

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

In the gospel this Sunday we hear Jesus portray God as a loving and proud Father who sees Himself in me and in each one of his sons and daughters. So, He expects of me as a dearly-loved child of his, created in his image, that I will be good to all my brothers and sisters, even my 'enemies' and persecutors.

I have been made aware of a few near misses when students have been riding scooters and bikes home from school. Last week two students went down Old Mill road and didn't stop at the bottom and went straight across what is becoming a very busy road. Please talk to your students about their safety if they are walking, scootering or biking home.

Can I also ask that some patience and care is taken in the car park. Last week a parent had a very near miss when someone failed to give way.

Coming Events To Note:

Feb 21	Second hand uniform sale 8.15am school foyer
Feb 24	Huruhuru Team Assembly 11:20am
Feb 26	Ash Wednesday Liturgy in hall 11:20am
Feb 27	Japanese Students arrive 4pm
Feb 28	Welcome Picnic from 3.30pm details below
Mar 02	Full School Assembly in hall 9:00am
Mar 03	Year 5/6 Swimming Carnival
Mar 11	Japanese students depart
Mar 12	Liturgy 9:00am

Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at Assembly:

St Joachim Harry Thomas, Alexis Bonilla Ame'lie Negri-Vivar	St Peter Vincent Straka, Jasmine Cate, Zoe Johanson
St Anthony Erin Walker, Christopher O'Neill	St John

Team News

Matikao Team: A great start to the new year! The children are beginning to settle into their class routines and are coping well despite the very warm days. We are thinking seriously about practising a rain dance! We are noticing that many students are struggling to correctly put on their helmets when preparing to use the bike track and that many helmets seem incorrectly fitted. Where possible we assist them with this. We ask you to please go over this essential life skill with your children if they are bringing in a bike or scooter to ride.

Mokeyhu Team: We are all getting into the swing of things and classes are settling back into routines well. Students need book bags at school each day. These were not included in the stationery pack, as most students have them from last year. They are available at the Warehouse, or you can use last year's PE kit bag (or similar). This week Year 4s have been doing PAT tests each day. Year 3s had their first PAT listening comprehension test, which is the only PAT they complete this year.

Huruhuru Team: This week time has been spent getting Google Drive and Google Classroom organised for the team. Thank you to all the parents that have returned their child's BYOD and internet forms quickly. It is great to have so many of our students that are bringing their own devices to school. Using devices is an integral part of our learning programme. There will be times when parents are asked to respond to students' work on Google Classroom. Please also look at our team website <https://sites.google.com/stellamaris.school.nz/huruhuruteam/home> for information, including apps that we need to be downloaded onto students personal devices.

God Bless
 Alan Watts



Last night members of Staff from Stella Maris attended the annual Dedication Mass where Bishop Pat celebrated the start of the school year with all Catholic Schools in Auckland. He spoke about the changing nature of Religion in New Zealand and how we as catholic schools have an important role and a tremendous privilege in guiding our students to "Encounter Christ".

We often start the year off with the Gospel story of Jesus welcoming and blessing the children. He tells us clearly **"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."**

Mrs Bates shared the following with the staff and I believe it provides a wonderful lesson to us about how we can "Encounter Christ" like a child. A Grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his Granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained, "I'm praying but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me because he knows what I am thinking." This is the faith we all aspire to. Complete trust that God knows exactly what we are thinking and what we need. Perhaps our children could educate us in how to enter the Kingdom!

Karl Hobman
DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

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The PTFA warmly invite all new and returning families to a fun family 'Welcome Picnic' and 'Meet the Teacher' evening. Official opening of the new Bike / Scooter Track !!! and other games for all to enjoy !!!



**Friday 28th
February at
3.30 pm**

Come along for an informal evening picnic to meet and mingle. You can bring your own picnic, or purchase food at the school.

Don't forget your scooter.

This is a great time to meet your new teachers and say hello to new families who have joined us. It's also a great way to catch up after the holidays with parents you haven't seen over the summer.

Matikao Team 4pm

Mokehu Team 4.30pm

Huruhuru Team 5pm

The Cycle/Scooter track and playground will be open.

Any enquires please contact Roxy E: stellapfta@stellamaris.school.nz. See you there

Start Of The Day

A reminder that school starts at 8.45am, if your child is at school prior to 8am, **they must** be supervised by yourself or registered to attend SKIDS, students may wait in the foyer from 8am to 8.15am at which time the bell rings for them to go to class.

Absences

If your child is to be absent from school, please either email absences@stellamaris.school.nz, alert us through the Stella Maris School app or phone the school and leave a message on the absence line 09 427 9189. Please include child's name, class and **reason for the absence**.

Triadic Goal Setting Interviews

Wednesday 18th March commencing at 1.15pm to 7pm
Thursday 19th March commencing at 3.15 pm to 6.30pm

**The School will FINISH at 12.20pm
on the Wednesday 18th March 2020**



Bookings are to be made online by visiting
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Our School Access Number is **a2fhs**

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

Stationery

This has been distributed to your child and a list outlining the items and cost was sent home. Payment can be made via online banking or with cash or cheque or eftpos at the school office. **Regardless of the method of payment, your child's stationery form must be returned to the office for processing.** Thank you.

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Weetbix Try-Athon

22nd March 2020 is the Weet-Bix tryathlon. Stella Maris has entered a team and would love as many Stella Maris students as possible to join in. You can enter individually or as a team of 3 (each competitor completing one leg each) Students don't have to be strong swimmers as they can walk-in the water and there are heaps of life guards in the water with the children. Stella Maris will have a gazebo up for families to sit together and we'll share a bbq at the end of the tryathlon. It's an awesome experience for the participants. If you would like to enter please follow the link <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35585&G=101339>

PTFA NEWS

Pastoral Care

At Stella Maris we are very lucky to have a Pastoral care team, meals are made for families within the school that may be going through hardship, a death in the family, sickness or have just welcomed a new baby. This year we are putting out a request for those that can commit to making 1 x meal a term so we have meals on hand in the freezer. If this is something you would like to be a part of please email kelly@mccollbuildingservices.co.nz and we will be in touch. We have a Facebook group that special requests (allergies etc) can be made whenever there is a need. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/237752390407812/?ref=share> Please join for updates and requests. We would love to get as many people involved in the team to help ease the load of the usual cooks - many hands makes light work!! Thank you

PTFA Market Day And Second Hand Uniform Tomorrow

The first Market Day of 2020 will be TOMORROW Friday 21st of February from 8:15 am in the school foyer. If you have second hand uniform items you would like to donate, please place them in the box under the table beside the red PTFA box. Remember to bring cash, you never know what you'll find on the day!

Help needed from 8am - 9am on Friday morning for the second hand uniform sale. If you're able to help or interested in helping at future sales please text Helen 0273393839.

PARISH NEWS

Stations Of The Cross During Lent

If you are willing to lead the stations of the Cross at either St John's on Friday at 7.30pm or St Francis' on a Sunday at 4pm during Let, please add your name to the list in the Church foyer.

Easter Rosters

Ministers needed for Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Liturgy, Easter Vigil 8pm and Easter 10.15am Masses. We also need sacristans, collectors, readers for Palm Sunday and people willing to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. If you are able to volunteer for any of these please add your name to the lists in the Church foyer.

Youth Group

On Friday 28th February in the parish hall at 7pm. Youth of all ages welcome. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Contact Tania 020414 73785.

Mass Times For Ash Wednesday

St Johns 9.30am

St Francis 7.30pm

Ministers who will be distributing ashes to the sick are asked to bring a small container to Mass.

World Day Of Prayer


All are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer Service, on Friday 6th March, hosted by Manly Methodist Church, 945 Whangaparaoa Road, 10.30am. Prepared by the women of Zimbabwe and the theme is 'Rise! Take your mat and walk'. Any volunteers who may like to participate in the service please contact Barbara Hines 09 427 8496.

Sacramental Programme Hibiscus Coast Parish

Please keep the following in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation:

Josephine Anders, Neil Bennett, Norah Bennett, Alexis Bonilla, Gabriel Boveland, Marco Cardeno, Jasmine Cate, Campbell Coggins, Harrison Coggins, Finn Cuffe, Shyla Dickinson, Kiera Dimock, Annabelle Dudek, Sophie Endlich, Kash Hape, Kree Hape, Kyus Hape, Devin Harkness, Celeste Heaney, Harlem Hope Jensen, Riley Hope Jensen, Caleb Jardim, Noah Johanson, Zach Juntilla, Shiloh Juntilla, Matthew Kajta, Darcy Kelleher, Damian Kim, Joesph Kim, Alyvia Lintag, Viktor Magdziarz, Isla McDougall, Emma Edhouse, Maika Moce, Sera Park, Marta Pozaroszczuk, Maya Pozaroszczuk, Sophie Skinner, Aiden Skinner, Zoe Smythe, Elam Thompson, Isabella Tier, Amaia Warren.

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20 Feb	Carmel College 2021 Pre-enrolment evening 4.30pm
24 Feb	Huruhuru team assembly 11.20am
26 Feb	Ash Wednesday - Selected senior students to Mass at 9.30am
26 Feb	Distribution of Ashes at school 11.20am in the hall all welcome
26 Feb	PTFA Meeting 7.15pm school staffroom
27 Feb	Japanese students arrive 4pm
28 Feb	Welcome Powhiri for Japanese students 11.20
28 Feb	Welcome Picnic 3.30pm
28 Feb	4pm Matikao "Meet the teacher"
28 Feb	4.30pm Mokehu "Meet the teacher"
28 Feb	5.00pm Huruhuru "Meet the teacher"
01 Mar	National Children's Day
02 Mar	Full School Assembly 9am school hall all welcome
03 Mar	Year 5/6 Swimming Carnival 10.30am - 12.30pm Northern Arena
09 Mar	Community singing 11.20am
09 Mar	Carmel College Enrolments for 2021 to be completed
10 Mar	Farewell lunch Japanese students and Host families
10 Mar	New families BOT Welcome Pizza dinner 6pm
10 Mar	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
11 Mar	Japanese students leaving
12 Mar	Liturgy 8.55am in hall - all welcome
14 Mar	PTFA Parents Event
16 Mar	Matikao Team Assembly 11.20am
18 Mar	School finishes at 12.20pm for Goal setting interviews
18 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews from 1.15pm
19 Mar	Goal Setting Interviews continue from 3.15pm
23 Mar	Mokehu Team Assembly 11.20am
25 Mar	PTFA AGM followed by regular meeting 7.15pm school staffroom
26 Mar	Liturgy 8.55am in the hall all welcome
26 Mar	Interschool Swimming Northern Arena
30 Mar	Huruhuru Team Assembly 11.20am
01 Apr	Huruhuru Swimming Sessions begin - Northern Areas
09 Apr	Stations of the Cross 9am at Stella Maris
09 Apr	Holy Thursday
09 Apr	TERM ONE ENDS 2.45pm
10 Apr	GOOD FRIDAY
27 Apr	ANZAC DAY OBSERVED - SCHOOL CLOSED
28 Apr	TERM TWO STARTS

Please note: school calendar dates may be subject to change

2020 School Term Dates

TERM 1 Friday	07 Feb	Thursday	09 Apr
TERM 2 Tuesday	28 Apr	Friday	03 Jul
Teacher Only Day		Friday	29 May
TERM 3 Monday	20 Jul	Friday	25 Sep
TERM 4 Monday	12 Oct	Friday	18 Dec

Family Whanau Book Resource Link

<http://www.faithalive.org.nz/assets/Resources/Family-whanau-book.pdf>

Telephone

Netball

- Cancellation Number -
09 424 2318

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09 426 5599

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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

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Donations

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All other Payments

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PTFA Bank Details

12 3046 0376269 00

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www.webhealth.co.nz

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