Dear Stella Community,

Parents and Friends Trivia Night

It’s just one week until our Stella Trivia Night will be held at Benedict Campus on Saturday 16 May at 6.30pm and the Parents & Friends Committee would love you to come along. It is an opportunity to enjoy a fun night, get to know other parents and show your support for the school. There are several tables of teachers who are ready to challenge the parents with their knowledge of trivia and general ignorance (to quote Stephen Fry)! The 2015 P&F School Fees Raffle will be drawn on the night and I look forward to seeing you there.

Parents Dropping their Daughters to School

I please ask again that you do not drop your daughter at school in Eurobin Avenue blocking driveways or double parking. It is dangerous for your daughters to cross the road there and the residents regularly ring me to complain about the inconvenience it causes them. I encourage you to have your daughter catch public transport to and from school as the buses drop the girls safely at the gate or on Pittwater Road or North Steyne.

Learning Conferences

Our second round of Learning Conferences were held this week at the Benedict Campus. Thank you to the parents/carers who attended with their daughters to discuss how we ensure good learning outcomes are being worked towards in all subjects.

Love for One Another

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.....you did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you will love one another. (John 15:12-14, 16-17)

The reading for today is from John’s Gospel. It speaks of Jesus as the true vine and we, as the branches, are bearers of God’s fruit - a beautiful symbol of relationships drawn from our earth and its richness when nurtured and loved. It is very apt as we approach Mother’s Day this weekend. We all recognise that nurturing families help our girls to be confident and grounded young women. I hope that this weekend we remember to recognise mothers (grandmothers, sisters and other women who have nurtured us).

The Mother’s Day Breakfast raffle winner was Carolyn Ewins. Carolyn won a Japanese knife set valued at $380 donated by Hale imports in Brookvale.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
11 May ● P&F Committee Meeting 7.00pm, Benedict Campus.
12 May ● NAPLAN till 15 May refer details within Newsletter.
       ● Student Learning Conferences 4.00-7.00pm, Benedict Campus.
14 May ● Year 10 Self Protection
       ● Year 8 Retreat till 15 May, Naamaroo, Lane Cove.
16 May ● Stella Maris P&F Trivia Night 6.30pm, Benedict Campus.
19 May ● Performing Arts Showcase
20 May ● Stella Maris Athletic Carnival
       ● P&F General Meeting 7.30pm, Library.
21 May ● Student Learning Conferences 4.00-7.00pm, Benedict Campus.
29 May ● Stella Day
4 Jun  ● Dance Night
5 Jun  ● School Photos
8 Jun  ● Queens Birthday Public Holiday
10 Jun ● School Photos
16 Jun ● Band Night
18 Jun ● Year 11 2016 Information Night

UPCOMING EVENTS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL INFO
THE CARNIVAL IS A COMPULSORY SCHOOL DAY

DATE:       Wednesday 20 May 2015
VENUE:      Narrabeen Academy of Sport
TIME:       Buses depart Stella at 8.45am and return at 3.00pm.
Students making their own way to and from the Carnival must arrive at Narrabeen by 9.15am and be collected by 2.20pm. Any student that is still waiting to be picked up after the Carnival will be put on the last bus back to school.

WEAR:      Athletics clothes in House Colours or full PE Uniform

INFO:
● The format is the same as the swimming carnival in that there will be Championship and Non-championship events. Students must pre-enter all championship events on Moodle. Entries will close on Monday 11 May at 10am. ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN!
● Students will not be able to enter championship track events on the day. Championship events will count towards age championships and are used for selection to the BBSSSA carnival.
● Non-championship events may be entered on day. These are: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m. Please note that there are no non-championship field events. Field events may be entered on the day, but we encourage all students to sign up to field events on moodle. (long jump, high jump, shot put, discus or javelin)
● Javelin will be held at 8.45am. If you wish to compete in javelin, you must make your own way to Narrabeen by 8.45am.
● The 1500m will be the first event of the day. Students in this event will need to be on the first bus to the carnival.
● There are no finals for any event. Overall placings will be calculated on times.
● All students should try to enter at least two events.
● We will be calling for students who are unable to participate to act as helpers on the day.
● Please bring sun cream and hat.
● Canteen facilities will be available at the carnival, but we encourage students to pack a healthy lunch.

P&F TRIVIA NIGHT

PRIZE DONATIONS
Please ensure your donations are left at the College office, clearly marked for the Trivia Night, by Monday 11 May.

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

Come along to a fantastic night!
$20 per person
Bookings can be made through Try Booking
www.trybooking.com/HBFA or the School Canteen.

Year 11 and 12 students are also invited - $10 a ticket, tickets can only be purchased through the Canteen.
Great prizes and silent auction.
Invite your friends and family – TABLES OF 10 (free seating)!
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INNOVATIVE INSPIRING INCLUSIVE
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM

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 the work covered so far.

Assessment schedules for all subjects are available on the Portal. These show the type and date of tasks for each subject. 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 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.

NAPLAN WEEK

Students in Years 7 and 9 will complete NAPLAN testing next week. The timetable is shown below:

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<td>Period 1 and part of Period 2</td>
<td>Reading Test (65 minutes)</td>
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<td>Move to regular Period 2, then normal timetable follows</td>
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<td>8.45am - 9.00am</td>
<td>Rolls marked Year 9 Canteen Deck Year 7 Basketball Court</td>
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<td>Numeracy Calculator Allowed Test (40 minutes)</td>
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Please phone Student Reception if your daughter is absent for any of the NAPLAN tests.

Friday is a designated catch up day. Students who were away will be required to sit all tests on Friday.

Results are usually ready by August and are distributed to the girls as soon as they are received by the College.

It is important that we realise these exams give a snapshot of what your daughter can do, so that future teaching and learning programs can be designed to support her. Like any exam, they are just one tool used by teachers to get a picture of where your daughter is at with her learning.

Good luck to all of our NAPLAN girls in Years 7 and 9.

Louise Yeates, Director of Curriculum
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

PARENT – TEACHER ONLINE

Student Learning Conferences are booked online through PTO. Two remaining dates are available for interviews for all Years 7-12:

12 May (4.00—7.00pm)  
21 May (4.00—7.00pm)

Both Parent/Carer emails have been set-up in PTO, but please only make ONE set of interviews per daughter unless it is absolutely necessary that you each attend separately.

Jennifer Molloy, Director of Administration
Big Day In @ University of Canberra - 11 June IT Careers Conference for Years 9-12 students. Speakers include IBM, Microsoft, Westpac, WiseTech Global, HP, ACT Health & more talking about their careers and the future of technology. Loads of exhibitors. No charge to attend http://www.thebigdayin.com.au

Psychology Info Day at Southern Cross University - 17 June Learn about a career in Psychology. Year 11-12 students can attend Get Psyched at SCU Info Day at the Coffs Harbour campus. Participate in interactive workshops & laboratory activities, meet with academic staff & current students to discuss all things psychology. Contact ellen.fleeton@scu.edu.au

HSC Enrichment Days – Australian Catholic University Strathfield Campus 2 July (Economics & English) North Sydney Campus 9 July (Business Studies & Legal Studies) Free. Listen to lectures from University academics who have set and marked the HSC. Subjects include Business Studies, Economics, English and Legal Studies.

Pick the brains of HSC Markers at The University of Notre Dame HSC Study Week - 6-10 July A week-long program delivered by well qualified, highly experienced HSC teachers and markers. In 2013 and 2014, over 90% of students indicated that as a result of attending the program they felt thoroughly prepared and confident to sit the Trials and HSC exams.

AgVision - 29 July, Sydney Showground, Olympic Park Showcasing careers in Agriculture to students in Years 9-11, the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW, in conjunction with Junee High, invites Sydney students to attend.

Career Taster Days at Macleay College in July Find out about our Career Taster Days for Event Management, Travel & Tourism or Sport Business in the July school holiday http://goo.gl/TEB6FW

Jeanette Ferguson, Director of Staff Services & Careers Adviser

For information on Medicine and Medical Sciences—special entry requirements please see the Careers Advisor
Our trip to Turkey was such an incredible experience that will remain within our thoughts for the rest of our lives! The destination itself was the most beautiful and sacred place full of stunning scenery and sites, yet the historical importance of the location was unforgettable. We made life long friends, experienced a major historical event and were able to pay tribute to those who fought for us 100 years ago. I am so privileged and thankful to have been able to have this experience.

Lilly Mills, Year 11

On the Gallipoli tour I was able to experience a foreign culture of Turkish delights and colourful architecture, and to meet likeminded students. A moment, which I hold dear was standing side by side with fellow peers in Shrapnel Valley for a minute’s silence and then singing the Australian national anthem. This was an emotional and moving reminder of the history and significance of the grounds on which we stood.

I was blown away, the atmosphere, the emotions and the people I met along the way. All of this has made a major impact in my life! It’s a journey that I will never forget. From the shores of Anzac cove, the cemetery in Shrapnel Valley and the heights of Plugges Point, I was amazed by the beauty of Gallipoli and shocked at how so much horror and loss took place in the exact spots I was standing 100 years ago. This is an experience I will cherish forever.

Sophie Berry, Year 10

It’s often not what we do that makes it brilliant, but it’s the context in which we do it. For myself, Lilly, Olivia and Sophie, travelling to a small beach in rural Turkey with people that we hadn’t met before could be passed off as daunting and irrelevant. However, the true sentiment of the trip was emblazoned by the reverence of being on that small beach one hundred years after the landing at Gallipoli.

I would like to formally thank Stella Maris for the opportunity, Mrs Coyte my travelling mother, and Sophie, Lilly and Brigid for being the best travel mates. My nine days in Turkey were unforgettable.

Olivia Learmont, Year 12

It was the most culturally and historically enriching experience, which allowed us all to grow as Australians and global citizens.

Brigid Mackenzie, Year 12
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.

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

SISTER COLETTE EGAN INFORMATION CENTRE (Library)

ALL LIBRARY LINKS REMINDER

All Library Links is divided into 8 tabs, which hold the necessary referencing, essay writing, plagiarism, paraphrasing and research guides. All Library Links can be found in Moodle - Stella Maris College’s Online Learning Management System.

Year 7 History Ancient Egyptian Assessment:

Congratulations to the Year 7 students who have successfully mastered how to build a correctly formatted reference list using Word 2007.

Referencing Tutorials are available in the 4th Tab. The first link is a list of referencing examples.

Film Tutorials are also provided showing how to build a reference list on both Mac and P.C. devices.

BOOK REVIEW OF A PAGE TURNER

Our library enjoys providing something of interest for the entire Stella community, not just our students. For example, Liane Moriarty’s books are suitable for parents and teachers, as they are funny, exasperating, engaging, challenging stories of adults living messy suburban lives. Liane Moriarty is a local author and she often places her characters in the Sydney’s Northern suburbs such as Manly, Chatswood, and Balmoral. Big Little Lies was my favourite, taking me straight back to waiting for my children outside of their primary school and observing the complicated relationships that existed in the Primary school world of parents and their children.

How does a parent borrow a book from the library? Please ask you daughter to borrow the book for you - under her name.

Jocelyn Christensen, Teacher Librarian
MATHS HELP

The Mathematics Department is offering Maths Help for our Stella students. Students are welcome to bring along any Maths questions they have from their lessons and get some help from a Maths teacher on the following days in Term 2, between 3:30 and 4:30pm:

- **Week 4** - Monday 11 May
- **Week 5** - Monday 18 May
- **Week 6** - Monday 25 May
- **Week 7** - Wednesday 3 June
- **Week 8** - Tuesday 9 June
- **Week 9** - Tuesday 16 June

Kim Naylor, Head of Mathematics

NSW CATHOLIC ALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING

Congratulations to the girls who swam at the NSWCCC swimming on Monday at Homebush. Four relay teams make it through to this level and all teams placed in the top 4. The intermediate medley team (Naomi Scott, Janice*, Georgia Crowley and Hannah Baldwin) won gold and are the NSW Catholic Schools Champions. The intermediate freestyle relay team (Naomi Scott, Hannah Baldwin, Daisy Nankervis and Nikki Sammut) finished second. The all age 6x50m relay placed third (Claudia Wolff, Athena Liang, Skye Nankervis, Naomi Scott, Hannah Baldwin and Sophia*). These three teams will represent NSW Catholic Schools on 18 May at the NSW All Schools Competition. The junior relay team (Skye Nankervis, Sophie Wickham, Amy Polikowski and Athena Liang) did exceptionally well, placing fourth.

The following exceptional results were achieved:
- **Naomi Scott** - 1st 400m freestyle and the new CCC record holder, 2nd 200m freestyle, 3rd 100m freestyle, and selected to swim the 800m at All Schools
- **Hannah Baldwin** - 1st 100m breastroke, 2nd 50m breastroke, 2nd in the 200m IM

Well done girls and good luck in your events at All Schools.

STELLA SNOWSPORTS TEAM:

Stella will be entering teams into the Northern NSW Snowsports Championships which will be held in Perisher from 1-4 July. Entries open soon, so it’s time to start thinking about whether you would like to compete! Students will be required to organise their own accommodation, as the team will not be staying as a group. Details will be emailed to interested students.

BBSSSA BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our junior and intermediate basketball teams who competed at the BBSSSA Basketball Championships on Thursday 7 May. Both teams played amazingly! Our Junior team came home with a gold medal after beating Mt St Benedict in a thrilling final. Our intermediate team finished third, losing the semi in the final second by only 1 point! A full report will be in next weeks newsletter.

**Intermediate Freestyle Relay Team**

Intermediate Freestyle Relay Team

**BBSSSA CROSS COUNTRY**

**Cross Country Carnival**

**BBSSSA Junior Basketball Team**

**BBSSSA Intermediate Basketball Team**

Raylee Kelly and Jenny Wickham, Heads of Sport

*Only the students first name has been printed as she has either declined use of her name or not returned her Name/Photograph/Visual Recording Permission Form 2015.
TOURISM WORK PLACEMENTS

As part of Tourism HSC & Certificate III in Tourism (one of Stella’s VET courses), students are required to complete 70 hours of travel industry work placement. Students have the opportunity to experience two different companies during Year 11 and 12 either in the city, North Sydney or on the Northern Beaches.

In March 2015, Stella was lucky to gain a placement at the prestigious Singapore Airlines corporate office in the city. This is one the most sought after placements that many VET delivering colleges and TAFEs, in the Sydney metro area, compete for.

One of our tourism students, Ely Kanellopoulos (Year 11), had the experience of working across several head office departments, e.g. reservations and ticketing, sales and marketing and accounts. On the second day, Ely was sent out to the airport to assist with check-ins, helping passengers at the boarding gate and also had the opportunity to step onto two different aircraft in the Singapore Airlines’ fleet! On the last day, Ely was allowed to choose which department to return to for her final day. Throughout the week Ely had to arrive on time, wear business attire and carry out various tasks professionally.

In the past, placements have included the Shangri-la Hotel, Hello Manly Visitor Centre, YHA Rocks, YHA Central, Oceanworld Manly, Sydney Tower, Battlefield Tours, Quarantine Station, Harvey World Travel, Bench International Africa and Driveaway Holidays, amongst others.

Sharon Adams, VET Tourism Teacher

SAFETY NOTICE

For students safety, the Canteen only provides boiling water for noodles to students who either buy the Fantastic Noodles from the Canteen or bring the 70g ‘Fantastic Noodles’ or ‘Simplee’ (available from ALDI) from home. These containers are sturdier than others and can withstand boiling water.

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

Mon 11 May

Jo Carmichael
Katy Griffith
Anne Van Rooyen
Dee Merry

Tue 12 May

Liz Brun
Amanda Grant
Linda Halligan
Kerry Seipelt

Wed 13 May

Myriam Facer
Lara Bullman
Jemma Baldwin
Donna McCabe
Rose O’Neill

Thu 14 May

Nancy Lambley
Catherine Foster
Louise McKenzie
Sooze Cooper
Bronwyn Skordos

Fri 15 May

Robyn Lavings
Trish Chapman
Sue Hanley
Sandra Draguns

Mon 18 May

Jodie Bolin
Colleen Dopper
Josie Zavaglia
Kerrie-Ann Foresto
Terese Cunningham

Information: 1300 369 783 Add Funds: 1300 884 668
• Students are not to lend their card to others. Card owners must be in attendance if students want to buy for others.
• Students 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.

Bernie McGrath & Cheryl Young, Canteen Supervisors

PRICE LIST

Junior
Senior

Winter Skirt
$ 70.00
$120.00

Winter Blazer
$160.00
$190.00-215.00

Winter Blouse
$ 35.00
$ 35.00

Jumper (cotton & wool)
$ 65.00

Black opaque stockings
$ 9.00

Black gloves
$ 6.50

Green Scarf
$ 25.00

Maroon Scarf
$ 30.00

Track top
$ 50.00

Track pants
$ 36.00

Sport polo
$ 30.00

Sport shorts
$ 26.00

Sports bag (compulsory for Yr7 / optional for Yrs 8-11)
$ 15.00

Gail Hickey & Maree Sewell, Uniform/Book Shop Supervisors
9976 1819 or uniform_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP

OPENS (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.

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

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

WINTER UNIFORM

The Junior uniforms have arrived, so all students in Years 7-9 should be in full winter uniform.

Gail Hickey & Maree Sewell, Uniform/Book Shop Supervisors
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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.