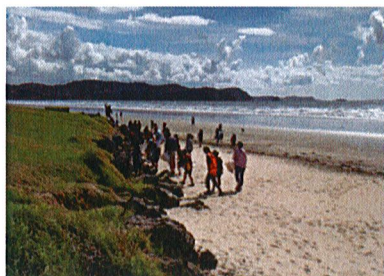


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Kia ora whānau

Last Friday the team from Sustainable Coastlines came into school to talk about what we all need to do to take care of our beaches, and how this helps the sealife. We were reminded about our responsibility to reduce, reuse and recycle, a message that we hear from Pope Francis in his letter to us all "Laudato Si – Care for Our Common Home." These talks were followed up with the trip to Orewa Beach on what was a very windy day. After donning gloves and receiving instructions about looking in amongst the rocks, under clumps of seaweed and under bushes the students went off with their rubbish sacks to seek rubbish. One problem however... there was not a lot of rubbish to pick up. What a great problem to have! I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who helped and supported the students at the beach clean up. These days are not possible without your support. A huge thank you also to Countdown who provided apples, bananas and water for all students and helpers.



Contact details: In the last couple of weeks we have found through the office that a number of the contact details held in the office are out of date, we have had emails bounce back or not been able to contact parents via phone. If you have moved recently or changed emails or phone numbers it is important that you make sure the school office has your updated contact details.

Easter Tuesday: Please note that Easter Tuesday is a school holiday across New Zealand. This means that school will be closed on Tuesday 6th April. Skids will be operating for the day, but you must book your child in before Tuesday. See contact details for Skids in the newsletter.

Carpark safety: Next week there will be information in the newsletter about safety in our school carpark. Please keep an eye out for this.

Congratulations to the Recipients of Certificates This Week

St Dominic Henry Reardon, Toby Di Muro, Jessica Holm	St Augustine Shiloh Juntilla, Connor McDougall, Reeve Giddy, Rosie Thomas
St Patrick Annie Eastham, Finn Cuffe, Amy Fu, Gabe Bovelandar	St Joseph Sebastian Grounsell, Noah Johanson, Marco Cardeno, Izzy Tier

We wish all families a happy and blessed Easter.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki

May God bless you.

Catherine Cyprian

Principal

Matikao Team: What an awesome day we had last week on our school Beach Clean-up with the Sustainable Coastlines team! It was surprising how little plastic rubbish we were able to collect - heart-warming that we on the Coast are doing a good job as kaitiaki on our beaches. A big thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers - we could not have done it without your support. We wish you all the joys of the Risen Lord this Easter and a happy holiday time with your families.

Mokehu Team: Hola! Last week we had a very successful day being Kaititaki and cleaning up Orewa Beach. It was amazing to see how much plastic we found and now the children are making more of an effort to keep the school looking clean and tidy. We do collections for soft plastic, hard plastic and a piggy food bin to help reduce our landfill. Shine Challenge information has been sent home this week, this is an optional homework activity that children can complete over the year. We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break with your families.

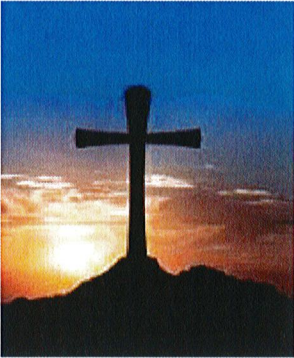
Huruhuru Team: Two classes in our team have been involved in Holy Week and Easter liturgies for the school. Today St Patrick led the Stations of the Cross, and next Thursday 8 April at 9am St Joseph will lead the Resurrection Stations Liturgy. This will be a similar format to the Stations of the Cross and will recall the 40 days between the Resurrection and Pentecost. All are welcome to join us. We wish all families a safe and enjoyable Easter.



Pope Francis encourages us this week to lift our eyes to the cross. He encourages us to recognise how very much we are loved, how precious we are to Jesus. Today we were led in our Stations of the Cross by St Patrick students. The reverence and prayerfulness they shared the story of the last few hours of Christ created an atmosphere of reflection and wonder. The rest of the school joined in and there truly was a sense of the presence of God's spirit. We thank St Patrick class and Mrs Bodle for their leadership of the Stations. May the journey you took us on stay with us this Easter time and may we come closer to understanding why Jesus sacrificed Himself so we could be with Him in paradise.

*Thank you Lord
that by Your wounds we are healed.
Thank you that because of Your huge sacrifice
we can live free.*

*Thank you that sin and death have been conquered and
that Your Power is everlasting.
Amen.*



Karl Hobman
DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

School Uniform Shop Change Of Address

Our school uniform shop Positive Image, is now located at 16A Flexman Place, Silverdale.

Flipper Ball

If your child would like to play flippa ball this year please email Alexis. Simon.alexis@xtra.co.nz It is played on Sunday afternoon between 4pm - 5.30pm. Games are 20 mins and participants need to be comfortable in the water. Games are at the Leisure centre in Stanmore bay. Only togs required as caps are provided. We are aiming to have a year 3/4 team and a year 5/6 team.

Well Done Stella Maris Swimmers

The Interschools Swimming Competition took place last Thursday and the Stella Maris Team excelled. They took the small schools trophy for the 6th straight year in a row. Besides the outstanding achievements in the pool, the team's conduct was exemplary. Keep up the great work team.



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Miniball - Stella Stars

This little team has seriously grown and developed in such an amazing way in 3 games. From their 1st game, to now, they have developed in their team work, passing, sportsmanship and goal scoring in such a big way! So cool to see how they learn how to play the sport and work together as a team! We won tonight against the Gulf Harbour Sharks and it was a close game 6 to 4 in the end. Way to go Stella Stars mini ball.

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



PARISH NEWS

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

Parents whose children are 8 years and older by the beginning of May are invited to enrol their children in the 2021 Sacramental programme. Enrolment forms are in the church foyers, at the School office or on the parish website www.hbcp parish.org.nz. The programme fee is \$60 which includes course materials, a personalised candle and professional photograph of your child during the ceremony. This may be paid by direct deposit to BNZ Bank a/c 02-0100-0120966-17. 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 (please note that no enrolments will be accepted after this closing date)**. If you have any enquires please contact Katherine Craig, 021 082 69162 or email alikhathcraig@xtra.co.nz

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

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 3.30pm - 4.30pm, 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.

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

Do you want your child to play a team sport?
 Register for your child to play football at
 Hibiscus Coast AFC - a great family and
 community focussed sports Club! We have
 teams for boys and girls!

register online
www.hbcafc.org.nz/register

FOOTBALL FOR 4-6 year olds

Starts - 5pm Friday 9th April at Millwater or
 8.30am Saturday 10th April at Stanmore Bay

Cost - \$65 for the season (finish end of September)
 (includes winter membership and a ball to keep)

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

Mark Your Diaries

02 Apr	Good Friday - School Closed
05 Apr	Easter Monday - School Closed
06 Apr	Easter Tuesday - School Closed
06 Apr	Easter Tuesday sKids open 8.30-3.00pm
08 Apr	Liturgy - St Joseph
12 Apr	Life Education begins - all students
16 Apr	TERM ONE ENDS 2.45pm
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
03 May	TERM TWO BEGINS 8.45am
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

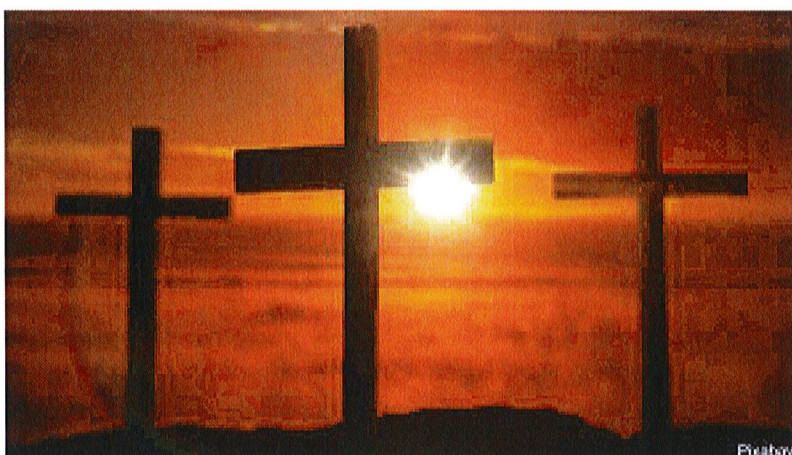
TERM 1	Tuesday	09 Feb - Friday	16 Apr
TERM 2	Monday	03 May - Friday	09 Jul
TERM 3	Monday	26 Jul - Friday	01 Oct
TERM 4	Monday	18 Oct - Monday	20 Dec

2021 Public Holidays

Good Friday	02 Apr
Easter Monday - Tuesday	05 Apr - 06 Apr
ANZAC Day	25 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

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

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