

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora Whānau

In 2015 Pope Francis wrote an encyclical, or letter, to Catholics worldwide entitled "Laudato Si – Care for Our Common Home". This letter was a call to us as Catholics and as a people who share the Earth to look after our home. He stated "The Earth is God's gift to us, full of beauty and wonder, where fruits of the Earth belong to everyone". In New Zealand Catholic social teaching embraces the Māori principle of Kaitiakitanga, being responsible guardians. This means we are called to be kaitiaki, stewards who care for the gifts God has given us, including our common home, the Earth. At the Matikao Team assembly this week Mrs Bates spoke about the action we can all take in reducing our rubbish by recycling and reusing. Next Friday the whole school will be taking part in a beach clean up at Orewa Beach, through this activity we are teaching our students of the simple things each of us can do to help look after our Common Home. Now would be a great time for families to reflect on actions you can take to care for our common home, as we do the same here at school.

**Uniform:** We ask that all students wear the correct uniform at all times to and from school. If students need to wear a non-uniform item parents are required to write a note/email to the class teacher explaining the reason for this, once a letter has been received a temporary uniform pass will be distributed. If there are medical reasons for non-uniform items a note to the class teacher is still required. We thank you for your support in ensuring the school uniform is worn correctly and with pride.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki

May God bless you.

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal

## *Congratulations to the Recipients of Certificates This Week*

<b>St Mary</b> Zachary Robinson, Finlay Gale, Talulah Cooper, Charlie Lambert	<b>St Lucy</b> Millie Pearson, Gia Gomes, James McColl, Isabel D'Unienville
<b>St Nicholas</b> Caspian Bates, Ollie Baxter-Mackay, Alicia Chan, Aarush Duvashi	<b>St Anne</b> Roisin Brennan, Miguel Bugarin, Raphael Wasef, Myra Rajgor
<b>St Leo</b> Lathem Drake, Aiofe Hogg, Kasper Nielsen, Indiana Wakelin, Amberrose Lin	

## **Team News**

**Matikao Team:** This week we have had a chance to really get stuck into firming up routines and getting classroom programmes up and running. The children coped so well during Level 2 and it was great to see the independence blossoming in them. Thank you for your support with this, Parents. We are looking forward to catching up with you at the Goal-setting sessions and will also be looking for parents to meet us at Orewa beach on March 26th for our school Beach Cleanup!

**Mohehu Team:** Talofa, this week it has been great to be back in the classroom and settling into routine with the tamariki. Thank you to the PTFA for providing us with a fun filled St Patrick's Day on Wednesday. Team NZ fever has well and truly captured us with excitement levels building over the last week! Parents, we ask that you work with your child at home to log onto their Google accounts so that they are able to do this independently in class. If you have changed the passwords, please ensure these are written into the front of their home learning diaries. Please also ensure that their reading logs are being completed in their diaries. If your child goes to sKids there is an opportunity for them to complete their homework there.

**Huruhuru Team:** Today we held our swim carnival for those students who trialled for the inter school swimming sports next week. We congratulate all our competitors for their efforts and achievements. Last Friday we held our first Discovery Hour introduction meeting, followed up by the second part this Monday. Students have been enthusiastically organising their groups, deciding on their driving questions and beginning their research. From next term students are able to share their completed Discovery Hour projects at team assemblies throughout the year. Parents and whanau are invited to attend.





This term we are exploring Hauora- Wellbeing. One of the four walls of a strong Hauora is Taha wairua- Spiritual wellbeing. Taha wairua explores our relationship with the environment, people and heritage in the past, present and future. Our spiritual essence is our life force – our mauri. This is who and what we are, where we have come from and where we are going. For Catholics Wairua Tapu is our sacred spirit, the Holy Spirit. The third person in the Holy Trinity, the essence of God on earth. To remain healthy in our Taha wairua it is therefore essential for us to seek the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit speaks to us through our thoughts, through our world and through those around us. If we want to let the Holy Spirit lead our life and to walk by the Spirit, it's a conscious choice we need to make each and every day. Pray that the Lord will fill us with the Spirit. Pray that we would walk by the Spirit. Then throughout our day, watch and listen for opportunities to obey the Spirit's promptings.

*Come Holy Spirit,  
Fill the hearts of Your Faithful  
And kindle in them the fire of Your love.  
Amen.*

Karl Hobman  
DRS

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School Attendance Dues Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information. Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acfl-attendance-dues-financial-assistance/>

### Triadic Goal Setting Interviews

Wednesday 24th March commencing at 1pm to 7pm  
Thursday 25th March commencing at 3.15 pm to 5.30pm

The School will Finish at 12.20pm  
on Wednesday 24th March



Bookings are to be made online by visiting  
[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Our School Access Number is **tjush**

Please note online bookings are for years 1 – 4  
Years 5 – 6 are made via sheets sent home

### Bus Information For Wednesday 24th March

The Bayes bus will run at the earlier time of 12.20pm. The Ritchies buses will run at the regular time. If you want your child to catch the Ritchies bus they will need to be booked into sKids until the bus arrives in the afternoon. To book into sKids please see information following.

### Skids Information For Wednesday 24th March

With the school finishing at 12:20pm on Wednesday 24th March, sKids Stella Maris is hosting an After-School Care programme from 12:20pm. Registrations, enrolments, and bookings are made via Aimy, their online Parent Portal and Booking System.

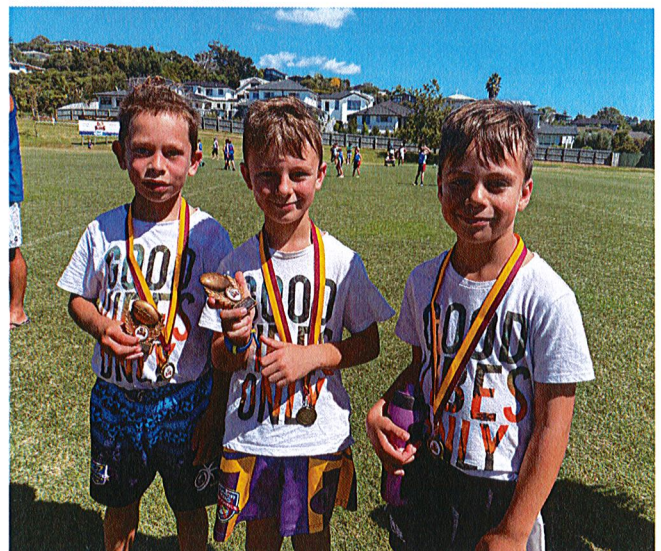
1. visit Aimy, <https://skids.aimy.co.nz/>
2. register parent account
3. enrol child(ren)
4. finalise bookings

When finalising your booking for the 12:20pm start, select "Special Day" as the booking type.

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact sKids at [stellamaris@skids.co.nz](mailto:stellamaris@skids.co.nz)

### Congratulations

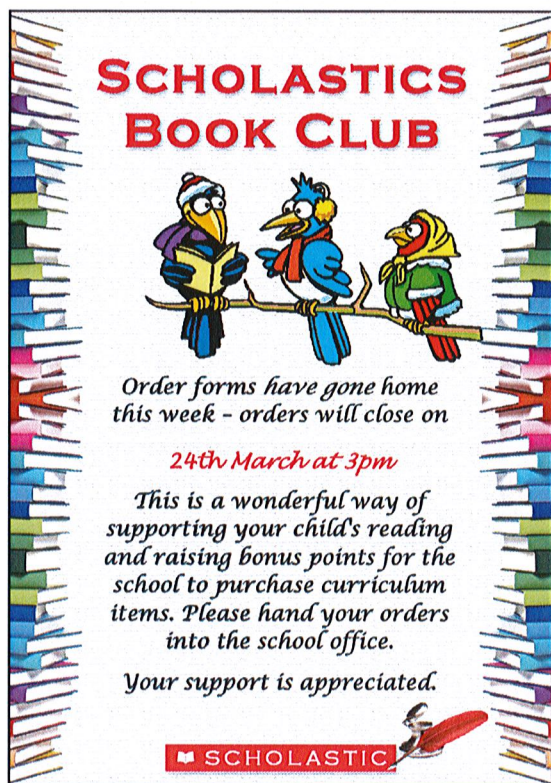
Well done to all the children who played in the Hibiscus Coast tag finals last weekend. Pictured is Leo Lawson, Lockie Pearson and Knox Hape who won the U8 grade with their Good Vibes team.





## School Uniform Shop Change Of Address

Our school uniform shop Positive Image, is moving from its current location in Silverdale to 16A Flexman Place, Silverdale. Their last day at the current location is Friday 26th March and they will be open at the new location on 29th March.



## Care And Share Week - Bring A Treat, A Can Or Cereal - Ends Tomorrow

There is still time to donate a food item for the HBC Parish Care and Share. There are boxes in the school foyer for your contributions which go to families in the community who are in need. Together we can help others.

## PARISH NEWS

### Parents Are Invited To Enrol Their Children In The 2021 Sacramental Programme

Enrolment forms and the schedule of dates are in the church foyers and at Stella Maris School. Children aged 8 years by the start of the programme on 9th May 2021 are eligible. The programme fee is \$60 which includes course materials, a personalised candle and professional photograph of your child during the ceremony. If you wish to enrol your child please complete the enrolment form and return with a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the parish office by no later than Friday 16th April 2021. Our thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers who have agreed to coordinate the programme this year. Should you have any queries, please contact Katherine Craig, 021 082 69162 or [emailalikhcraig@xtra.co.nz](mailto:emailalikhcraig@xtra.co.nz)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Good As New Pre Loved Autumn Kids Market

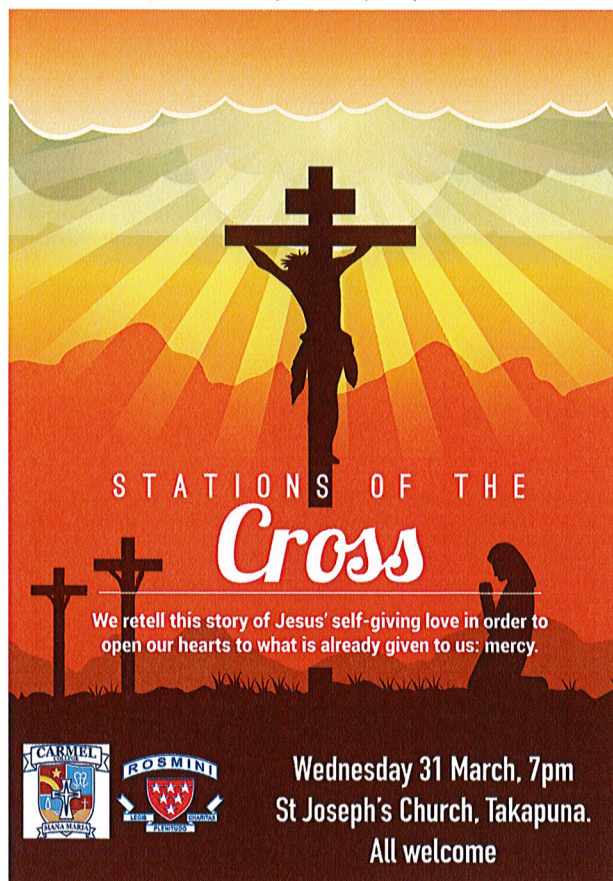
Orewa Community Centre. Saturday 20th March, 9am - 12 noon. 45+ stalls selling pre-loved kids; clothes, toys, books nursery furniture, buggies and lots more. Let's all get behind recycling in Auckland.

## Coast Kindy

A small Christian kindy located in the Whangaparaoa Baptist Church. We have been running for over 30 years. We have limited spaces for children available from Monday to Friday. If you are interested in your child coming to Coast Kindy email us at [coastkindy@gmail.com](mailto:coastkindy@gmail.com), have a look at our web site [www.coastkindy.co.nz](http://www.coastkindy.co.nz) to see who we are and drop in to visit us at the lower level of the WGP Baptist Church, 735 Whangaparaoa Rd. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Pompallier Catholic College 50th Jubilee

Queens Birthday weekend. [jubilee@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:jubilee@pompallier.school.nz)



## World Community for Christian Meditation



### Auckland Community Day

Saturday 20th March 2021

At St John's Catholic church hall  
180, Centreway Road, Orewa  
10am to 3pm

### Christian meditation and the Christian tradition

Presented by Nick Polaschek

How does our Christian meditation fit into the Christian tradition? Referring to the scriptures, and some ancient and modern writers, this talk will pull together three aspects to address this question: (1) verbal and non-verbal prayer in the scriptures and the tradition; (2) the relationship between meditation and contemplation; (3) practices similar to meditation in our tradition. We will also ask: how does Christian meditative prayer relate to other forms of non-Christian meditative practice? A handout will have all of scriptures and other sayings/readings used in the talk, a brief summary of the talk, a list of texts for further reading.

Nick Polaschek is a Christian meditator from Wellington, practising in the Roman Catholic tradition. Retired some years ago, he worked in the health sector. Nick contributes regularly in Stillpoint on spirituality and meditation.

- Please bring your own lunch
- Please bring a koha
- There will be two periods of meditation
- People new to meditation are most welcome
- For more information contact Vincent Mair on 027 776-6032 or [vincentmair12@gmail.com](mailto:vincentmair12@gmail.com)



## Mark Your Diaries

21 Mar	World Down Syndrome Day
22 Mar	Mohehu Assembly 11.20am - Alert level 1 only
24 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews - <b>school finishes at 12.20pm</b>
25 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews continue - <b>school finishes of 2.45pm</b>
25 Mar	Inter school swimming
26 Mar	Sustainable Coastlines Presentation in hall 9am - 11.00am
26 Mar	Beach Clean-up Orewa Beach 11.30-2.00pm
29 Mar	Huruhuru Assembly 11.20am - Alert level 1 only
01 Apr	Holy Thursday - Stations of the Cross 9am at Stella Maris
02 Apr	Good Friday - <b>School Closed</b>
05 Apr	Easter Monday - <b>School Closed</b>
06 Apr	Easter Tuesday - <b>School Closed</b>
08 Apr	Liturgy - St Joseph
12 Apr	Life Education begins - all students
<b>16 Apr</b>	<b>TERM ONE ENDS 2.45pm</b>
26 Apr	ANZAC Day
<b>03 May</b>	<b>TERM TWO BEGINS 8.45pm</b>
03 May	Book Fair week Begins
07 May	Mums Day at Stella Maris 12.20pm - 2.45pm
07 May	Book Character Parade
09 May	Mothers Day

## 2021 School Term Dates

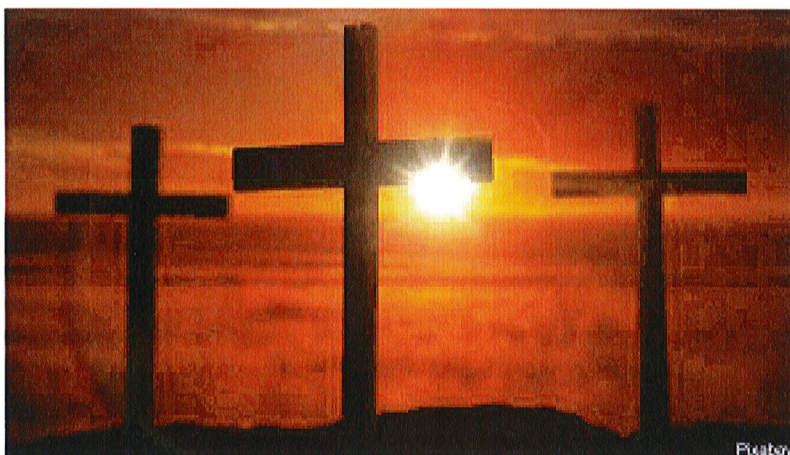
TERM 1	Tuesday	09 Feb	Friday	16 Apr
TERM 2	Monday	03 May	Friday	09 Jul
TERM 3	Monday	26 Jul	Friday	01 Oct
TERM 4	Monday	18 Oct	Monday	20 Dec

## 2021 Public Holidays

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 Priest -  
Father Raphael  
09 426 5599 ext 2

- Parish Secretary -  
Theresa Fouché  
09 426 5599

[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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