

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

In the gospel this Sunday we hear about John the Baptist. John is a challenging figure. He calls us to examine ourselves, to discover and confess our sins. He began in the wilderness, dressed simply and eating what the wilderness provided. John was preparing the way to Jesus. He tells us that Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit.

## Coming Events

December	04	PTFA Market Day and second-hand uniform sale.
		Class visits for 2021 new entrants to Stella Maris.
	07	Huruhuru swimming starts.
	08	BOT meeting in the staffroom 6:30pm.
	11	Class visits for 2021 new entrants to Stella Maris.
		End of Year picnic at school starting 3:30pm.

## Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at assembly

<b>St John</b> Jakob Smith, Avianna Broomfield, Izzy Tier, Tavishi Arti.	<b>St Joachim</b> Erin Cahill, Leya Meyer, Sanvi Bhatt.
<b>St Peter</b> Kaylin Erasmus, Easton Opperman, Coco Hakaraia, Campbell Molloy.	<b>St Anthony</b> Erin Walker, Chloe Hudson, Marco Cardeno.

## Team News

### Matikao Team:

Time is flying! As ever, the children enjoyed the opportunity to dress in mufti for the day and we thank you for supporting us by donating the gourmet grocery items last Friday. With the beginning of Advent we are reminded that this is the time to prepare in our hearts and in our actions for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord. We will be encouraging the children to do small acts of kindness for you, their families, and for their friends as part of their preparation. So be prepared! We look forward to seeing you at our Nativity showcase next Wednesday afternoon.

### Mokeyhu Team:

At the time of writing, we are holding our breath for the Mokeyhu Athletics morning to go ahead. We are very proud of the focus all the students have shown in learning to use the correct technique in the 4 main field events: long jump, high jump, discus and shot put. Students have practised each morning, and pushed themselves to build up their skills and confidence. As we rush to the end of year, we are encouraging students to take a moment to stop and breathe, as everyone has been challenged in new ways in 2020. All classes in the team are focusing on gratitude, kindness and mindfulness in this wonderful, but busy season.

### Huruhuru Team:

Next week we will be participating in our swimming programme at Northern Arena. Please make sure that your child is prepared for this busy week. They will need togs, towels, swimming cap and goggles. The team is currently preparing for our 'Living Museum'. We will be sharing our gifts and talents with the other students in the school in week 10. **Please note that this presentation is for students only.**

Alan Watts

Principal





## DRS Message

It is important at this time of year to remember our reason. At Stella Maris we aim to help our students have genuine encounters with Christ and build their personal relationships with Jesus. Our challenge from Jesus is to do what we can to bring about the Kingdom of God here, right now within our families, our communities, our school. During Advent we can become sidetracked, especially this year, with distractions. As I was watching "Mary Magdalene" this week I was struck by a quote from Joachim Phoenix who plays Jesus. When talking about being distracted by life and about hearing God's message to us, he said.

*"Listen. In the song of silence is God. Calling. Do you have the courage to follow what you hear. Will you align yourself to the will of God? That will lead you to God's Kingdom"*

With this in mind and keeping our own personal relationships with God at the forefoot this Advent, may we find moments for silence. Can we take time to stop this advent? Can we take time to recognise God's song of silence? Can we align ourselves to His will? It is in doing this that we ourselves will grow in relationship with God and find ourselves living fully within God's kingdom here and now.

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)

### 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. Please include your child's name. The cost for these sessions is \$64.00.

### Assemblies And Liturgies

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)

## PTFA NEWS

It's time to celebrate the end of 2020!  
come join us at the

## END OF YEAR PICNIC

DECEMBER 11TH @ 3.30PM

We have a fun afternoon planned with games, free Sausage Sizzle for the kids (gold coin for the adults), ice cream truck and raffles,

Pack a picnic, we will have the bbq going while the kids bike/scooter and play on the playground!

We hope to see you there!



### Second Hand Uniform Sale

Tomorrow, 4th December. We will now have Eftpos available so there will be no more payment after purchase. If you have any uniforms, 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 goes towards PTFA fundraising.



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## SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE THIS FRIDAY AT THE MARKET DAY

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNIFORMS YOUR CHILDREN HAVE OUTGROWN THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE PTFA?

100% OF PROCEEDS FROM 2ND HAND UNIFORMS SALES GO TOWARDS THE PTFA FUNDRAISING GOALS.

PLEASE LEAVE CLEAN UNIFORMS IN THE BOX NEXT TO THE RED PTFA BOX

EFTPOS  
now available

## PARISH NEWS

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

### Christmas Eve:

5.00pm - Carol Singing & nativity play  
5.30pm - Family Vigil Mass - St John's, Orewa  
11.15pm - Carol Singing  
Midnight - Christmas Mass - St John's, Orewa

### Christmas Day:

8.30am - Family Mass - St Francis, Manly  
10.00am - Carol Singing, St John's Orewa  
10.30am - Mass - St John's, Orewa

## Everyone Welcome

To the blessing of the statue of Our Lady at St John's, Orewa on Saturday 12th December. Rosary at 9am followed by Mass at 9.30am and the a shared morning tea in the hall. Please bring a plate.

## Saint Gianna's Home For Mothers And Babies

All are invited to a fundraising concert at St Michael's Church in Remuera performed by musicians from St Michael's led by James Ioelu. Saturday 12th December at 2pm. The suggested payment for the concert is \$20 per person or \$40 per family.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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)



## BRASS & WOODWIND LESSONS

at Stella Maris Primary School

### Does your child want to learn to play music?

Would you like in-school lessons with a professional Music Tutor with many years of teaching experience? You can enrol your child in Trumpet, Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone and Snare Drum lessons at Stella Maris Primary School!

We deliver a fun, varied and structured curriculum. Students learn songs in styles ranging from traditional to contemporary during school hours. They will also be given the opportunity to join the new school concert band (number dependent).



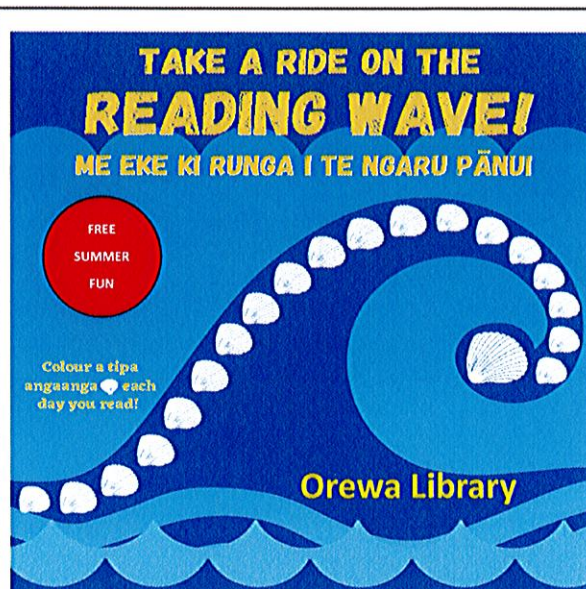
For information on music lessons, contact Joanne Slagel 027 3408 398 [joanne.slagel@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:joanne.slagel@musiqhub.co.nz)

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Come and and join us for Drama Lessons at Stella Maris School. Our group lesson price is \$10.00 per lesson. In 2021 our Drama Group is going to present Peter

Pan the Musical at Centre Stage Theatre, Orewa in in early December 2021. Come and give it a go. For more information contact Susan Fraser on 09 410 1506 or 021 378 007. [susanf@kidzscan.co.nz](mailto:susanf@kidzscan.co.nz)



Complete the fun Reading Wave challenges during January 2021

Collect cool stationary giveaways as rewards and go into the draw for some awesome prizes sponsored by Water Safety New Zealand

Pop in throughout the summer for free activity packs, scavenger hunts poetry and colouring competitions

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## Mark Your Diaries

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 3.30pm
14 Dec	SHINE Assembly, Presentation of Service awards, Pasifika and Kapa haka trophies 9am in the hall - All welcome
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
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## 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  
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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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