

# Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

The gospel on Sunday we hear about Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman at a well. In our country, we have a lot of water and we do not have the same sense of the value of water. In Palestine, Africa and India water is something very precious. Water is life. If there is no water, death comes. When the Bible speaks about water, it speaks about life. The woman is spiritually thirsty as well. When she hears what Jesus is offering she is immediately ready for the living water that he promises. "Sir, give me this living water, that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." We encounter one another as Jesus once encountered a Samaritan woman: spiritually thirsty, but with ears open, listening to one another, encountering one another and encountering Christ. We, like the Samaritan woman, have known what it means to be thirsty: and we too, have encountered the One who offers us living water, so satisfying that we will never thirst again.

## Coming Events

March 16-20 Care and Share week – bring a can or non perishable food item.

March 18 Goal setting interviews – school finishes at 12:20

March 19 Goal setting interviews – school finishes at normal time.

Weekly updates on the corona virus are posted each week on the "Beacon" and the school "App." An explanation for children about corona virus is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPsY-jLqaXM> You can subscribe to the "Beacon" on the home page of the school website [www.stellamaris.school.nz](http://www.stellamaris.school.nz) scroll to the bottom of the page.

**To download the school "App" Follow the instructions below.** Once downloaded please subscribe to the classrooms your child is in under the "Alert Groups" button. Messages will be sent home this way.

1. Go to the App Store or Google Play store on your mobile device
2. Search SchoolAppsNZ
3. Download the App
4. Open the App
5. When it asks to send notifications – click allow.
6. When it asks to search your School – type Stella Maris in the search Bar
7. Lastly, Subscribe to the Alert Groups you would like to receive alerts for.
8. You are now all set.

## Team News

**Matikao Team** It is great to see the children having so much fun on the bike track and learning about safety at the same time. The continuing fine weather is allowing much use of the track. A reminder please to continue to return readers each morning to the class as we often require those books for new groups. It is important to keep all school books including library books in book bags.

**Mokehu Team:** We have been very busy exploring different aspects of Journey this week, from looking at maps and famous landmarks, to hearing about famous journeys undertaken by explorers across the world. Please ensure book bags and diaries come back to school every day, as we cannot send home readers if we do not see the previous book, or have a bookbag to put it in. Thank you for your support.

**Huruhuru Team:** This week the team are preparing for our goal-setting conferences. This begins with students being supported to identify their next learning steps within academic learning areas and key competencies. Next week at the conferences the students will be ready to lead the process with their parents and teacher. A notice about our Swimming Sessions went home this week. Please return this information and money as soon as possible.

God Bless

Alan Watts



Last Friday a group of Huruhuru students and I attended the World day of Prayer liturgy held at the Methodist Church in Manly. The Stella Maris students represented the school with dignity and confidence. These leaders of our school proudly joined in prayers, sang and interacted with the gathered community, taking every opportunity to represent the school. The small group of Stella Maris students made a wonderful contribution to the service. Each year communities around the world gather in prayer with a focus on women in a particular country, this year being the Women of Zimbabwe. The theme for 2020 was "Rise! Take up your mat and walk". The man in the parable decided he wanted to be healed, he allowed Jesus' power to heal him. His mat was the place he laid down with his excuses. Jesus empowers us to be made well if we accept the transformation God offers. We were asked how can we "Rise and take up our mat".

*God makes all things new. In Christ we are reconciled to God. Let us walk towards reconciliation! Let us walk towards a new life, a life of reconciliation in with our Risen saviour. God is love. Let us rise with our hearts full of love!*

Karl Hobman  
DRS

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School Accounts Attendance Dues And Donations

Student accounts have been posted to all families, the account is for the full year. Thank you so much to everyone who has paid their first term, \$299.50, or the year in full. A reminder that if you are setting up an automatic payment or regular internet payments please ensure you work out your monthly payment to end on or before the 5th December. For families new to our school, Attendance Dues are collected on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland and are forwarded to them on a monthly basis as they are received at the school. It is the same with the Special Character Contributions, these too are also collected on behalf of the Diocese and forwarded in the same manner as the Attendance dues. All components of the account are to be paid to: **ASB Orewa 12 3046 0362238 01 using your 4 digit code you will find on your account, or your child's name.**

**Attendance Dues:** These are approved by the Minister of Education under Section 447 of the Education Act 1989.

**Special Character Contribution:** These are collected on behalf of the Proprietor and are raised in terms of Section 451 of the Education Act 1989. (Potential Donation Rebate)

**Teaching and Learning Donation:** Is a voluntary contribution to our school and can also be a (Potential Donation Rebate). These funds are used to provide additional teaching programs and learning resources for the direct benefit of all our school children. (Ministry Guideline). If you have any queries please direct to either Mr Alan Watts School Principal or Mrs Helen Mackereth Administration Manager.

### Stationery Payment Due

Stationery 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 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.

### Charging Cellphones:

There are a large number of students requesting that their phones be charged in the office at the start of the school day. The office is not in a position to accommodate these requests.

### 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 12.20 pm  
on the Wednesday 18th March 2020



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

### Bus Information For Wednesday 18th 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 18th March

With the school finishing at 12:20pm on Wednesday 18 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)

## Open Day 2nd April 2020 - Enrolments For 2021

The school will once again open its doors for families to visit for 2021 enrolments. Tours will commence at 9am and finish at 12 midday. If you, or family and friends have a child turning 5 between now and December 2021, please ensure you pass on this information. Come along and see first hand a typical school day in action, meet the Senior Leadership Team and have any queries you may have answered. Any enquires regarding this day please email E: [achieve@stellamaris.school.nz](mailto:achieve@stellamaris.school.nz)

## Parish Care And Share Appeal Week

Next Monday 16th - Friday 20th March. There will be boxes in the foyer to receive your contributions of non perishable food items which are used to provide hampers to those in need in our community. Thank you.

## Flippa Ball

If your child would like to play in the year 3/4 or 5/6 flippa ball team on Sunday evenings at the Leisure Centre Stanmore Bay, please email Alexis. Games are 20 minutes and are played between 4pm - 5.30pm for year 3/4 and about 5pm -7.30pm for year 5/6. Cost is between \$40-\$50 term depending on numbers. Participants can touch the bottom, but need to be comfortable swimmers. Email: [Simon.alexis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Simon.alexis@xtra.co.nz)

## Easter Rosters

Ministers needed for Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Liturgy, Easter Vigil 8pm and Easter Sunday 10.15am Mass. 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.

## 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.*

## PTFA NEWS

Stella Maris PTFA and Bakers Delight presents the

# Hot cross bun

## Fundraising Sale

Purchase a 6 pack for \$9.50 and our PTFA get \$2 per pack

Options available traditional, choc chip and apple & cinnamon

Order on Kindo 16th-31st March

Orders will be available for collection after school on the 7th April

## 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Children Ballroom Dance Classes

The beautiful Waltz, the cheeky Cha Cha or the exciting Jive. Come join Silverdale Ballroom Studio. Silverdale Hall at 5pm every Thursday. Call Norma Wright 09 427 5542 for more details.

### Win Lunch! For Your Child And Their Teacher For A Week!

That's five days of yummy ezlunch options for two - just order an ezlunch school lunch for delivery between Monday 9th and Friday 20th March and you'll automatically be put in the draw to WIN. The winner will be notified by 5pm on Friday 20th March and both the winning student and their teacher will receive a \$50 ezlunch voucher.

### Orewa Beach Kindergarten Ducky Derby

Sunday 29th March 11am-2pm, Western Reserve, Orewa. Watch 750 rubber ducks race down the Orewa Estuary! The first 3 ducks to cross the line win some great prizes. Plus food and entertainment while you wait. [www.facebook.com/OrewaDuckyDerby](https://www.facebook.com/OrewaDuckyDerby) for tickets.

### Girlguiding New Zealand

Is looking for new volunteers to help run amazing Guiding programmes on the North Shore ! If you want to give a few hours of your time to help a young woman gain confidence and learn some life skills, sign up on our website or email Jenny on [jenny.knight@ggnz.org.nz](mailto:jenny.knight@ggnz.org.nz) to chat about the different options available.

## Mark Your Diaries

- 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 Arena
- 02 Apr Stella Maris Open Day for 2021 Enrolments
- 03 Apr PTFA "I Am Hope" Gumboot mufti day
- 06 Apr Full School Assembly
- 07 Apr BOT Meeting 7.30pm
- 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**
- 28 Apr Change to Winter Uniform
- 04 May Book Fair Week
- 04 May Matikao team assembly 11.20am
- 07 May Liturgy 9am
- 08 May Mums Day at Stella Maris 12.20 - 2.45pm
- 08 May PTFA Fun Lunch
- 08 May Book Character Parade
- 11 May Care and Share Food Hamper Appeal Week
- 11 May Mokehu team assembly 11.20am
- 12 May BOT Meeting 7.30pm
- 13 May Rosmini Open Day 1.40pm - No parking on school grounds
- 14 May Interschool Rugby Tournament Year 5/6
- 18 May Huruhuru team assembly 11.20am

*Please note: school calendar dates may be subject to change*

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## 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

### Parish Office

- Parish Secretary -
- Theresa Fouché

[theresa@hbcparrish.org.nz](mailto:theresa@hbcparrish.org.nz)

- Pastoral Associates -
- Deacon Murray Morgan
- [murraymorg@gmail.com](mailto:murraymorg@gmail.com)
- 09 426 5599

Deacon Greg Murphy

[greg09122015@gmail.com](mailto:greg09122015@gmail.com)

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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](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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