Dear Families

This Sunday in the gospel we hear Jesus tell his disciples and us, that the greatest commandment is love. Nothing can be more important than loving God above all, and loving others as oneself. Sunday's gospel centres the message of Jesus on two loves united in each of us. Love God, love the neighbour - this is the only commandment of Jesus. Jesus said this, and lived it in his life.

The BOT of are thrilled to advise our school Community that Mrs Olwyn Hobman has been appointed as Associate Principal, filling the position vacated by Miss Cyprian. This will be effective from 2021, Congratulations Mrs Hobman.

Hats are compulsory from this term. No hat no outside play.

Coming Events

October 23 PTFA Market Day in the foyer at 8:15am

27 Grandparents Day at Stella 8:45 until 12 midday

28 Student baptisms in the library at 11:20am

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

St Anne Sebastian Lilley, Ruby Gummer, James Edhouse, Inigo Cardeno	St Lucy Harley O'Brien, Suriya Armstrong, Amberose Lin, Daniel Coetzee		
St Mary Georgia Otway, Richie Lu, Ava Macken, Mia Granich, Gia Gomes.	St Leo James Friday, Jannik Anders, Bayleigh Franich		
St Nicholas Mirabella Garcia, Charlie Dudek, Matthew Dizon	0		

Team News

Matikao Team: We are excited to begin our swimming lessons in week 4 and look forward to watching the children gain water experience and confidence in the lead up to summer. A reminder that swimming notices for year 1 and 2 are due back please. Thank you to those parents who have been discussing your Taonga with your tamariki, it is great to have such buy-in from home. Look out for the biscuits lovingly baked and decorated by St Anne which will be on sale tomorrow morning in the main atrium, all proceeds are going to Blind Low Vision NZ.

Mokehu Team: Thank you for the very quick return of the swimming forms. The page that indicates the swimming level is needed by tomorrow, if it has not already come in. If you need new forms, please let your classroom teacher know asap, and they will give you a new copy. Next week we are inviting Grandparents into classes on Tuesday from 8:45am. Morning tea will be in the hall at 11am. We look forward to spending the morning with them! As we learn about Taonga, Grandparents come up very quickly in conversation!

Huruhuru Team: This week some of our Year 6 students have had the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills as tour guides for our Stella Maris Open Day. Congratulations for all those involved and thank you for your service. Students have completed trials for the interschool cricket tournament and the successful students will be representing the school next Thursday. We wish them the best of luck. A meeting for Year 6 students attending the following schools will be held at Stella Maris, Carmel College on 30th October and Rosmini College on 4th November, both at 1:15pm. It allows our students to ask ex-Stella Maris students and a teacher any questions they have about their transition in 2021. This is not a meeting for parents.

God Bless

Alan Watts Principal



DRS Message

Wednesday 28th October Fr Emile will join us here at Stella Maris to Baptise the following students: *Maxim Teterin, Aaron Lal, Liam Kilkolly - O'Kane, Trisha Phansekar, Trisha Palande, Neale Palande, Christian Paton, Jackson McLean, Sofia Flores Jochmann, Ben Deed, Harry Deed and Ada Painter-Shimwell.* We will also celebrate the Baptism of former student *Joshua O'Kane.* We also pray for *Emily Alder* who was recently baptised at St John's Church.

This is our Churches' mission in practice. We Evangelise through our actions, through teaching our Religious Education curriculum and through the way our students embrace the Special Character of our school. We welcome these children to the Catholic Church as they continue their journey in Faith. Let us pray for these children and their families over the next few weeks. Lord, thank you for the precious gift of baptism, that we can publicly declare our love and passion for you. Lord, we ask for your goodness and blessings to be poured out on this faithful servant. We pray that you would work deeply within their heart and soul to renew and refresh them each day. Come guide their footsteps, give them a hope and a vision for the future.

Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" - Matthew 28:19-20.

Karl Hobman DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

Catholic Diocese Of Auckland Notification

A notification from the Diocese regarding Attendance Dues for 2021 has been received. They have advised that there will be a small increase of \$1 per term for attendance dues in 2021, \$4 per year. The BOT has discussed this increase and have reduced the Teaching and Learning Donation to compensate for this increase by \$5 per year. The following will apply from 2021.

Attendance Dues \$113.00 per term per child Special Character \$12.50 per term per child

Teaching and Learning Donation \$173.75 per term per child

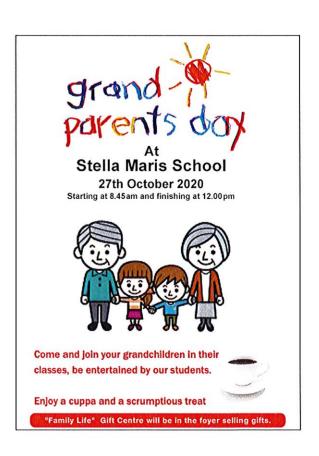
The BOT would like to acknowledge and thank all our families for the consistent payments towards your child's account this year. It is very much appreciated.

School Accounts

Final accounts for 2020 will be posted out to families at the start of next week. If all payments can be made on or before the 10th December please, this will allow enough time for the reporting required to be submitted to the Diocese before the end of the school year. If you have any concerns regarding your account please contact Mrs Mackereth at the office helen@stellamaris.school.nz

Thank You To Our PTFA And BOT

This week the school had its annual Open Day, it was so encouraging to have so many new families interested in attending Stella Maris. Thank you to the PTFA and BOT members who made themselves available to have a QnA session with our new prospective families.

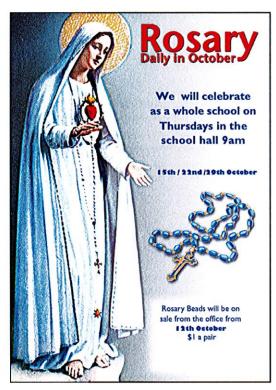


Grandparents Day

Families are asked to please send a plate to share for morning tea, there will be tables set up in the hall for food to be placed on at the beginning of the school day. Family Life gifts stall will be in the foyer for purchasing gift items.

Calendar Art

Calendar Art ordering is **Now open!** The children's artwork is on display in clear files in the main foyer. Ordering can be done on Kindo (no forms required) Orders close on the **30th October**. These make wonderful Christmas gifts for family members! *Please ensure when ordering on Kindo that your children are allocated to their right class, this can be changed in settings. If you do not use kindo and wish to order please collect a form from the school office.



Fundraising For Blind Low Vision Nz

This Friday 23rd St Anne will be selling biscuits lovingly baked by St Anne parents and decorated by the students. The biscuits will be on sale in the main atrium before school at \$2 each. All proceeds raised will be going to support Blind Low Vision NZ. St Anne students thank you for your support.

Shine Challenges

A reminder that Shine Challenges need to be completed and signed off by your class teacher by 30th October, the end of Week 3. Please note that there may be some activities that the children took carried out and completed through the lockdowns that are within the spirit of Shine Challenges. Students may talk with their teachers about these and have these count towards their Shine Challenge this year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Oceankids - Calling All Young Swimmers

Attention all swimmers aged 7-10 years! The Banana Boat OceanKids Series is coming to Takapuna Beach on Saturday 12 December - a great chance to have a go at a 100m or 200m ocean swim close to shore, in a safe, supportive, and fun environment. Every child who participates will receive a finishers medal, photo, other goodies, and a great day at the beach! Visit www.oceankids.co.nz for more info and to enter.



PARISH NEWS

Please keep the following candidates in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Johns Church on Sunday 1st November

Josephine Anders	Noah Johanson
Alexis Bonilla	Zach Juntilla
Gabriel Bovelander	Shiloh Juntilla
Marco Cardeno	Matthew Kajta
Jasmine Cate	Darcy Kelleher
Campbell Coggins	Damian Kim
Harrison Coggins	Joseph Kim
Finn Cuffe	Viktor Magdziarz
Shyla Dickinson	Isla McDougall
Emma Edhouse	Maika Moce
Sophie Endlich	Serathina Park
Kash Hape	Marta Pozaroszczyk
Kree Hape	Maya Pozaroszczyk
Kyus Hape	Sophie Skinner
Devin Harkness	Aiden Skinner
Celeste Heaney	Zoe Smythe
Harlem Hope-Jensen	Elam Thompson
Riley Hope-Jensen	Isabella Tier
Caleb Jardim	Amaia Warren

PTFA NEWS

Market Day And Second Hand Uniform Sale Tomorrow In The Main Atrium 8.15Am.

Help Needed - Many Hands Make Light Work!

From 8am - 9am on Friday morning for the secondhand uniform sale. If you're able to help or interested in helping at future sales please text Helen Searancke 027 339 3839.





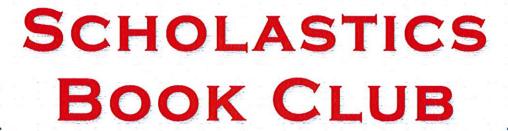


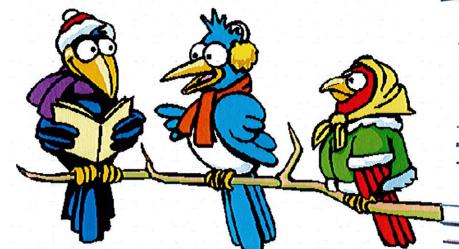
Rewardhub At Stella Maris

Earn donations for our school while doing your online shopping! We are excited to announce Stella Maris is on Rewardhub!

This fantastic platform means that by creating an account and doing your everyday (and Christmas) online shopping - you earn free donations for the school. That's right, it doesn't cost you or the school any extra!

There are hundreds of well known online stores and services Mighty Ape, Cotton On, Ezibuy, Hello Fresh, Specsavers, Air BnB. That is just to name a few, there is something for everyone. https://rewardhub.co.nz/shops/ To earn the donations, shoppers need to first sign up to reward hub and select Stella Maris as the cause they support. After this, every time you shop, sign into reward hub and choose the store you want to shop at. This is important as it records the spend and rewardhub is then able to pass on the donations. *mighty ape and fishpond do have a different process so please follow their instructions. Rewardhub has a helpful donation reminder that can be added to google chrome. When you use google to search for stores or products, the search results will let you know which stores are on Rewardhub and prompt you to activate the donations so all your shopping always earns your cause donations.





Order forms have gone home orders will close on Thursday 29th October 2020

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

Mark Your Diaries

23 Oct PTFA Market Day and Second Hand Uniform Sale 09 424 2318 26 Oct Labour Day School Closed **Parish Office** 27 Oct Grandparents Day 8.45am - 12pm - Parish Secretary -29 Oct Interschool Cricket Theresa Fouché 29 Oct Rosary in the hall 30 Oct Student Disco theresa@hbcparish.org.nz 02 Nov Matikao and Mokehu Swimming sessions commence 06 Nov PTFA Fun Lunch 11 Nov Huruhuru Athletics 13 Nov Carmel College Orientation Day 09 426 5599 13 Nov Rosmini Orientation Day 16 Nov Parish Care and Share Week - Please bring a food item Deacon Greg Murphy 24 Nov Interschool Athletics 02 Dec Parent Helpers Morning Team 11am 09 426 5599 03 Dec Matikao Team Athletics Day 9.15am 03 Dec Matikao Team Sprints 11.30am SKIDS 04 Dec Huruhuru Swimming sessions begin 04 Dec PTFA Market Day and Uniform Sale 027 846 1725 04 Dec New Entrants 2021 first visit **School Dental Clinic** 09 Dec Matikao Team Nativity Play 1.30pm 11 Dec New Entrants 2021 second visit 09 426 8470 14 Dec SHINE Assembly **Bayes Buses** 17 Dec **EOY Thanksgiving Liturgy** 09 426 5504 17 Dec Year 6 Graduation Dinner **Ritchies Buses** 18 Dec Term Four Ends 12.20pm

2020 School Term Dates

12 Oct - Friday TERM 4 Monday 18 Dec

2021 School Term Dates

TERM	1	Tuesday	09 Feb -	Friday	16 Apr
TERM	2	Monday	03 May -	Friday	09 Jul
TERM	3	Monday	26 Jul -	Friday	01 Oct
TERM	4	Monday	18 Oct -	Monday	20 Dec

2021 Public Holidays

Auckland Anniversary	01 Feb
Waitangi Day	08 Feb
Good Friday	02 Apr
Easter Monday - Tuesday	05 Apr - 06 Apr
ANZAC Day	26 Apr
Queen's Birthday	07 Jun
Labour Day	25 Oct

Family Whanau Book Resource Link

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

Telephone

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- Cancellation Number -

- Pastoral Associates -Deacon Murray Morgan murraymorg@gmail.com

greg09122015@gmail.com

- After School Care -

09 420 6091

Public Health Nurse

09 427 0300 ext 4339

Influenza A (H1N1)

- Advise Healthline -0800 611 116

Coronavirus Healthline

0800 358 5453

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- Website -

www.stellamaris.school.nz

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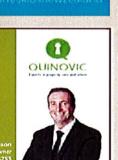
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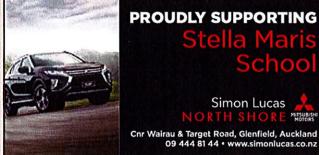
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