

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Dear Families

This Sunday in the gospel we hear about the healing of the blind man. Blindness is not about the quality of our vision or the condition of our eyes. It is not about the darkness around us but, rather, the darkness within us. How we see others, what we see in the world, the way we see life is less about the objects of our seeing and more about ourselves. We do not see God, people, things, or circumstances as they are, but as we are. Until our eyes are opened by Christ our seeing is really just a projection of ourselves onto the world. What we see and how we see manifest our inner world. They describe and point to the fears, attachments, and beliefs within us.

Thank you for attending our goal setting interviews during the week.

We are looking at possibilities as to what we can do if the school is forced to close due to the corona virus – covid-19. This includes using the internet where possible to continue learning. Please ensure you have subscribed to “The Beacon” and the “School App.” Click the link below to take you to the instructions on how to do this from the newsletter of February 13th 2020 <http://stellamaris.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Newsletter-130220.pdf>

Updates from the Ministry of Education and Health will be sent out via “The Beacon” and also placed on the “School App” and “School Website”.

Coming Events

March	25	PTFA Annual Meeting at 7:15pm.
	27	PTFA Fun lunch.

Congratulations to the following who were awarded certificates at Assembly:

St Mary Olivia Negri-Vivar, Caspian Bates, Alina Zhang, Indi Wakelin	St Lucy Sofia Flores-Jochmann, Araya Armstrong, Suriya Armstrong, Mila Henderson
St Nicholas Chase Lloyd, Daisy Ashman	St Leo James Wilson, James Friday, Kaia Mant, Matilda Tang

Team News

Matikao Years 1 - 2: Triadic goal-setting interviews have been a wonderful opportunity to begin the goal setting journey with our young students. It was great to meet with our children’s parents and focus on where to next. Thank you to all who gave their time to share thoughts and ideas with us on the ways forward for our children.

Mokeyhu Years 3 - 4: It has been great to have so many parents this week for goal setting. Mokeyhu teachers will take time twice a term to review goals with students and adjust them. This week we started our maths cross-grouping. Students have been grouped according to data gathered so far this term, and we are focusing on number knowledge and place value. Students go to their maths groups every day at 11:20am for one hour. They are working with students at a similar level. Next term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction strategies and groups will be adjusted accordingly.

Huruhuru Years 5 - 6: Fridays from 11:20am-12:20pm is a busy time for the team as we are all involved in Discovery Hour. This is an opportunity for us to work with a variety of students and teachers in inquiry learning that is of interest to us. This year we have students doing gaming, research on a variety of topics, coding, creating a band, building and inventing objects, creating things out of plastic and setting up an art gallery. Part of this process involves some of the students sharing their learning at Team Assemblies. This is a great opportunity for us to learn from each other.

Alan Watts
Principal



In these uncertain and challenging times, we pray...

*When we aren't sure, God, help us be calm;
when information comes from all sides, correct and not,
help us to discern; when fear makes it hard to breathe,
and anxiety seems to be the order of the day, slow us down, God;
help us to reach out with our hearts, when we can't touch with our
hands; help us to be socially connected, when we have to be socially
distant; help us to love as perfectly as we can, knowing that "perfect love
casts out all fear." For the doctors, we pray, for the nurses, we pray, for
the technicians and the janitors and the aides and the caregivers, we
pray, for the researchers and theorists, the epidemiologists and
investigators, for those who are sick, and those who are grieving, we
pray, for all who are affected, all around the world... we pray for safety,
for health, for wholeness. May we feed the hungry, give drink to the
thirsty, clothe the naked and house those without homes; may we walk
with those who feel they are alone, and may we do all that we can to
heal the sick— in spite of the epidemic, in spite of the fear.
Help us, O God, that we might help each other.
In the love of the Creator, in the name of the Healer,
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all,
we pray. May it be so.*



Karl Hobman
DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

A great deal has happened over the last few days with regards New Zealand's response to Covid-19. We are continuing with our core activity of teaching and learning. However, in the spirit of the containment measures announced by our Prime Minister on the weekend and in line with guidelines from the Secretary of Education, Stella Maris will take the following actions. These may at any stage be modified as more instruction or guidelines come from the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Education.

- Assemblies will not take place.
- School wide liturgies will not take place.
- Our Open Day has been postponed.
- Interschool swimming carnival has been postponed.
- Huruhuru Yr 5 and 6 swimming lessons from 1st - 8th April has been postponed.
- Stella Stars playgroup who meet on Friday Mornings from 9 -11 am will not take place.

It is vital that you are subscribed to "The Beacon" and the "School App" as this is how we will update you. Instructions how to do this were in the school newsletter of February 13 and will be in tomorrow's newsletter as well.

We ask that normal health practices be maintained, namely;

- Sneezing etiquette
- Washing of hands and other personal hygiene
- Stay home if unwell and seek medical advice
- Drink plenty of water

At this challenging time, please ensure that we are aware of relevant situations relating to you and your household, eg, if

you and/or anyone in your household has been asked to self-isolate. We will continue to keep you updated, to be proactive, supportive and calm. Thank you for your co-operation

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.

Parish Care And Share Appeal Week Ends Tomorrow

There are 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.

Congratulations

Raya Forsey completed in a recent swimming carnival, starting in 7 races and achieving personal bests for all and gaining two second placings and a third. Well done Raya we are proud of you.

Open Day 2020 Postponed



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

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, Alexic Bonilla, Gabriel Bovelander, 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 Pozaroszcyk, Maya Pozaroszcyk, Sophie Skinner, Aiden Skinner, Zoe Smythe, Elam Thompson, Isabella Tier, Amaia Warren.

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.

Food For Faith

Father John O'Connor offers a Lenten reflection online course called "Food for Faith" See www.foodforfaith.org.nz/lent/

Holy Week And Easter Timetable

Holy Thursday 9th April

Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm
St Francis Manly (with vigil until 10pm)

Good Friday 10th April

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm
St John's Orewa

Easter Saturday 11th April

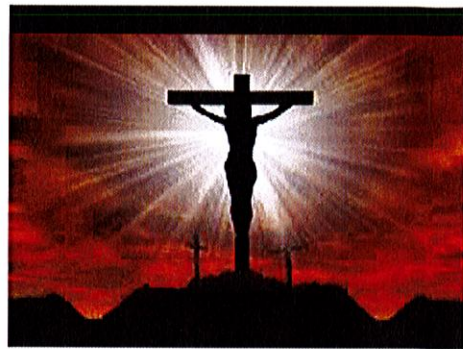
Vigil Mass, 8pm
St John's Orewa

Easter Sunday 12th April

St Francis, Manly 8.30am
St John's Orewa 10.15am

Rite II Reconciliation

Wednesday 1st April, 7.00pm St John's Orewa



Mass Of Anointing

On Saturday 28th March, 9.30am at St John's Church followed by morning tea in the hall. The Sacrament of Anointing is offered to parishioners who are seriously sick, frail, about to undergo surgery or approaching death. Please invite anyone you know who may benefit from this sacrament and offer a lift where needed.

Youth Group

Will meet on Friday 27th March 7pm-9pm. Youth of all ages welcome to join in the fun and social time. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Phone: Tania 020 414 73785.

Join The Choir

If anyone would like to join the choir for the Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Masses, please contact Eileen 021 280 4044. Practices will be held on Monday's at St John's 7pm-8.30pm.

Liturgy Of The Word Leaders

If you are interested in learning how to lead a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on rostered Mondays or days when Fr Emile is away, please contact Theresa at the Parish office, 09 426 5599.

Mark Your Diaries

- 16 Mar Care and Share Week
- 23 Mar Mokehu Team Assembly 11.20am - **Cancelled**
- 25 Mar PTFA AGM followed by regular meeting 7.15pm school staffroom
- 26 Mar Liturgy 8.55am in the hall all welcome - **Cancelled**
- 26 Mar Interschool Swimming Northern Arena **POSTPONED**
- 30 Mar Huruahu Team Assembly 11.20am - **Cancelled**
- 01 Apr Huruahu Swimming Sessions begin - Northern Arena - **POSTPONED**
- 02 Apr Stella Maris Open Day for 2021 Enrolments - POSTPONED**
- 03 Apr PTFA "I Am Hope" Gumboot mufti day
- 06 Apr Full School Assembly - **Cancelled**
- 07 Apr BOT Meeting 7.30pm
- 09 Apr Stations of the Cross 9am at Stella Maris - **Cancelled**
- 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 Huruahu team assembly 11.20am

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

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- Cancellation Number -
- 09 424 2318

Parish Office

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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

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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In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen

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