followed by regular meeting 7.15pm school staffroom |
| 26 Mar | Liturgy 8.55am in the hall all welcome |
| 26 Mar | Interschool Swimming Northern Arena |
| 30 Mar | Huruhuru Team Assembly 11.20am |
| 01 Apr | Huruhuru Swimming Sessions begin - Northern Arena |
| 09 Apr | Stations of the Cross 9am at Stella Maris |
| 09 Apr | Holy Thursday |
| 09 Apr | TERM ONE ENDS 2.45pm |
| 10 Apr | GOOD FRIDAY |
| 27 Apr | ANZAC DAY OBSERVED - SCHOOL CLOSED |
| 28 Apr | TERM TWO STARTS |

Please note: school calendar dates may be subject to change

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## 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

- 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

[greg09122015@gmail.com](mailto:greg09122015@gmail.com)

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

### Coronavirus Healthline

0800 358 5453

### 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**



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