Dear Stella Community,

Athletics Carnival

Thank you to the staff and students who worked so well to make the Athletics Carnival a success.

The seniors in particular were great leaders on the day and reminded us that Stella is a community that comes together regularly to celebrate and challenge each other. Congratulations to the individual winners who will go on to represent the school at the next level of sporting competition. I would encourage families to ensure that the girls attend community days such as the Athletics Carnival - remembering that our Benedictine values encourage us to find balance and harmony. I know we all try to find these values in our family lives, going on walks or relaxing together, so let’s try to balance our academic study with our opportunities to celebrate being Stella together!

Recent Media Articles that might make you think…

- Studying HSC Mathematics The Australian Journal of Education in a study of 50 000 students undertaking 2013 HSC has reported that the current scaling regime does not encourage students to undertake harder courses in Mathematics. Many students who chose the easier mathematics courses to gain higher ATARS who go on to study courses at university such as engineering or medicine are not as well prepared for the challenge of these math-based university programs.

- Girls Education ‘New research by the Harvard Business School Gender Initiative shows that working mothers can have a positive effect on their daughters’ future income and job prospects. Daughters of working women complete more years of formal education, occupy higher-level positions and earn more than other peers.’ (Alliance of Girls’ Schools eBrief, May 2015).

Parents and Friends Trivia Night

Thank you to staff and parents who participated in Saturday’s Trivia Night and the P&F Executive is to be congratulated on hosting such a well-run evening. The event has provided the P&F with a substantial financial boost to their fundraising efforts for the school. Thanks to host John Harker and to Mary Ryland and Louise Yeates – who were our judge and statisticians.

Could I just mention that the teachers’ table won for the second year in a row. That should give all parents confidence that the Stella staff do have a good knowledge base.

Student Learning Conferences

I thank parents/carers and girls for their engagement in the learning conferences over the last few weeks. These conversations are important to ensure that the girls are on track with their learning goals. It will be good to see how the plans made here are realised by the girls in the coming months.

Meeting Bishop Comensoli

This week Good Samaritan Education met with Bishop Comensoli to speak about our shared role in the spiritual formation of the young people in our care. The Bishop indicated he would be pleased to come to Stella Maris to meet the students and I will ensure that he is invited to come and meet our girls. He spoke of his desire to ensure that all young Catholics saw themselves as ‘conspicuous for Christ and explicitly Catholic’.

Prayer for Today

Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.

John 17:25-26

I look forward to seeing many of you at Father John Hannon’s farewell in Manly this Sunday.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal

SCHOOL FEES RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to Trish & Graeme Turner. After purchasing two tickets, they were the fortunate winners of the $7000 School Fees Raffle. Trish & Graeme have a daughter Olivia in Year 10.
UPCOMING EVENTS

29 May  • Stella Day
4 Jun  • Dance Night
5 Jun  • School Photos - Day 1
8 Jun  • Queens Birthday Public Holiday
10 Jun  • School Photos - Day 2
16 Jun  • Band Night
18 Jun  • Year 11 2016 Information Night
19 Jun  • End of Term 2
13 Jul  • Staff Day
14 Jul  • Start of Term 3

STAGE 4 (Years 7 & 8)
PARENT LEARNING SEMINAR
Wednesday 10 June
7pm, College Theatre

How can I assist my daughter in her learning?
• Latest research
• Attitudes to learning
• Mindset theory
• Learning-power muscles
• Outcomes versus Processes
• Homework / Reporting
• What are other parents doing?

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE TRAINEE ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

12 Month Position - Gain a Certificate III in Business

A traineeship is a great way to get a head start in your career – you earn money while you gain a nationally recognised qualification and experience.

This position will provide you with a fantastic opportunity to gain on the job training and skills across a number of areas. You will have ongoing support from your Supervisors, who will assist in developing your skills throughout the Traineeship.

As the successful Trainee, you will be exposed to a broad variety of administrative and client service tasks including reception, data entry, records management and general office duties.

The successful candidate will ideally have completed their Higher School Certificate and have at least 6 months experience in a customer service position, most likely within retail or hospitality.

Selection criteria:
— Positive, motivated attitude
— Excellent written and verbal communication skills
— Good organisation and time management skills
— Professional personal presentation

— Polite, friendly and courteous manner
— Basic Microsoft Office skills
— Accuracy and attention to detail
— Willing to learn

Applications, closing 1 June 2015, should be emailed to employment@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au.

PARISH FAREWELL FOR FR JOHN HANNON

Come and farewell Fr John who has been part of the Manly Freshwater Parish family for the past 12 years. We will be celebrating his farewell Mass at 10:30am at Manly on Sunday 24 May followed by lunch under the big tree in the school grounds. Take this opportunity to thank Fr John and wish him all the best. For catering purposes, please contact the parish office manlyfreshwaterparish@dbb.org.au or 9977 5822.
EXAM TIME

A variety of assessment tools are used throughout the year in all subjects. Term 2 is traditionally exam time. It’s a time when students stop to consolidate and reflect on work covered so far.

Assessment schedules for all subjects are available on the Portal. These show the type and date of tasks. You will see that not all subjects will require students to do an exam in Term 2.

Students in Years 7 and 8 complete exams in class time. There is no exam block where they do exam after exam for days on end while regular classes are suspended. Teachers give students a notification sheet giving details about an up-coming exam so students can prepare well in advance and enter dates into their diary so they can organise a study plan.

Students in Years 9 and 10 do more formal exams in mandatory subjects like English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography. Again there is no exam block. Over a four day period, students will sit one exam per day. Other classes run as normal so less teaching time is lost. This changes in Term 4 for Year 10 where they are preparing to enter the senior school and an exam block is more appropriate.

The timetable for remaining Year 9 exams is shown below:

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If your daughter is absent on a day when there is an exam scheduled, please call Student Reception to report her absence as usual. She will do the exam in her first period back in class of that subject where the exam was missed.

The results of the exams and any other assessment tasks from Semester 1 will be reported on the Semester 1 reports which will be available on the Portal at the end of Term 2.

Students from Year 7-10 attend study skills workshops at the College to prepare for these busy times of year. Different techniques are demonstrated to make study time more effective and productive. The material covered in the workshops is available on Moodle for any student who wants to refresh her skills.

We wish all students well with Term 2 assessments.

Louise Yeates, Director of Curriculum

MISSION

STELLA DAY

What is Stella Day?

Stella Day is a celebration of who we are as Stella Maris students. We are a school who is passionate about peace, justice, compassion, stewardship and hospitality. Therefore, as we celebrate our community with fairy floss and jumping castles, we are raising money for our indigenous brothers and sisters in Santa Teresa.

Why do we Celebrate at the end of May?

We celebrate in May because it is the Month of Mary in the Church calendar and the 31st became the Diocesan Feast Day for the Patron Saint of the Star of the Sea (Mary). In fact, Stella Maris means ‘Star of the Sea’, a title which emphasises Mary’s role as a guiding star for Christians.

What are we raising money for?

Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Apurte) is a remote Aboriginal Catholic community about 80 kilometres south-west of Alice Springs, and home to over 600 people. Life at Santa Teresa is “very hard”. Employment opportunities are few and housing conditions are poor.

The Good Samaritan ministry we support is run by Sister Liz. As part of her diverse role at Santa Teresa, Sister Liz is involved with pastoral care and family support, faith development, liaising with community and government services. Sister Liz also works closely with the women supporting various activities at the Spirituality Centre including a cross and silk painting project.

Sister Liz sees her role at Santa Teresa as one of stewardship – “of the people, their faith and all that is theirs”. She explains: “Stewardship is more than maintaining and protecting; it is also about nurturing, enabling, encouraging and developing the dignity and gifts and faith and property of others.”

For the full article, please visit http://www.goodsams.org.au/good-oil/a-life-giving-ministry-in-the-desert/

Carolyn Collins, Mission Team
The Stella Athletics Carnival was held at Narrabeen on Wednesday 20 May. It was a great day and lots of fun was had by both students and teachers. The weather was perfect and all of the girls got right into the spirit of the day. There was lots of cheering and the participation levels in all events was amazing! There were more students in every event than ever before.

Well done to all of the girls who participated so well. The House Captains did a great job with their teams. A big thank you to all of the staff who helped the day run so smoothly. We had some outstanding performances from our athletes on the day. Many records were broken and lots of individual PBs were set. The Stella Athletics team will be announced in the coming weeks.

We had so many students participating that we actually ran out of time to hold the presentations at the end of the carnival. We will be holding a special presentation at the assembly on Tuesday when we will announce the winning house, individual age champions, the winner of the fastest 100m and the winner of the cheering competition.

Congratulations to the girls who broke records on the day:

- Laura Busse: 12 years 200m, 12 years 400m, 12 years long jump
- Millie Prior: 12 years shot put
- Shabar Thomas (equal record): 12 years high jump
- Millie Flower: 13 years shot put
- April Griffiths: 13 years 100m
- Sydney Kania: 14 years high jump
- Amy Polikowski: 14 years javelin, discus, shot put
- Sophie Wickham: 14 years 100m, 14 years 200m, 14 years 400m
- Nell Breslin: (equal record): 15 years high jump
- Lilli Smith: 16 years high jump
- Jess Wellington: 17+ years javelin

The winner of the champion of champions race (fastest 100m) was Sophie Wickham.

A full report will be in next week’s newsletter with all the results.

Jenny Wickam, Head of Sports
DA VINCI DECATHOLON

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 girls who have been selected to compete in the da Vinci Decathlon at Knox Grammar next week. The girls have attended lunchtime training sessions to prepare for this annual event. The challenges are:

- **Mathematics and Chess** - emphasis on problem solving, number patterns and logic puzzles
- **English** - spelling, word origins, definitions, textual analysis and writing tasks
- **Science** - students engage with higher level scientific concepts to test their ability to apply them
- **Code Breaking** - students will decipher complex and mysterious codes
- **Engineering Challenge** - a design task that tests problem solving skills, creativity and ingenuity
- **Philosophy** - dealing with logic, observations and evidence
- **Creative Producers** - emphasis on creating under pressure a 60-second dramatic performance
- **Art and Poetry** - the team will develop a poem interconnected with a work of art based on the theme of “place”.
- **Cartography** - students will decipher maps and apply the principles of map-making to represent spatial information in an imaginative way
- **General Knowledge** - current affairs, entertainment, the Renaissance, sport and trivia

Year 7 Team: Mia Lane, Athena Liang, Emma Cherry, Millie Prior, Elizabeth*, Brianna Campbell, Lia Sison, Summer Pittar.

Year 8 Team: Briana Coles, Carly Lavings, Riona Chapman, Caitlin Yeates, Sarah Ford, Sophie Pinner, Erin Fisher, Mia Mclean-Smith.

All the best for your challenges next week!

_Ruth Longworth, Gifted & Talented Coordinator_

* Only the students first name has been printed due to Privacy Permissions

JAPANESE COOKING DAY

**Sushi and Wagashi (Japanese sweets)**

**Workshop**

We invited professional Japanese chefs, Mr Dekura and Ms Wada to demonstrate how to make Sushi and Wagashi, on Tuesday 19 May.

Year 8 Japanese students participated in the Sushi workshop. They made two types of Sushi - flower rolls and inside out rolls - with colourful ingredients.

Year 9, 10 and 11 students participated in the Wagashi workshop. Wagashi is quite different from Western sweets since they do not use cream, oil and/or eggs, but still have a smooth creaminess with subtle sweetness.

Both Sushi and Wagashi were pleasing to the eyes and tasty to eat.

_Mika Sennett, Teacher of Japanese_
MATHS HELP

We have been very happy to see that students from a range of year groups have started to use Maths Help to assist their learning in Mathematics. With the Semester 1 examinations just around the corner, we encourage students to come along and try out Maths Help. Students should bring:

- Any homework questions they have found difficult
- Questions that they have chosen for private study that have proved to be challenging
- Questions from Mathletics or Hotmaths tasks that have caused a problem

A Mathematics teacher will be available on the following days in E28 from 3:30 – 4:30 pm to help you:

- Monday 25 May
- Wednesday 3 June
- Tuesday 9 June
- Tuesday 16 June

Kim Naylor, Acting Head of Mathematics

SPORT

NSW ALLSCHOOLS SWIMMING

On 18 May, Stella had a number of students swimming at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships at Homebush. This is a very high level of competition, with students from all over the state competing.

The Stella girls had an outstanding carnival. Hannah Baldwin (Year 10) placed 1st in the 100m breaststroke and 200m breaststroke and finished 4th in the 50m breaststroke. Naomi Scott placed 1st in the 800m freestyle, and 4th in the 200m and 400m freestyle. Both of these girls will now go on to represent NSW at the Pacific School games later this year. Well done Hannah and Naomi!

Stella also had three relay teams swimming. The all age freestyle relay (Claudia Wolff, Athena Liang, Skye Nankervis, Naomi Scott, Hannah Baldwin and Sophia Brinkmann finished 6th. Our intermediate freestyle relay (Naomi Scott, Hannah Baldwin, Nikki Sammut and Daisy Nankervis) and intermediate medley relay (Hannah Baldwin, Naomi Scott, Janice Quinn and Georgia Crowley) also finished 6th.

Congratulations to all of these girls for representing at the state level.

SNOWSPORTS

A reminder that all snowsport entry forms are due back to school next Friday. Stella will be entering teams into the Northern NSW Snowsports Championships to be held in Perisher in the July holidays. Please email Mrs Jenny Wickham for more information.

SURFING

Jasmine Riggs represented Stella at the Schools Surfing title. She did exceptionally well to make the Under 16 quarter final as she is only in Year 7. Well done!

WATER POLO

Trials for the next Year 7 competition will be held in the coming weeks. Stella will enter teams into the NSSWPA schools competition which will be held on Friday nights at the Warringah Aquatic Centre throughout Term 3. Students are asked to email Mrs Jenny Wickham if they would like to play.

Raylee Kelly & Jenny Wickham, Heads of Sport

TECHNOLOGICAL AND APPLIED STUDIES

YEAR 12 FOOD TECHNOLOGY EXCURSION

On Tuesday 12 May, the Year 12 Food Technology class went to Brasserie Breads, an artisan baking company that produces breads and pastries for local cafes and businesses. We were shown around the factory, and got to make our own bread to take home. We are studying food product development and food manufacture, so it was interesting to see how food is produced in industry the complexities of the equipment and processes.

Angie Schroder, Year 12
YEAR 8 RETREAT

The whole of Year 8 met on the basketball court at 8:45am ready to get on the buses at 9am! The buses came and we jumped on. On arrival we had a meeting on what was going to happen, room mates and what we were going to do. That day we had all kinds of team building activities which meant everyone had to participate to try and win! During the day we had different sessions when all of the year got together and worked on big topics like ‘The Art of Connection’, ‘Mean Girls’ and ‘Learn to Laugh’. We then participated in tasks such as making the tallest balloon tower and re-making scenes from *Mean Girls* (we also watched the movie). That night we had a trivia night and the next day we had three sessions ‘The beauty myth’, ‘Operation kindness’ and ‘Celebrating one another’. All of these topics were showing us how being considerate of each other and not being mean to each other creates friendships that I guarantee will become a family by Year 12. Retreat taught us all a lot and I have made new friends and become closer with people I never thought I would! My favourite part about Retreat was definitely doing the remakes of *Mean Girls*!

Nicky Berry, Year 8

Wow retreat. You’re probably thinking ‘boring’, but you have NO idea. On 14-15 May, Year 8 went on a trip to Lane Cove. This camp was all about reflecting and realising who you are. We participated in a variety of enjoyable activities. These activities took place in groups of either our PC or other random groups. The idea of having groups, made us make new friends and find out about our soul-mates and teachers.

Both of the two days were made up of different sections that had different meanings. These sections made us reflect and think about life as it is in a fun way. We got to watch *Mean Girls* and then interpret the moral of the story into our own words. We got to have fun with creating our own plays and scenarios.

Overall, lots of tears were shed, friends were made and relationships became stronger. When we were lining up on the basketball court before we got on the bus, I am sure that none of us new how much knowledge and understanding we were going to walk away with. We learnt about our body image, our feelings and most importantly, who we are.

Thanks to Miss Collins, I had the time of my life, and I am sure the rest of Year 8 did as well.

Laura Hulme, Year 8

Ani Manoukian, Year 8

Year 8 retreat was really fun and jovial. The theme of our retreat was “Finding your Groove.” The cabins were very tidy and neat when we got there and the staff was very welcoming. We got free drink bottles and we got 5-6 meals a day. The food was delicious and the staff did not leave us starving. The fruit was also really nice and ripe. The activities that Ms Collins had put together were really enjoyable and entertaining. In the end, Year 8 had a great time and we all became closer and more understanding and aware of everyone around us.

Isobel Tulevski, Year 8

Retreat was a great way to make new friends and interact with new people. We arrived and moved into our cabins, going into the hall we did activities that would help team building skills and working together. Ms Collins talked about issues many teenage girls are or will go through and ways to overcome them. I most enjoyed the last activity, we all had to sit in a circle and write positive comments about other people on their sheet of paper.
SAFETY NOTICE
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HEALTHY OPTIONS CAMPAIGN
Students receive points on their My Student Account for purchasing healthier foods, e.g. water, salad rolls and multigrain/wholemeal rolls. Prizes are awarded at the end of the year for one girl in each year group (the Year 12 prize is one formal ticket paid for) so think about what you’d like to order and get those points accumulating.

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Bernie McGrath & Cheryl Young, Canteen Supervisors

CANTEEN ROSTER
Hours are 9.30am-2.30pm approx. Call Bernie to arrange a replacement 0414 519 108 or 9976 1826.

Mon 25 May
Brigitte M Sewell
Gillian Wymer
Dianne Park
Helen Scott
Kelly Stoker

Tue 26 May
Jo Nesbitt
Susie Kirk
Michaela Andrew
Rose Pittar

Wed 27 May
Simone Davies
Cecilia Jago
Nina Gosford
Leoni Graham
Emilie Strong

Thu 28 May
Susan Smith
Natalie Cooper
Karen Sparkes
Grant Tracy
Cath Donald
Matthew Sunn

Fri 29 May
Julie Lachele
Tracy Fernon
Justine Huggins
Felicia Papamichael
Michelle Tetley
Jan Carlen

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UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN (During School Terms): 8:00am-4:30pm Tue/Wed/Thu.
PAY BY: Cash, Visa, Mastercard, American Express, EFTPOS, cheque (made out to ‘Stella Maris College’) and Student Card.

CHECK THE COLLEGE WEBSITE FOR:
*Uniform Regulations
*Second Hand Uniform Policy
*College Shoe Policy
*Uniform & Stationery Price Lists

VOLUNTEERS ROSTER - None required this week.

WINTER UNIFORM
All blazers have now arrived. There are still some girls who are yet to pay for and collect theirs. Cost is $190. The blazer is a compulsory part of the uniform and is to be worn each day.

SECON DHAND UNIFORMS
Please contact us prior to bringing in items to check if they are needed. Uniforms will be accepted on consignment.

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Gail Hickey & Maree Sewell, Uniform/Book Shop Supervisors
9976 1819 or uniform_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Stella Trivia evening last Saturday. It was a wonderful success and a great time was had by all!

Congratulations to Table #14, the winners, who received a case of wine donated by Cunninghams Real Estate.

On behalf of the Stella P&F, “thank you”, we raised in excess of $10,000 - a new record!

Thank you to the tremendous efforts of the P&F Committee for organising such an outstanding evening.

The P&F gratefully acknowledges the support of the following individuals and businesses who have generously donated to the P&F Trivia Night. Please, in turn, support their businesses while shopping in the community.
BECOME A STELLA MARIS HOMESTAY FAMILY

Our Homestay Service is an important aspect of the College’s International Program. The aim of this service is to place our overseas students, who travel a long distance to come to Australia to study on their own, with quality and caring homestay families. The students are normally aged 14-16 years old and plan to pursue their studies for at least three years at Stella Maris College.

The overseas Stella students and their families value and respect this service – they think it is the best experience their daughters could ever have. To be able to live with a Western family and get to know the culture, cuisine and gain lifelong friendships is an integral part of their study journey. Therefore, the College’s International Program carefully selects homestay families by arranging to meet with them to ensure the home is suitable to accommodate the student and that Working With Children Check requirements are met. After approval, we provide homestay families with detailed information and guidelines to help them successfully host a long-term overseas student.

The remuneration for Homestay Families is between $270-$290 per week to cover the cost of accommodation, food, electricity, water, etc.

If you would like to enrich your family’s culture, teach your children inclusiveness and understanding, or create some international connections by hosting an overseas student, please express your interest by emailing me, Jiani Chen jiani_chen@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au, with your name, your daughter’s name, home address and mobile number and I will be in contact with you.

Jiani Chen, International Program Officer

COMMUNITY