Dear Stella Community

Ash Wednesday

The Stella students and staff led by Father David reflected on the meaning of Lent this week with an Ash Wednesday Mass held at lunchtime in the Chapel. The community led by the Year 12 leaders listened as Father David explored what Lent means for us today as followers of Christ. Lent is closely linked to the change of seasons in the northern hemisphere - the promise of new life as Spring emerges from the darkness of Winter. The Liturgy Captains proclaimed the readings and the girls responded through the ash ceremony as well as Eucharist.

A Lenten Prayer

Come back to me...
Come fasting and weeping and sorry for your sins.
Turn around your life...
Turn back to God, your God, for God is kind and merciful.
This patient God is always ready to forgive and waits for you to turn and come.

(a reflection on a reading from the Book of Joel 2:12 – 13)

Welcome Evening for Year 8 and 9

Thank you to Year 8 and 9 parents who were able to join us for the Welcome Evening on Wednesday this week. I would like to share with you all my words to Year 8 and 9 and their families.

At the assembly this week we welcomed visitors from Mater Dei, a sister Good Samaritan College, a school for children with physical and intellectual challenges. Beth and James told us simply that they loved school - Beth enjoys physical activities such as swimming and James subjects such as English.

At the same assembly Jessica Arman, Isabella Gilbert and Emily O’Connell were celebrated for their amazing academic achievement in the 2014 HSC. In Stella’s best results ever, Jessica achieved our top ATAR of 99.75 and Isabella Emily and Jessica were listed in the HSC All-Rounders. Jessica spoke to the girls about how she achieved this result. It was not because she was a brilliant student she said. It was the balance she struck from Year 7 on between school and recreation. She gave herself study goals and worked to them over six years. She worked with the teachers to develop her knowledge and talked about the mistakes she made being formative in her understanding of the courses she undertook. She worked with other students to improve her skills and share her understanding and challenged herself to do her best. It was clearly about setting personal goals, commitment to them and belonging to the community.

Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival is on Wednesday 4 March Please remember all girls are to travel to and from the pool with the school community. We will be back in time to meet our regular buses at the school and it much easier to manage if there are no exceptions put in place.

Chinese New Year

I wish a Happy New Year to all our Stella girls and families who are celebrating the Chinese New Year this week. We are going to celebrate at school with our international students on Wednesday evening on the deck. I am looking forward to the night.

Elizabeth Carnegie

Principal

Xīn Nián Kuài Lè (新年快乐)
pronounced Shin-Nien-Kuai-le
UPCOMING EVENTS

24 Feb  •  International Students Welcome Afternoon 3.30-5.30pm on the Deck

25 Feb  •  Year 7 (2016) Information Night Theatre
  Session 1  6.00 - 7.00pm
  Tea & Coffee 7.00 - 7.30pm
  Session 2  7.30 - 8.30pm

27 Feb  •  Clean Up Australia Day (ALL SCHOOL EVENT)  2.00-3.15pm. A reminder to return signed permission slips to PC Teachers as soon as possible.

4 Mar  •  Swimming Carnival North Sydney Olympic Pool
  •  Stella Maris & St Augustine’s present “Our Town” 7.30pm, Theatre. 4 March - 7 March . 4 Shows Only. Tickets http://www.trybooking.com/GNBH (see Performing Arts Section of Newsletter for details)

7 Mar  •  Year 7 2016 Academic Scholarships Examinations 9.00-10.30am, Benedict Campus

9 Mar  •  Duke of Edinburgh Information Night Bronze Award 6.45-7.15pm, Theatre

10 Mar  •  Careers Expo 4.00-7.00pm, Benedict Campus
  •  Year 10 Welcome Night 7.00pm, College Deck

16 Mar  •  Year 7 2016 Performing Arts Scholarship Auditions

17 Mar  •  Vocal Night, 7 pm Star of the Sea Theatre

18 Mar  •  Year 7 Orientation Camp through to 20 March
  •  College Open Night 5.00-8.00pm

28 Mar  •  Noumea Trip Years 9 & 10 French Language Students’ through to 2 April

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
DATE: Wednesday 4th March 2015
VENUE: North Sydney Olympic Pool
DRESS: House colours

This year we are very excited about holding the Stella Swimming Carnival at North Sydney Olympic Pool! We encourage all students to participate! We look forward to the Stella girls swimming, cheering and being involved in this great event!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
• This is a compulsory school day.
• All students must be at school by 8.45am for PC. Buses will take all students to the pool.
• The carnival will conclude at approximately 2.15pm. Buses will bring all students back to school.
• All students will need to wear a one-piece swimming costume and house coloured swimming cap. Caps are on sale at the uniform shop for $3.
• Students are to wear house colours or full PE uniform.
• Please bring hat and plenty of sun cream.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FROM NORTH SYDNEY OLYMPIC POOL
• No coloured hair spray or coloured streamers at all.
• Photography is only permitted with the permission from the School Principal or Swim Centre Management.

ENTRY PROCEDURE
• All students are encouraged to participate.
• Students may enter championship races or non-championship races:
  ⇒ Championship Races
  • These are timed races.
  • You must enter championship races if you wish to be selected into the Stella swimming team or to be eligible for age champion.
  • You must pre-enter Championship races on Moodle, in the 2015 Swimming Carnival section, and select all events that you wish to compete in.
  • Age group is the age you turn this year.
  • Entries are now open and will close on Wednesday 25 February
  ⇒ Non-Championship Races
  • These races are not timed.
  • These are races that students enter for fun, and winners will not qualify for the BBSSSA Carnival.
  • You do not need to pre-enter non-Championship races, you may enter on the day of the carnival.
  • Please note: If you enter a Championship Race, you cannot go in the non-championship race for the same event.

Jenny Wickham, Head of Sports
Stella Maris College, Manly

Year 10 Information and Welcome Evening

Dear Parents, Guardians and girls,

We would like to invite you to the Year 10 Information and Welcome Evening to be held on

Tuesday 10 March, 2015.

We will meet in the Theatre at 7pm and move to the Deck in the College Courtyard for light refreshments.

This is a wonderful opportunity to mingle with staff and other parents.

I look forward to meeting you all then!

Mrs Bronwyn Parker, Head of Year 10
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ASSEMBLY

“You don’t need to go to a selective school to get an ATAR of 99.75” was the comment of one of our parents at our Years 8/9 Information night on Tuesday evening. As girls who go to Stella are currently achieving at this elite academic level.

And she is right! That was the ATAR of our 2014 College Dux, Jessica Arman, who also listed as an HSC ‘All-Rounder’ for achieving a Band 6/E4 result in 10 units in the HSC in 2014. Additionally, both Isabella Haley and Emily O’Connell achieved the same honour.

On Tuesday the College community gathered to celebrate the success of not only these girls, but all students who excelled consistently in their subjects throughout Semester II, 2014.

As Dux, Jessica was presented with engraved gift to both recognise and have a keepsake to mark this achievement. Her ATAR places her in the top 0.2% of all students who sat the HSC in 2014. Jessica has accepted a place to study Arts/Law at Sydney University.

On the day Jessica also had the opportunity address the community. Her speech was excellent and offered good advice for our current students. A copy of Jessica’s speech is below.

“To start off, I would like to thank all the teachers and staff that supported me since Year 7, especially my Year 12 teachers. It was six years of cumulative support and encouragement that enabled me to achieve my final results. To learn from teachers that genuinely enjoy passing on their knowledge was a privilege.

The main tip I can give you about how to achieve your goals is quite self-explanatory- make explicit, concrete and pragmatic goals in the first place. Know what you have to do and when you have to do it. I remember Mrs Parker telling us that academic stress comes from being unprepared- and while you can’t avoid every type of stress within high school, organisation is the key. By taking note of my exact study hours, it made it easier for me to balance my life outside of school- I would know when I could and couldn’t afford to take a break. In all years, the earlier you make a start on homework, assessments and study- even if it’s a quick brainstorm or some internet research- the more time there is in the long-run to relax.

Especially within the senior years, choose subjects you are good at and you are interested in. You are more likely to succeed in a subject when you actually want to go to class. And even then, go beyond the syllabus. Research and create questions instead of simply rote learning. Keep in touch with current affairs both here and overseas. The world constantly changes and this will link into your syllabus at some point during your education. Teachers and markers look for original perception of the big picture.

That being said, contrary to popular advice you should occasionally procrastinate. If you’re at the point where you can’t stand to look at a textbook, take a break and refresh. But limit the break to an hour or so, go back to what you were doing, and you’ll feel better. The importance of balance can’t be undervalued- if you sacrifice academic progress for your social life, you might regret not making the most of your education. Similarly, if you sacrifice friendships and your own wellbeing for study, you miss out on important stability and support networks.

Failure is inevitable in order to improve. Throughout high school, I often saw people become disheartened when hard work wouldn’t necessarily bring the desired results. Instead of punishing yourself for not doing as well as expected, reward yourself for trying in the first place- sometimes, it can be difficult to separate personal worth from a test score. For example, I will always remember that in Year 7, I received a score of 22/60 for my Term 1 Music assessment. Luckily, I worked to an ‘A’ by the end of the year. But when motivation and results fell short, I found that an authentic curiosity for the world around me gave me the most from education. If you remain interested about what you are learning, you take advantage of the complex thoughts and knowledge in society. It’s rewarding to be able to maintain intelligent conversation in all social circumstances.

So in summary - start from Year 7. Set yourself realistic times you will study each night - don’t set it so high you lose motivation. Start everything as early as you can - do a bit each night. Be competitive - your classmates are. However, if you are doing well, help other people - teaching others is a form of revision. If you’re struggling, ask someone who is doing well for help.

Good luck for the coming year, especially to Year 12, and thanks for listening.”
On Tuesday 17 February, our friends from Mater Dei in Camden drove two hours to have lunch with a group of Stella girls and speak at our College Assembly. Beth and James are in their final year of school and have mixed feelings about leaving their supportive learning environment. Beth informed us that she hopes to be in a musical in the future, whilst James wants to be a professional football player.

Mater Dei is our Good Samaritan school who cater for students with intellectual disabilities. They deeply appreciate the support of the Stella community who fundraises in Term 1 to support the incredible work they do.

If you are interested in supporting Mater Dei, feel free to email me at carolyn_collins@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

For more information, visit www.materdeicamden.org

Carolyn Collins, Head of Community & Social Justice
These are our new House Banners which were used during the Opening Mass last Friday at St Mary’s Cathedral and are now on display in the school courtyard area.
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY AT STELLA

Clean Up Australia is taking place on Sunday 1 March. Every year Australia wide, hundreds of thousands of Australians get stuck in and Clean Up their local environment by collecting and removing rubbish. No doubt some of you and your families will be involved in this very worthwhile campaign on that day.

This year Stella Maris College is also participating in this event. We will be doing our ‘clean up’ on Friday 27 February, between 2.00–3.15pm.

In order for all the girls to participate in this event the excursion note sent home with your daughter needs to be signed and returned to your daughter’s PC teacher as soon as possible.

Your daughter will need to have a hat and sunscreen and could you please provide her with rubber gloves or gardening gloves, suitable for picking up rubbish on that day.

If your daughter suffers from any particular allergies or medical issues which could affect her participation in this event, could you please inform the College in regards to this.

This Clean Up will involve the whole school and staff and will be well supervised. Different year groups and teachers will be allocated areas near our school or at our school for clean-up. Instructions about the procedures involved in this event will take place in the Pastoral Care classes prior to the day.

I hope that you will support your daughter and the College in this activity, in this year of Stewardship, a core value of the Benedictine Tradition and our Good Samaritan School.

Sally Hunt, Head of HSIE

YEARS 8 & 9 INFORMATION EVENING
BRONZE INFORMATION EVENING

All parents of Year 9 Students whose daughters are interested in participating in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award are invited to an information evening on Monday 9 March in the Theatre from 6.45 pm - 7.15 pm. If you are unable to attend but would like to receive some information please email: andrea_mezger@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

OVERSEAS TRIPS

We are pleased to confirm the overseas trips for Duke of Edinburgh 2015. There will be two overseas trips offered this year for Years 10, 11 and 12 Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh participants.

- Cambodia departing 27 November and returning 7 December
- New Zealand departing 13 November and returning 19 November

(dates will be confirmed on the availability of flights)

Costs are as follows:

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$600 non-refundable deposit required. Price is subject to change dependent on currency fluctuations

Inclusions:
- Return economy class international airfares: Sydney/Siem Reap - Phnom Penh/Sydney
- Accommodation based on 3 star hotels with students in twin share rooms
- Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- English-speaking guide throughout
- Coach
- Entry fees to all attractions visited

Exclusions:
- Cambodia Visa – approximately $70
- Spending money
- Drinks with meals
- Travel insurance – approximately $120
- Vaccinations as advised by your medical practitioner

NEW ZEALAND (7 days / 6 nights)

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$300 non-refundable deposit required. Price is subject to change dependent on currency fluctuations. This trip will require a minimum number of students to go ahead, price will increase if less than 17 students are interested

Inclusions:
- Return economy airfares Sydney to Queenstown with Jetstar/Air New Zealand
- 3 nights accommodation in Queenstown
- 3 nights accommodation in Huts along the Milford Track
- Coach transport
- Some meals
- Shotover jet boat ride in Queenstown
- 2 Luge rides and Gondola ride at Skyline Queenstown

Not included:
- Passports and visas if required
- Travel insurance (approx. $60)
- Drinks with meals
- Spending money

Eligibility:
- Offered to Years 10, 11 and 12
- Currently completing either your silver of Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Students need to be able demonstrate they are well-behaved, reliable, good natured, compassionate and are good ambassadors for Stella Maris.

We will require a minimum number of students in order to offer both the trips

Expressions of interest are required via email by Monday 23 February. Any questions please contact andrea_mezger@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Andrea Mezger, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

Writers’ Group

A reminder that Writers’ Group is up and running for 2015. If you have a passion for writing, or if you feel like you are struggling and need extra help with your writing then Writers’ Group is for you. You can choose to come along to our MONDAY LUNCHTIME workshops in room C21, or you can do weekly writing tasks online through moodle in your own time. You can enter competitions and try to win great prizes, or you can just work on your personal writing skills or your school writing tasks. If you have questions just come and have a chat with one of us or send us an email with your query.

Alison Tedman, Head of English alison_tedman@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Meta Regis, Teacher of English and Philosophy meta_regis@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
ASX SHAREMARKET GAME 1 - March 12- May 20 2015

Attention ASPIRING financial experts/stockbrokers or any students wanting to learn about the sharemarket. The game is open to ALL STUDENTS and is an opportunity for you to develop knowledge of the sharemarket through interactive, online participation. It is as close to real life share trading as you can get. Currently, the sharemarket is at its highest point since the GFC, so potentially this could be a time to profit.

Each Syndicate has a hypothetical $50,000 to trade, based on the ASX, at current market prices. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning teams and schools.

Students will work in syndicates of 2 - 4 players. Some lunchtime meetings will be held to familiarise students with the stockmarket and the rules of the game.

Any student wishing to enter these events should contact me at the College.

The Australian Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC) 2015

The ABBC is Australia’s only neuroscience competition for Year 10 high school students. It is a competition that teaches students about the brain and how it functions and dispels misconceptions about neurological and mental illness. It tests the neuroscience knowledge of students on topics such as intelligence, memory, emotions, movement, stress, ageing, sleep, addiction, Alzheimer’s and stroke.

The competition is open to Year 10 students and will be held to coincide with Brain Awareness week from March 16-20. The top students will then proceed to the NSW state finals in June to be held at The University of Western Sydney. In preparation for the Brain Bee students will attend lunchtime mentoring sessions to further their knowledge.

Allanah Harrington, a Neuroscience researcher from UNSW, will be a guest speaker on Monday for Year 10 Science.

Ruth Longworth, Gifted & Talented Coordinator

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Stella teams who played at the BBSSSA Touch Football Gala Day at Nolan’s Reserve on Monday 16 February. The touch football was of a very high standard and the teams did very well to both make it into the semi finals. The senior team had a 3-0 loss in the semi, while the intermediate team finished in a 2-2 draw with Mount Saint Benedict in the semi. A technicality saw Bennies progress through to the grand final, an unlucky result for our talented intermediate team. Congratulations also goes to Nicole Saldern, Chloe Scranage and Tasma Woolley who were selected to play in the BBSSSA team.

Well done to both teams:

Open: Nicole Saldern, Chloe Scranage, Daisy Nankervis, Mali Garling, Sarah Staples, Jamaia Bennett, Logan Mounsey, Amber Roberts, Ali Hickey, Clare Pockaj, Danique Connell

Under 15: Sophie Wickham, Tasma Woolley, Jessie Purvis, Jess West, Campbell Reimer, Bailee Radford, Nell Breslin, Bridie-Rose Snell, Bella Huggins, Aysha Whyte, Annika Latta, Jamie Lachele

TRIATHLON

Good luck to all of our triathletes who will be competing in the NSW All Schools Triathlon next Thursday and Friday. Entries have now closed for this event.

WATER POLO

The Open Water Polo Competition will commence in March. This is open to all students in Years 10-12. All level of ability is welcome to join a team. Games will be played on Friday night at the Warringah Aquatic Centre for the remainder of Term 1 and all of Term 2. There will be no training for this competition. Any student in Years 10-12 who would like to play should email Mrs Jenny Wickham for a permission note.

Congratulations to the Stella girls who played at the NSW U14 State Water Polo Championships in Tamworth last weekend. Playing in the 14B team was Bailey Reimer and Olivia Lovell from Year 7. Carla Woolley (Year 12) was the assistant coach of this team.

The 14A team was very successful! This team was undefeated all weekend and finished as State Champions! Well done to the many Stella girls in this team: Aysha Whyte, Nellie Scarrabelotti, Sophie Wickham, Campbell Reimer, Skye Nankervis (who was named in the tournament 6) and Tasma Woolley (MVP grand final).

Basketball:

Good luck to our Open Basketball team who will be playing in the BBSSSA Basketball Championships in Terrigal on Thursday.

Jenny Wickham, Head of Sports
PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

ICMS OPENING COCKTAIL PARTY
Congratulations to all the girls who performed at the ICMS Opening Cocktail party on Tuesday Evening 10 February - you all performed with great confidence and flare.
* Lilly Mills
* Alja Draguns
* Daniella Zanko
* Danique Connell
* Lauren Bird

PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS FOR TERM 1
Drama:
• “Our Town” Opens on the 4th of March
Music:
• Tuesday 17 March - Vocal Night at 7pm Concert for our Singers here in the Star of the Sea Theatre. All our singers are welcome to perform. Please send any items to Mrs Leanne Haines to be included in the Program.
• Friday 27 March - Virtual Australian Chamber Orchestra excursion to Manly Gallery.
• Wednesday 1 and 2 April - Two day Music Camp at Camp Kedron Terrey Hills

OUR STAFF
If you have any questions please contact Mrs Jessica Maker, Head of Performing Arts, or any of our Performing Arts Staff:
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Evan Browett - evan_browett@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
Leanne Haines - leanne_haines@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Jessica Maker, Head of Performing Arts

JOINING AN ENSEMBLE
If you would like to join any of the Performing Arts ensembles please come and see Mrs Maker or the relevant staff member.
Notes for the Drama ensembles are in the Music room.

UPDATED ENSEMBLE TIMETABLE
Please note these rehearsal times may change as we consolidate our ensembles.

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We are very aware of the contamination threat to Nanna’s Berries. We have returned any stock we had in the freezer and are now using some we purchased from Manly Freezers. They supply the Berryman range but some of those are processed in China or Chile. We have found that the mangoes are the only frozen fruit grown and processed in Australia so until the threat is over, mango smoothies will be the only choice in the Canteen. We are also adding fresh fruit when we have it, e.g. watermelon, rockmelon or strawberries.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS
Please note parking time limitations:
- 2 hours around the school
- 5 hours (9.30-2.30) in the bus zone
- 4 hours at Keirle Park
- Unrestricted (Warringah Council):
  - Off Pittwater Rd behind Queenscliff Health Centre
  - Up steps near Queenscliff Beach near SPLAT coffee shop

SAFETY NOTICE
For students safety, the Canteen will only provide boiling water for noodles to students who either buy the Fantastic Noodles from the Canteen or bring from home the 70g ‘Fantastic Noodles’ or ‘Simplee’ (available from ALDI). These containers are more sturdy than others, can withstand the boiling water and are not too flimsy to hold.

- Students are not to lend their card to others. Card owners must be in attendance if students want to buy for others.
- Each student should have only ONE card. Old cards will not be served.
- Replacement cards cost $5. Defaced cards will need to be replaced.
- Please check your daughter’s My Student Account to ensure she has sufficient funds to purchase items.
- Information: 1300 369 783
- Add Funds: 1300 884 668

HEALTHY OPTIONS CAMPAIGN
Students receive points on their My Student Account for purchasing healthier foods, e.g. water, salad rolls and any roll on multigrain/wholemeal. 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.

Bernie McGrath & Cheryl Young, Canteen Supervisors

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**HOURS (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.

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**CHECK THE COLLEGE WEBSITE FOR:**

- Uniform Regulations
- Second Hand Uniform Policy
- College Shoe Policy
- Uniform & Stationery Price Lists

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**PRICE LIST**

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**VOLUNTEERS ROSTER**

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The Stella Maris Swim Carnival is on Wednesday 4 March. Girls are to wear a one piece swimming costume. All eight Colour House Swim Caps are available from the Uniform Shop for $3.

**SECONDHAND UNIFORMS**

As we prepare to sell winter uniforms, now is the time to contact us if you have uniforms to sell. Due to changes in the uniform we are now only accepting limited items. Please contact us prior to bringing items in to check if we are accepting them.

Gail Hickey & Maree Sewell, Uniform/Book Shop Supervisors
9976 1819 or uniform_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
**TAX FILE NUMBER APPLICATIONS**
A tax file number is a unique nine-digit number issued to administer your tax when you have any job.

**New process!** Students complete an online application form print off the summary and then visit within 30 days an Australia Post Office outlet and have your identity verified. Apply and visit https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/?fb_locale=es_LA

**Sydney Dance School Holiday Workshops**

**Engineering at Charles Sturt University (CSU)**
CSU is introducing a new Bachelor of Technology/Master of Engineering (Civil Systems) in 2016. Study will begin on campus in Bathurst for 1.5 years, followed by four years of online study while students undertake four one-year paid placements in industry. 1800 334 733 or http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/engineering-civil-systems

**ACU Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Birth to five years)**
A brand new course designed for students who want to pursue a teaching career in a birth to five years setting. Developed in response to workforce needs in the early childhood sector and graduates find employment as Early Childhood Teachers in early childhood settings, such as early learning centres and kindergartens. http://www.acu.edu.au/early-childhood

**UTS INSEARCH Semester 1 application cut offs extended to February 22**
UTS:INSEARCH is a premium pathway provider to UTS and depending on the course chosen can fast track students to the second year at UTS. Students can apply here http://www.insearch.edu.au/how-to-apply or call: +1800 896 994

**Government Subsidised Courses in Aged Care**
Macquarie Community College is offering Cert III & IV courses in Aged Care starting in March at Carlingford and Hawkesbury. The NSW government will subsidise up to 90% of the cost of the course. Additional assistance available for those who need additional help with literacy or numeracy basics or who are disadvantaged. 02 8845 8888 or info@macquarie.nsw.edu.au

**AIT FREE Digital Workshop**
21 Feb and 6 March, 10am to 4pm.

**Travel the world as Cabin Crew**
Aviation Australia’s (AVI20208) Certificate II in Aviation (Flight Safety) is designed to equip students with the skills and essential knowledge for a career in Flight Safety. Course are available in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Open Days available soon. Visit http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/flightattendant/ or email laura.mcquillen@aviationaustralia.aero.

**Introduce Caring Students with an interest in Social Justice to a Career in Disability Advocacy**
FREE half-day workshop. During a projectABLE workshop students learn how to apply their passions and skills to enrich the lives of others by pursuing a rewarding career. http://projectable.com.au/nds-workshop-archive/, 1300 637 637

**Sydney Design School Interior Design Specialists Info Session**
26 March, 6pm, Level 2, 40 Oxley Street, St Leonards. Find out more about our range of Interior Design and Decoration courses. See examples of work, take a tour of the campus and find out more about the world of interior design. Register at www.sydneysignschoool.com.au.

**International Film School Sydney**
Two intakes per year (February & July). 2015 applications still open. Campus tours available upon request, call us on 02 9281 2400 to speak with one of our friendly Student Recruitment Advisors. http://ifss.edu.au

**Australian Catholic University Biomedical Science Double Degrees New for 2016**
A degree in biomedical science will train students in the principles of science applied to clinical medicine. The course aims to provide a pathway for postgraduate studies in health disciplines such as physiotherapy, medicine, dentistry and public health. Available as a double degree with Laws, Business Administration and Applied Public Health.

**Careers in Maths**
Career profiles from apprentice chefs to nurses where maths is used. http://www.mathscareers.org.au/

**UNSW Discover Engineering Day**
26 March, 9.00am-2.30pm
ANSTO, New Illawarra Road, Lucas Heights

**Sydney Aviators Open Day**
8 March, 8.30am-11.00am, Bankstown Airport

**Projects Abroad Volunteer Overseas Information Evening**
17 February, 6.30-7.30pm, Sydney Central YHA, 11 Rawson Place, Sydney.

**WEP Student Exchange 2015 Information Sessions**
17 March
A not for profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Department in NSW, is holding monthly information sessions. Visit http://www.wep.org.au or contact WEP (info@wep.org.au/0395984733)

Jeanette Ferguson, Careers Advisor
STELLA RAFFLE

Due to overwhelming demand, the Stella Raffle is back in 2015! We have decided to run another **$50 PER TICKET** Raffle, only 200 tickets will be sold!

**Prize: $7,000 towards your School Fees**

How can you purchase your tickets?
1. Online, using your credit card, via Trybooking ([http://www.trybooking.com/GLHU](http://www.trybooking.com/GLHU) or [http://www.trybooking.com/113094](http://www.trybooking.com/113094)).
2. Complete the raffle form below, make payment using cash or credit card, and return it to the Stella Maris Finance Office.

This raffle will help us raise some money for the school. Please note, once all the tickets are sold, the raffle drawing date will be published in the Newsletter. Best of luck!

STELLA TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 16 May 2015 at 6:30pm at the Benedict Campus

Make a note in your diary and come along to a fantastic night! Bookings can be made through Try Booking (details to follow soon) or through the Canteen.

Great prizes and silent auction

Invite your friends and family - TABLES OF 10!

BYO Drinks and nibbles

Stella Maris P&F Committee
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**Stella School Fees Raffle 2015**

Win one year of school fees to the value of

**$7000**

The P&F are holding a raffle with the opportunity for you to win $7000 towards your daughter’s school fees.

**Only 200 tickets available!**

**$50 each**

First in, first served so be quick! Limited opportunity to participate. These are very good odds!

**Complete the order form below** with the number of tickets that you would like to purchase* and take the payment slip to the Finance Office (open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm). Payments can be made by cash or credit card.

* Limit of 10 tickets per family. Please note that if not all 200 tickets are sold then a full refund will be given for tickets purchased.

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**Stella School Fees Raffle 2015**

Name ………………………………………………………………………………………. Amount $ ……………………

Student Name(s) …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Payment Type ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ VISA ☐ AMEX ☐ CASH

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Expiry Date __ __ / __ __ ☐ CCV __ __ ☐ Signature ………………………………………………………………………

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Nationally Consistent Collection of Data
School Students with Disability

Information for Parents/Carers

Schools across Australia are taking part in a new national data collection on school students with disability. The data collection is being introduced in stages over three years, and started in 2013. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australia, every year.

All Australian governments have agreed to this.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?

All Australian governments agree that every child in an Australian school should have a high quality education. It shouldn’t matter what the individual child’s circumstances are – every child should have the same opportunity to succeed at school.

The aim of this new data collection is to have better information about school students with disability in Australia.

Better information about school students with disability will help teachers, principals, and education authorities to support students with disability to be part of the school on the same basis as students without disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

There is nothing new about schools collecting information about students with disability – in fact, schools have had to do this by law for some time. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory.

With the new data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect the information – that is, in government school in submarine Sydney will collect and report data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The information provided through this new national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability. It will help to put the right supports in place for students with disability so that they have the same opportunities for a high-quality education as students without a disability.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO?

Every school in Australia is likely to have a student with disability at some point. Schools need to be able to support students with disability by removing any obstacles for them to participate in their education.

By law, schools are required to make reasonable adjustments where needed to assist students with disability. These responsibilities are outlined in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. This means that schools need to talk to the student and their parents/caregiver about reasonable adjustments. These are things the school does now and this won’t change.

The new data collection will record students who have been identified by a school team as needing the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and provided with an adjustment.

WHAT IS AN ADJUSTMENT?

An adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability participate in education on the same basis as other students. Adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (like ramps into classrooms), in the classroom and at an individual student level (like extra tuition for a student with learning difficulty).

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

Your child’s school will collect and report information every year about:
- the level of adjustment provided
- the number of students who receive each level of adjustment
- where known, the student’s broad type of disability

Some students who are not provided with an adjustment at the time of the collection will meet the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and will be eligible to be included in the data collection.

WHO WILL COLLECT MY CHILD’S INFORMATION?

Teachers and other school staff from your child’s school will collect this above information based on:
- consultation with parents/caregivers
- the school team’s observations and professional judgments
- any medical diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for making sure that the information collected about each student is accurate.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families is very important. With the new data collection, this will be done in the following ways:
- Personal or confidential information will not be given to anyone not authorised to see it.
- When the information is sent by your child’s school to the local or federal education authority for continuation with information from other schools, it will be by school only – student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection.
- When the information is reported from 2016 onwards, it will be by school only – student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE DATA BE AVAILABLE?

When all Australian schools are taking part in the new data collection, the information will be reported on the MySchool website from 2016 onwards. It will be by school only – no student names are recorded as part of the data collection.

CAN I DECIDE WHETHER MY CHILD’S INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

It’s your decision about whether you want your child’s information to be included in the national reporting or not.

Including every school child who is being provided with an adjustment because of disability in the new national data collection each year will help schools, education authorities and governments to better meet students’ needs.

Your school will tell you what you need to do if you don’t want to have your child’s information included in the national data collection.

Even if your child’s information is not included in the national data collection, your school is still required to provide support to your child with disability and any adjustments that may be needed to help further participate at school.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your child’s school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability, and how it may affect your child.

You can also visit www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability

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Does your child suffer from anxiety that affects behaviour, friendships and learning?

Robyn Fallshaw is a Child Psychologist who has helped hundreds of families to overcome the emotional and behavioural challenges presented by their anxious children.

In this valuable 2-hour presentation, Robyn will help you to understand the symptoms of children’s anxiety, share proven strategies for supporting anxious children and provide guidance about when to seek help.

**TUESDAY**
24 February
7.30pm – 9.30pm

**The Chairman’s Lounge**
Brookvale Oval
Alfred Street Brookvale

Located in the Ken Arthursen Stand. Enter via main gate on Alfred Street. Ample parking available

To reserve your place, book online at www.kids-first.com.au/free-events/

Or call Kids First now on 9938 5419

**FREE PARENT EVENT**

*How to Help Your Anxious Child*

This event is a Kids First Community Service Seminar

Tickets are absolutely FREE, however places are limited. Bookings are essential.