Dear Families

This is the final School newsletter for 2020. There will be an acknowledgment newsletter on Wednesday next week to recognise recipients of our awards, Shine Challenges and cups. Thank you for all you have done to support our students in their learning this year.

#### **Teachers And Classrooms For 2021**

#### **MATIKAO TEAM**

Team Leader - Mrs Bates

St Mary – Mrs Pyatt St Lucy - Mrs Bates St Leo - Mr Hobman (DRS)

St Anne - Mrs Fraser St Nicholas - Mrs Bentley

#### **MOKEHU TEAM**

Team Leader - Mrs Pearson

St Joachim - Mrs Manning St Anthony - Mrs Pearson St Peter - Mrs Kleingeld

#### **HURUHURU TEAM**

Team Leader - Mrs Law

St Augustine – Ms Hunt St Dominic – Mrs Pretorius St Patrick – Mrs Bodle

Our last full school assembly for the year will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9:00am. Charism awards, service certificates and "Shine Challenge" recognitions will be acknowledged at this assembly, all welcome.

#### **Coming Events**

Dec	11	End of year school picnic starting at 3:30pm		
	14	Final School Assembly 9:00am		
	17	Thanksgiving Liturgy at St Johns Church 11:00am		
		Year 6 Graduation Dinner RSA 5:30pm.		
	18	School finishes for the year 12:20pm		
Feb	09	School starts for 2021.		
	26	Welcome picnic / Meet the teacher / Meet the Music Tutors		

On behalf of all the staff I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas. Enjoy the paradise we live in. Thank you to all who have supported our school during the year.



God Bless

Alan Watts



What a year!!! When we reflect on 2020 there are many moments of challenge and trial. There is, however, one theme that came through across our Nation. A sense of responsibility for ourselves, responsibility for helping our neighbour and a shift for many in thinking about the "Common Good" rather than personal benefit. This is very evident in the responses we have had to calls for support for the less fortunate. Our contributions to the Parish Care and Share, Caritas donations and meal requests for families in our own school show that we are truly a community who responds to needs. It is important we recognise the generosity of our community and the large number of people who oversee these Pastoral opportunities. Our amazing PTFA, our giving Parent community, our inspirational students, the wonderful teaching staff, the most amazing group of Teacher Aides and the backbone of our school the tremendous Administration staff all actively contribute to our collective witness of Faith through recognising the face of Christ in others. The gifts and opportunities given to us by God are certainly shared by our community. May this knowledge bring us joy this Christmas. Knowledge that we can continue to make a measurable difference in the lives of others. God bless all in our Stella Maris community and watch over us as we enjoy a well earned opportunity to rest.

God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ.

Karl Hobman DRS

### **TEAM NEWS**

#### **Matikao Team**

We were so proud of the children's performance and behaviour on Thursday's Athletics morning last week! Everyone joined in and despite the inclement weather we persevered and had fun at the same time! A huge thank you to the Year 5 / 6 students who ran the morning like a well-oiled machine - many of you commented on the support and encouragement they gave our littlies. We all agreed that the skills level the children displayed during the rotation sessions was higher than we have seen in our team in previous years. It was a pity that the rain set in before the sprints but the children didn't seem to mind at all. Well done, team! The Matikao team would also like to extend our thanks to you all for your support this year and to wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

#### Mokehu Team

Last week we had our Athletics morning. The students were fantastic and participation was excellent. We finished with sprints and the results were:

#### Year 3 Girls

1st Ruby Nakhla, 2nd Emalyn Harvey, 3rd Nuala Cuffe Year 3 Boys

1st Matteo Austria, 2nd Leo Lawson, 3rd Braxton O'Connor Year 4 Girls

1st Lily Tracey, 2nd Amaia Warren, 3rd Annabelle Dudek Year 4 Boys

1st equal Will Tait and Leon Bell,

2nd equal Easton Opperman and Aaron Craig.

Mokehu teachers want to thank you all for your wonderful support this year in our 'covid' year. We wish you all a wonderful safe holiday with your families. God bless.

#### **Huruhuru Team**

This week we have our swimming lessons at Northern Arena. Thank you to friends and whanau who have provided parent help for this physical activity. At this stage of the year we reflect on our beginning of the year goals and what we have achieved in 2020. Our students have impressed us with their personal accomplishments, resilience and ability to work to different learning conditions, including their online programme. Next week we farewell our Year 6 students. We wish them well on the next stage of their learning journey. The Huruhuru team would also like to extend our thanks to you all for your support this year and to wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas.



### **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **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

#### **School Accounts**

Final accounts for 2020 have been posted out. If all payments can be made by today, 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

#### **Huruhuru Team Swimming**

Started on Monday 7th December. If you haven't yet made payment this is now overdue, 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.

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

#### **Music And Drama Tuition 2021**

At the 2021 Welcome picnic on 26th February, piano, wood wind, brass, snare drum, singing, drama, keyboard and guitar tutors will be available from 3.30pm to discuss your child's tuition for 2021.

#### **Guitar And Singing Lessons**

During the school day at Stella Maris with Maria O'Flaherty. Maria is a professional vocalist. Maria is well known and respected in the New Zealand Jazz scene. Please contact Maria for details. E: oflaherty.maria@gmail.com, Mobile: 021 032 5287 or 09 426 7986.

# Ben Fernandez Group Music Lessons At Stella Maris

Ben Fernandez (MMus, B.Sc, DCS, PGDMM) - pianist, composer and arranger, offers keyboard, guitar, ukulele lessons at Stella Maris on Wednesdays. Spaces are limited so do get in touch quickly (preferably via email) for details and to reserve a space. Mobile 021 056 5506 fernandez.ben@gmail.com



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



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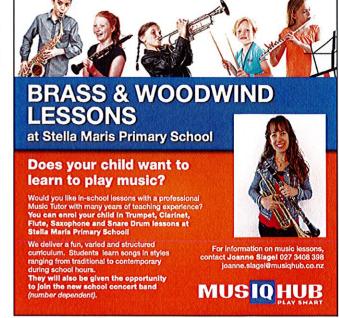
#### **Everyone Welcome**

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.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# Summer Holiday Programme Fun At 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 <a href="https://skids.aimy.co.nz/">https://skids.aimy.co.nz/</a> For more information, please contact Paolo at <a href="mailto:stellamaris@skids.co.nz">stellamaris@skids.co.nz</a>



#### Mark Your Diaries

#### 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 Term One begins 8.45am 09 Feb 12 Feb Welcome Assembly 11.20am 17 Feb Ash Wednesday 26 Feb Welcome Picnic 3.30pm Matikao - Meet the teacher 4.00pm Mokehu - Meet the teacher 4.30pm Huruhuru - Meet the teacher 5.00pm Meet the Music and Drama Teachers 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

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

#### 2021 Public Holidays

Auckland Anniversary	U1 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

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

#### **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



10 December 2020

Dear Parents

Next Tuesday, 15 December from 11:00am - 1:00pm is Picnic Day for the children. This is the children's time to celebrate their year.

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During this time they will be able to organise themselves into picnic groups and play games. Teachers will be on duty during this time.

Please note that due to water restrictions we will not be able to have any water activities this year.

The children must come to and from school in full uniform but may bring a mufti change of clothes for wearing during the picnic time.

Please ensure the children have the following at school for the picnic:

- Hats and sunblock (compulsory)
- Mufti change clothes for the picnic time (optional)
- Plenty of water to drink.
- Food to share with their picnic group (optional and no nuts please)
- Picnic rugs... (optional)

Please ensure everything they bring to school for this day is clearly named – this includes any sports equipment they might bring.

Regards Catherine Cyprian Associate Principal

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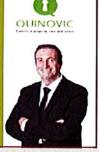






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