

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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.

### Mohehu 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.

Mohehu 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.

**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!

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## 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](mailto: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*

### 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 <https://skids.aimy.co.nz/> For more information, please contact Paolo at [stellamaris@skids.co.nz](mailto:stellamaris@skids.co.nz)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:susanf@kidzscan.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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## 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
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>Mokehu</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

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Donations  
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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**



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.

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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