

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora whānau

What a day last Wednesday was. Green mufti day to celebrate St Patrick's Day, and PTFA Fun Lunch, and of course the visit from the Police Eagle Helicopter. Our thanks go to the NZ Police, particularly those on the Eagle helicopter for the visit to the school. It was quite an experience to see the helicopter circle then come towards us and land on the field – the noise and the wind causing great excitement. The students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to get up close and learn about the service provided by them in keeping us safe.



This Sunday is Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week, a very important time for us as Catholics. Next Thursday, 1st April, you are invited to join us at 9am in the school hall for the Stations of the Cross. This solemn liturgy takes us through Jesus' journey to the cross and focuses on the agony of the passion. But we are blessed to know that the story does not end at the death of Jesus, that through the Resurrection of Christ there will be the Alleluias of Easter to lift us up. The Easter services in the Parish will take us on this journey with Jesus, see the enclosed poster details of Mass times over Easter.

You might be interested in an upcoming programme about Pope Francis on Choice TV, Monday 29th March at 8:30pm – "Francesco" – an intimate look at His Holiness, Pope Francis, who approaches challenging and complex issues with humility, wisdom and generosity towards all.

Tiaho mo te Atua - Shine for God

Catherine Cyprian  
Principal

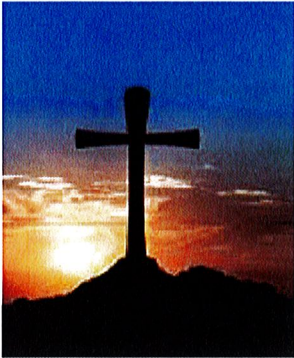
## ***Congratulations to the Recipients of Certificates This Week***

<p><b>St Anthony</b> Filipe Tuava, Coco Hakaraia, Chloe Martinovich</p>	<p><b>St Peter</b> Charles Cate, Mirabella Garcia, Emilio Boric, Levi Erasmus</p>
<p><b>St Joachim</b> Michelle Arora, Shania Limrick, Eva Di Muro, Sam Merriner, Amelie Negri- Vivar</p>	

**Matikao Team:** This golden weather is keeping our spirits up - lots of opportunities for the children to be enjoying outside time. We hope it will continue for our Beach Clean-up day tomorrow! We thank you for your participation in the triadic goal-setting sessions - it is always good to discuss how things are going with your child/children and where we hope to go next. We look forward to celebrating Holy Week as a school and encourage you to explore the stories of Holy Week as a family.

**Mokeyhu Team:** Kia Orana, it was great to spend time with you and your children during the goal setting interviews. Thank you for taking the time to meet with us and we look forward to working together to achieve these goals during the remainder of the year. On Monday we came together as a team and enjoyed our first assembly of the year. Tomorrow we are looking forward to giving back to our community by participating in the beach clean-up down at Orewa.

**Huruhuru Team:** Congratulations to our interschool swimming team who represented Stella Maris today at our local competition. We are very proud of you and your achievements. This week we have been preparing for our students to lead their goal setting conferences with their parents and teacher. The students have reflected deeply on their strengths and learning needs, resulting in them identifying their next learning steps.



We begin Holy Week with the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem where the streets were lined with supporters of Jesus. At school this week we journey through the week with Jesus attempting to give our students an insight into this formative week for Our church. I encourage families to perhaps journey through this week alongside Jesus. Look at the readings together, search for child friendly YouTube cartoons exploring each day. It is through journeying with Jesus that we may come to understand just a little of how much He truly loves us.

**Monday of Holy Week** we see Jesus clear the temple and is anointed in Bethany with oil.

John 2:13-17 Jesus is upset to see the House of His Father being used as a "Den of thieves" rather than a "House of prayer". A timely reminder to us that genuine prayer and faith is not always about the outward signs or displays of religion but about our inward relationship with God and how this bears fruit in our lives. Jesus is also anointed by Mary with oil and he recognises this as preparation for His suffering to come.

**Tuesday of Holy Week** we see Jesus return to Jerusalem and visit the Mount of Olives.

John 12:20-38. Jesus answers attempted traps from religious leaders in the temple and shares a prophesy through parables about Jerusalem's fate while visiting the Mount of Olives.

**Wednesday of Holy Week** is seen as a day Jesus possibly rested with His Disciples in Bethany. A town where he had performed many miracles including raising Lazarus from the dead.

**Maunday Thursday of Holy Week** is The Passover and Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemene.

John 13:1-38. Jesus establishes the Lord's Supper. The feast in which we all share. Jesus encourages His Disciples to continually remember His sacrifice. To find strength in His body, given for us and His blood, shed for us. Jesus also despairingly prays in the Garden of Gethsemene. His human fear is turned to God through prayer and He finds strength to face what is to come

**Good Friday. Jesus' crucifixion, death and burial.**

John 18:28-19:37. The 14 Stations of the Cross occurred on this day. Jesus sacrificed Himself for US. Those with faith can endure the nature of this day as we know the great glory that is to come on Easter Sunday.

*Jesus, in the darkness of the tomb, you were surrounded by love, by grief and by fear, as your body was prepared for burial, Walk with us. May we feel the comfort of your love for us. And may we turn outwards to share that love with others, with the same generosity and gentle loving kindness that you showed to all, Walk with us Jesus. Amen.*

Karl Hobman  
DRS

## EASTER SERVICES

St John's Church, 180 Centreway Road, Orewa - St Francis Church, 7 Motutapu Avenue, Manly

**HOLY THURSDAY - 1 April**  
**7.30 pm - Mass of the Last Supper**  
*St Francis, Manly*

**GOOD FRIDAY - 2 April**  
**9.00 am - Stations of the Cross**  
*St Francis, Manly*  
**3.00 pm - The Celebration of the Lord's Passion**  
*St John's, Orewa*

**SATURDAY - 3 April**  
**8.00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass**  
*St John's, Orewa*

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS - 4 April**  
**8.30 am - St Francis, Manly**  
**10.30 am - St John's, Orewa**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**HOLY THURSDAY**  
**1ST APRIL, 9.00AM**  
**STELLA MARIS SCHOOL HALL**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN WITH**  
**THE STUDENTS AND STAFF**

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### 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.

### Congratulations

To the Morton-Jones family on the birth of their son, Hugo Charles, a brother for Georgia. Wishing you every blessing.

## Mums Day



Come and join your child/ren at school on  
Friday 7th May 12 midday starting with the  
"Book Character Parade"

Don't miss out on the PTFA Fun Lunch  
Ordering Details to be advised

1.15pm to 2.45pm in classroom activities  
Our school community look forward  
to you joining us for the afternoon

### Book Fair Week

This will run from the start of term 2, Monday 3rd May to Friday 7th May inclusive. Students will get to visit the library to make their "wish list" prior to sales opening. Sales will be before school from 8:15am to 8:45, at lunchtime, and at the end of the day from 2:45pm to 3:15pm.

## 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 email [alikathcraig@xtra.co.nz](mailto:alikathcraig@xtra.co.nz)

### Care And Share

A HUGE thank you for your kind donations to the Parish Care and Share team. Your items have been well received by the parish.

## PTFA NEWS

### Sponsorship / Advertising Opportunity

The PTFA would like to give you the opportunity to sponsor a Gazebo. The gazebos are used throughout the year for sporting events, picnics, bbq's and other school and PTFA events, as well as offsite at inter-school events like cross country and touch rugby. The cost for the gazebo is \$1750 inc GST, this includes printing of your logo on all 4 sides of the canopy. Your logo will remain on for the life of the gazebo. This is a great opportunity for ongoing advertising as well as supporting your child's school. As it is a donation it is also tax deductible. For more information please email Emily [fundraising@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:fundraising@stellamaris.school.nz)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Year 7 Emotional Wellbeing Course - EQ Matters NZ

This course is being facilitated to help students develop resiliency to reduce stress and anxiety. It will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30 - 4.30, weekly in Term 2 at the Hibiscus Coast Community House in Orewa. I am an emotional wellbeing coach, teacher and mindfulness facilitator. Please click on <https://www.eqmatters.co.nz> for more information or email me - [brenda@eqmatters.co.nz](mailto:brenda@eqmatters.co.nz).

### Easter Tuesday sKids Open

sKids Stella Maris will offer special 8:30am-3pm session on Easter Tuesday 6 April. Registrations, enrolments and bookings can be made via Aimy, sKids Parent Portal & Booking system.

1. Go to Aimy website at <https://skids.aimyplus.com/>
2. Register parent account and add child details (if new to sKids)
3. Load booking – select Special Day as booking type.

If you have any questions or require any assistance with booking, please email [stellamaris@skids.co.nz](mailto:stellamaris@skids.co.nz)

**Football for 6-8 year olds - we call it FUN FOOTBALL**

Looking for a winter team sport for your child to play?

Join Hibiscus Coast AFC - a family and community orientated sports Club.

Your child will be able to play with school mates as well as make new friends! We have teams for boys and girls.

**Starts - 5pm Friday 9th April at Millwater or 8:30 am Saturday 10th April at Stanmore Bay**

**Cost - \$100 for the season (finish end of September)**  
Includes winter membership and a football to keep.

**Uniform - we will supply a team shirt for game day that is returned after each game - you will need to supply your own shorts/socks/shin pads/boots**

**Register now at [www.hbcafc.org.nz/register](http://www.hbcafc.org.nz/register)**

## Mark Your Diaries

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>
06 Apr	<b>Easter Tuesday sKids open 8.30-3.00pm</b>
08 Apr	Liturgy - St Joseph
12 Apr	Life Education begins - all students
16 Apr	<b>TERM ONE ENDS 2.45pm</b>
26 Apr	ANZAC Day
03 May	<b>TERM TWO BEGINS 8.45pm</b>
03 May	Book Fair week Begins
07 May	Mums Day at Stella Maris 12.00pm - 2.45pm
07 May	Book Character Parade 12.00pm
09 May	Mothers Day

## 2021 School Term Dates

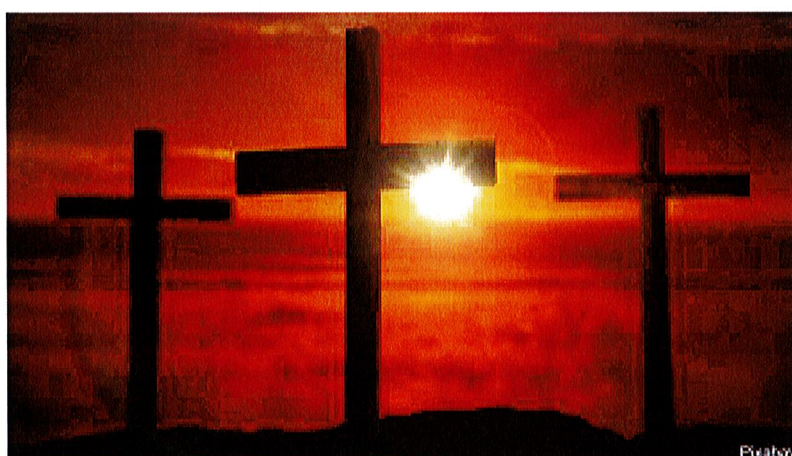
TERM 1	Tuesday	09 Feb - Friday	16 Apr
TERM 2	Monday	03 May - Friday	09 Jul
TERM 3	Monday	26 Jul - Friday	01 Oct
TERM 4	Monday	18 Oct - Monday	20 Dec

## 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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