

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent. Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. There are three meanings of 'coming' that Christians describe in Advent. The first, and most thought of, happened about 2000 years ago when Jesus came into the world as a baby to live as a man and die for us. The second can happen now as Jesus wants to come into our lives now. And the third will happen in the future when Jesus comes back to the world a King and Judge, not a baby.

**This Friday the PTFA are having a mufti day. Please bring a gourmet food item that will be used in the end of year raffle.**

## Coming Events

**Nov** 27 PTFA Mufti Day – please bring a gourmet food item for raffle.  
30 Mokehu Assembly 11:20am.

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

<b>St Mary</b> Isabel D'Unienville, Ava Reade, Alex Arnott, Talulah Cooper.	<b>St Lucy</b> Jared Mowbray, Latham Drake, Sofia Flores-Jochmann, Caspian Bates, Mila Henderson, Ollie Baxter-Mackay
<b>St Anne</b> Millie Pearson, Abigail Ling.	<b>St Nicholas</b> Harry Campbell, Bianca Arnott, Cooper Hanlon, Maci Campbell.
<b>St Leo</b> Mieszko Pulawski, Rhys Habeck, Matilda Tang	

## Team News

**Matikao Team:** It was great to get together as a team at assembly on Monday to celebrate the successes we have had so far in this busy term 4. Excitement is building now as we move into the season of Advent this Sunday, bringing Christmas that much closer. So many of our Matikao team are making the most of these sunny days by using the track to ride their scooters, skateboards and bikes during breaks. It is great to see! Please remind the children to bring their trainers for our Athletics Day next Thursday - we hope to see you there if you can make it.

**Mokehu Team:** Students have been practising their athletics skills each morning on the field. On Wednesday 2nd December (next week) we will be having a rotation of the four field events as a culmination of all the practise. We will begin at 9:00am and finish just before morning tea. After morning tea we are going to do the sprints on the track. Our focus is on using the correct technique, and students who demonstrate the correct technique will be recognised in classes. All students need PE gear, hats, trainers and a drink bottle of water.

**Huruhuru Team:** Sadly, the Interschools Athletics Competition was cancelled on Tuesday. Due to the disruptions throughout the year, it is unlikely that they will proceed this year. We are still very proud of those students who qualified. We are also looking forward to resuming our swimming lessons in week 9, starting the 7th of December. Some classes are still looking for walkers on some of the days, so please contact your teacher if you are available to walk up to Northern Arena. A reminder that children are to enter the Huruhuru atrium through the main entrance as the repairs to the roof are taking place and entry through the side atrium door is not permitted at this time.

Alan Watts

Principal





## Drs Message

Pope Francis is urging Christians to prepare themselves for Christmas this Advent season by being humble and trying to build peace in their soul, in their family and in the world. It can be overwhelming looking to bring Peace to situations seemingly out of our control but the Pope says,

*"The Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace and will provide you the strength to make it,"*

This Advent may we take time to find Peace for ourselves through prayer, exploring the Gospels and in doing things we love. May we bring Peace in our families through making time for God in our preparations for Christmas, communicating our thoughts and feelings with love and re connecting with those God has blessed us with. May we bring Peace to the world in little moments of reaching out to those around us in need, by sharing a smile, a kind word and praying for all.

*Prince of Peace, be with us this Advent season.  
Amen.*

Karl Hobman

DRS

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School Accounts

Final accounts for 2020 have been posted out. 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 school office [helen@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:helen@stellamaris.school.nz)

### Parent Helpers Morning Tea

This will be held on Wednesday 2nd December at 11am in the staff room. This is an opportunity for teachers to thank you for your service to their classes during the year. For catering purposes please can you let the office know if you are able to attend on or before the 26th November, or contact Colleen [colleen@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:colleen@stellamaris.school.nz) or Katherine [katherine@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:katherine@stellamaris.school.nz) We look forward to you joining us.

### School Library - BOOKS DUE TOMORROW

All library books are due back by tomorrow, Friday 27th November for our stock take. Please can you make sure all books are returned by this time. The library will be closed during stock take (week 8) from the 30th November to 4th December.

### Huruhuru Team Swimming

Starts on Monday 7th December. Forms should have been returned to the class teacher and payment can be made at the school office or by internet banking into the school account 12 3046 0362238 00. The cost for these sessions is \$64.00.

### Assemblies And Liturgies

Monday 30 Nov Mokehu Team 11.20am

Monday 14 Dec SHINE Challenge, Service, Kapa Haka and Pasifika Awards Presented 9am

Thursday 17 Dec End of Year Liturgy St Johns Church 11am

### Helpers Wanted Please:

On the 17th December after the end of year Thanksgiving Liturgy at the Parish, the BOT have invited guests coming back to the school for refreshments to celebrate the retirement of Alan Watts. I am needing 6 volunteers please who would be willing to be at the school, and who would not attending the Liturgy, to set up the hall and be ready to serve refreshments to our invited guests. You would need to be available from 10am to 2pm, please. If you are able to help can you please email Helen at the office. Thank you. [helen@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:helen@stellamaris.school.nz)

### Sports Days

02 Dec Mokehu Team Athletics Day 9am

03 Dec Matikao Team Athletics Day 9.15am

03 Dec Matikao Team Sprints 11.30am

### Congratulations

The Cooper family have welcomed a baby boy into the world, a brother for Talulah. The Hanlon family also have have a new baby boy, a brother for Cooper. We wish you all the joy and blessing that a new baby brings.

### Photolife

Photo orders were delivered to classrooms yesterday. If you have not received your photos please contact photo life directly. Ordering is still available, but will incur a charge for delivery to your home.



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## PTFA NEWS

### Mufti Day This Friday 27th November

Students are invited to wear mufti on Friday this week and are asked to bring a gourmet item for the PTFA who will be making up hampers to be raffled at the end of year picnic on the 11th December.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

Items are needed for the next sale on 4th December. If you have any uniform items, especially summer tops, shorts and culottes, that your children have grown out of and would like to donate, please leave in the uniform box next to the red PTFA box in the first atrium. All proceeds from the uniform sales go towards PTFA fundraising.

## PARISH NEWS

### A Big Thank You

The Parish Care and Share team wish to thank you for contributing to the appeal for food items last week. They were overwhelmed with your generosity, boxes and boxes of goodies were gratefully received. Thank you.

### Rite II Reconciliation

December 8th     St Johns Church     7pm

### ***Christmas Mass Times Hibiscus Coast Catholic Parish St John's Church, 180 Centreway Rd, Orewa St Francis Church, 8 Motutapu Ave, Manly***

#### ***Christmas Eve:***

***5.30pm - Family Vigil Mass - St John's, Orewa***

***11.15pm - Carol Singing - St John's, Orewa***

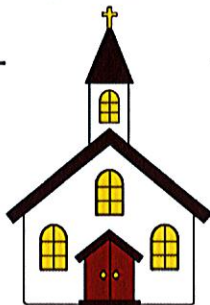
***Midnight - Christmas Mass - St John's, Orewa***

#### ***Christmas Day:***

***8.30am - Family Mass - St Francis, Manly***

***10.30am - Christmas Mass - St John's, Orewa  
(Carol singing from 10am)***

***Rite II, St John's Church,  
Tuesday 8 December, 7pm***



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Santa Parade And Christmas Concert

Orewa Santa Parade 28th November 4.30pm. Starting at Alice Ave heading down the HBC Highway to the Orewa Reserve. The parade is followed by the Orewa Surf Sounds concert by Orewa Surf Club. Enjoy this family event.

### Summer Holiday Programme Fun @ Skids Stella Maris!

In January 2021, the sKids Stella Maris Holiday Programme will be open from Monday 11th January to Friday 5th February. This programme is hosted at the Stella Maris Catholic Primary School Hall. Themed activities are provided each day, as well as going on exciting trips around Auckland. Fun times ahead where the kids can make new friends and have an awesome time! Registrations, enrolments, and bookings at <https://skids.aimy.co.nz/> For more information, please contact Paolo at [stellamaris@skids.co.nz](mailto:stellamaris@skids.co.nz)

### Good As New Pre Loved Christmas Kids Market

Orewa Community Centre. Saturday 28 November. 9am - 12 noon. 40+ stall selling pre-loved kids; clothes, toys, books, nursery furniture, buggies and lots more. Let's all get behind recycling in Auckland.

### The Awesome Superheroes

Laetitia Tan, a former student of Stella Maris has authored her first children's book 'The Awesome Superheroes - The Bank Robbery' Laetitia hopes to inspire you to use your imagination and tell your story - "it does not matter that it is not perfect, so long as you are happy with it" You can purchase a copy of Laetitia's book for \$15 via Facebook The awesome Superheroes-The Bank Robbery or 021 627 802.

## Kidz Can Music Company

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



Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Time: 1.00 pm sharp

Venue: Centrestage,  
Centreway Road  
Orewa

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

## Mark Your Diaries

27 Nov	PTFA Mufti Day - Please bring a gourmet item for raffle hampers
02 Dec	Mohehu Athletics Day 9am
02 Dec	Mohehu Sprints 11.30am
02 Dec	Parent Helpers Morning Tea 11am
03 Dec	Matikao Team Athletics Day 9.15am
03 Dec	Matikao Team Sprints 11.30am
04 Dec	PTFA Market Day and Uniform Sale
04 Dec	New Entrants 2021 first visit
07 Dec	Huruhuru Swimming sessions begin
08 Dec	BOT Meeting
09 Dec	Matikao Team Nativity Play 1.30pm
11 Dec	New Entrants 2021 second visit
11 Dec	End of year family picnic 4pm
14 Dec	SHINE Assembly, Presentation of Service awards, Pasifika and Kapa haka trophies 9am in the hall
15 Dec	Children's Picnic Day
15 Dec	Reports go home today
17 Dec	EOY Thanksgiving Liturgy
17 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
18 Dec	Term Four Ends 12.20pm
03 Feb	PTFA Second hand uniform sale 8.15am in the foyer
08 Feb	Waitangi Day
09 Feb	Term One begins 8.45am
12 Feb	Welcome Assembly 11.20am
17 Feb	Ash Wednesday
26 Feb	Welcome Picnic 3.30pm
	<b>Matikao</b> - Meet the teacher 4.00pm
	<b>Mohehu</b> - Meet the teacher 4.30pm
	<b>Huruhuru</b> - Meet the teacher 5.00pm
	<b>Meet the Music and Drama Teachers</b> 3.30pm
	Piano, woodwind, brass, snare drum, singing, drama, keyboard and guitar tutors will be available from 3.30pm on this day for you to discuss your child's music tuition for 2021.
02 Mar	Year 5 and 6 Swim Carnival - Northern Arena 10.30am

## 2020 School Term Dates

TERM 4 Monday 12 Oct – Friday 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

### Netball

– Cancellation Number –  
09 424 2318

### Parish Office

– Parish Secretary –  
Theresa Fouché

[theresa@hbcparish.org.nz](mailto:theresa@hbcparish.org.nz)

### 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)

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In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen**



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