Dear Stella Community,

Stella Day

Thank you to the staff and students who worked to make Stella Day a success, in particular to Tiff Blaikie and Will Symons and the SRC led by Felix Hauge and Mackenzie Sumner who made the day such a great community event. Students were involved in the jumping castle, games and movie showings, paper plane throwing and biscuit decorating competitions. It is a good opportunity for the girls and the staff to cultivate good relationships and a key fundraiser for Santa Teresa.

Father John’s Farewell

It was wonderful to be part of John Hannon’s farewell mass at St Mary’s last weekend. Thank you to the staff and students who were in attendance. The parish was fulsome in their praise of Father John and he was grateful for the wonderful support he had had during his time in the parish. He will be missed by the community but has left the parish in good hands with Father David taking on the role of Parish Priest.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our girls in dance who achieved some great results in recent eisteddfods. The Lyrical Company came second, the Contemporary Company came third and the Jazz Company were highly commended. Well done to the girls and their teachers, Cara Brown and Rochelle Jones.

Well done to two girls who have completed their AMEB Certificate Exams with an A Grade result - Tara Whittard on Alto Sax and Amy Hicks on Violin.

Sorry Day - Prayer for Australia

26 May gives people the chance to come together to mark the steps taken towards healing for the Stolen Generations and their families. As a community it is a time to reflect on what we can do to work for reconciliation in our community.

God of holy Dreaming, Great Creator Spirit,
from the dawn of creation you have given your
children the good things of Mother Earth.
You spoke and the gum tree grew.
In the vast desert and dense forest,
and in cities at the water’s edge,
Creation sings your praise.
Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of our Land.
When Jesus hung on the tree
you heard the cries of all your people
(NATSIEC)

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**MATHS HELP**

Students from a range of year groups have started to use Maths Help to assist their learning in Mathematics. We encourage all students to come along. 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:

- Wednesday 3 June
- Tuesday 9 June
- Tuesday 16 June

Kim Naylor, Acting Head of Mathematics

**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?

**2016 SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING**

An important step awaits you as your daughter moves into the latter part of Year 10, to ensure that she is well prepared and appreciates the significance of the next two years of study at Stella Maris College. We are confident that in collaboration with you, we can support your daughter through the Preliminary and HSC year, guiding her with well-informed subject choices and counselling her regarding any additional support she might need to ensure her application to her studies is rewarded with a strong HSC result.

With government legislation virtually mandating that all students complete Year 12, it is of paramount importance that you take time to consider what program of study will be best both for her current wants and future needs. Research suggests that one of the most important factors in predicting the success of students in the HSC is choosing the most appropriate subjects. This evening represents the first step in the process of discernment for senior subject selection. During Term Three your daughter will be given the opportunity to visit and participate in Year 11 classes that she might be interested in studying over the next two years.

Our Senior School Information Evening will be on Thursday 18 June at 7.00pm in the Star of the Sea Theatre.

Please be aware that this is one part of our senior subject selection process, at which important information will be handed out and the rest of the process for the year outlined. **Attendance is compulsory for all students and at least one parent seeking ongoing enrolment at Stella Maris College for Year 11, 2016.**

As part of the evening you will have the opportunity to take part in a Q & A session with a panel of current staff, students and parents as well as ex-students to assist you in this process. I would anticipate that the evening will run for approximately an hour and I look forward to seeing you there.

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**STUDENT CONFERENCE**

2 – 4 October 2015

An invitation is extended by Good Samaritan Education to Year 11 students in Good Samaritan Colleges to participate in a weekend conference.

The program provides an experience for students to:

- Talk to keynote speakers on a range of topics relating to education, leadership and spirituality in Good Samaritan Education Colleges
- Engage in a series of facilitated workshops
- Explore leadership as a shared responsibility
- Engage in peer-to-peer support

The conference will be held at Elanora Centre Conference 16A Westley St Elanora Heights NSW

It will begin at 5.00pm on Friday 2 October and conclude at 2.00pm on Sunday 4 October.

Casual clothes, personal items, sleeping bag and pillow case are required.

Mission Leaders: Please register up to eight participants and their accompanying teacher by Friday 14 August 2015.

Schools will be invoiced at a cost of $250 per student – subsidies are at the discretion of each school.

Monica Dutton 0411 252 206

Sr Meg Kehler 6090 3490

missionteam@goodeducation.org.au

8 places available. For more info contact Carolyn Collins.
The Stella athletics carnival was a great success. There was great school spirit and fantastic participation all day. At Assembly this week we recognised our winning house, age champions, best cheering and record breakers.

Congratulations to WOOD who won the carnival. There was only 13 points separating the top 3 teams!

OVERALL CARNIVAL POINTS

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INDIVIDUAL AGE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our individual age champions. These girls participated in many events over the day and are all outstanding athletes. Well done!

12 years: Laura Busse
13 years: Bridget Smith
14 years: Sophie Wickham
15 years: Nell Breslin
16 years: Zoe Carley
17 years: Jessica Wellington
18 years: Emily Hill

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS RACE WINNER (Fastest 100m)

Well done to Sophie Wickham (Year 8) who won the prestigious champion of champions race in a time of 13.12sec.

NEW RECORDS

The great weather conditions helped a large number of girls set new records on the day. Congratulations to the following girls:

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

CHEERING:

The War Cry Competition was also very close. All teams cheered well on the day. Congratulations to the following teams who won points for the best cheering:

1st Wood
2nd Bashir
3rd Mackillop

The athletics team will be announced in the coming weeks. Girls will be emailed if they have made the team.

Jenny Wickam, Head of Sport
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

- **Free HSC Enrichment Workshops** are offered at our Sydney campuses during the July school holidays. The lectures on current HSC topics offer a great opportunity to enhance your school studies. See our friendly learning environment, spend time on a university campus, meet current ACU students and talk to others currently undertaking the HSC year. Visit www.acu.edu.au/hsc-enrichment to register and for info.

  2 July (previously advertised as 7 July) Strathfield Campus: Economics, English

  9 July North Sydney Campus: Business Studies, Legal Studies

- **University Experience Days**

  Complementing HSC Enrichment, and held in the same week, University Experience days are designed to provide Year 11-12 students with a glimpse of their future as university students. With sample lectures in our classrooms, workshops and labs, these days give hands-on experience of our facilities and teaching environment across 11 different areas of study. This year we’re also offering a campus tour and morning tea at each event for parents. Parents’ sessions will focus on what to expect during the transition from school to university life, facilities and services, and how to support their child in their studies. Registration and a full list of workshops: www.acu.edu.au/uni-experience

  8 July Strathfield

  10 July North Sydney

- **Early Entry Program For Business Students - P4B (New)**

  ACU’s new Passion For Business (P4B) program is not just about ATAR, it’s about providing a unique opportunity for student’s with a passion for business. The program offers qualifying Year 12 students an early guaranteed* offer into an ACU (undergraduate) Business course of their choice and includes mentoring, financial, network and training support to give successful candidates a head-start in a career they love. To be eligible, students must have completed, or currently be completing, at least one business subject in Years 11 and/or 12. Application is online and will be assessed on the basis of the student's business subjects, as well as a 200-300 word submission detailing interests, career goals and reasons why they want to be part of the program. Apply 1 June - 31 August 2015. www.acu.edu.au/p4b

  *subject to meeting minimum 55 ATAR/ 18 OP requirements and a Year 12 pass in English.

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA has expanded its portfolio entry program. At UC we believe that sometimes an ATAR is not the best reflection of a student and their ability to succeed in tertiary education. Through the Faculty of Arts and Design portfolio entry scheme students’ creative flare and aptitude can provide them with a suitable alternative to entry based on an ATAR score. The full list of included courses and details on how to apply via portfolio can be found on the website link below. Additionally the faculty has opened a UC Design Competition for Year 12 students in the ACT/NSW. Entries close 31 July. Prizes include a $5,000 Faculty scholarship and other cash prizes. Portfolio Entry Website In addition to applying via UAC for school leavers or the direct application portal for non-year 12 applicants you must submit your portfolio by electronic transmission or post. Please see our website for details.

**UC Design Competition** Via submission by 31 July. See website for details.

**Non School Leavers:** Apply to the UC application via portal

Jeanette Ferguson, Careers Advisor
MISSION

REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, a few girls and I attended a Social Justice Forum on Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Pennant Hills. It was such an incredible experience, being able to hear people’s stories, understand how inhumanely people are being treated but overall how we, as a school and as a community, can make a difference in overcoming these Human Rights abuses. As we live in a reasonably sheltered area, with little racial diversity, Manly has little contact with refugees or asylum seekers, however although we may not see the issue first-hand, this forum allowed us to open our eyes to the horrifying mistreatment and cruelty issued towards people who are trying to escape the same form of abuse. Even though we may seem small, Australia’s youth has such a great impact on our nation and if we stand up for what we believe in, things will change for Refugees and Asylum Seekers and allow them to have the rights they deserve.

Grace Kendall 10.6

On Tuesday, the 26th of May, myself and eight other Stella girls attended Mount Saint Benedict’s Social Justice Forum on Refugees and Asylum Seekers. This is an area that is exceedingly becoming more relevant to us in today’s society, largely due to the controversial and inhumane policies of our government. During the forum, we were able to choose two workshops that interested us the most to participate in, before then attending a debriefing and a Q & A panel. I participated in the workshop for Kidz 4 Kidz, a group started by Year 11 Mount Saint Benedict girls that is dedicated to improving the lives of children in detention (Facebook Page: Kidz4Kidz_AUS), as well as a workshop through which we devised a plan of action to raise Stella’s awareness surrounding issues of social justice that are so important. The result of this was the formation of a Social Justice Group for Stella Maris College, open to anyone and everyone interested in making a difference. First meeting is next Monday (Day 1) at lunch in the Nun’s Garden. The plight of refugees and asylum seekers is something that I am passionate about, and this social justice forum succeeded in fuelling my (and hopefully all of ours) determination to make a difference to the lives of those who flee their country in the hopes they will, at last, be safe. We hope to see you all next Monday!

Grace Joseph 11.2

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
PERFORMING ARTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 2 June - Senior Band Sydney Eisteddfod at Concourse Theatre Chatswood 6.30pm. Tickets $16 available at the door.
- 4 June - Dance Night in the Theatre 7pm
- 9 June - Performance Night in the Music Room 7pm. Snacks provided!
- 16 June - Band Night in the Theatre 7pm
- 17 June - Vocal Workshop Day

CONGRATULATIONS!
A big congratulations to our Company Dancers. They achieved fantastic results in the Dancespec Schools Challenge Eisteddfod:
- Lyrical Company - 2nd
- Contemporary Company - 3rd
- Jazz Company - Highly Commended

STELLA DANCE NIGHT
Come along to the Stella Dance Night on 4 June, starting at 7pm, and see fabulous performances from:
- Company Groups Dance
- Dance on Film Videos
- Selected Solos
- Performance Groups
- Ensembles and Companies
- Elective Dance Class Work
- Year 7 Class Work (Optional)

Students are to arrive to the Dance studio before 6.30pm in full hair and makeup.

AMEB RESULTS

Congratulations to two of our very talented musicians, Tara Whittard (Alto Saxophone) and Amy Hicks (Flute), who both received Honours in their recent AMEB Certificate Exams. These are outstanding results! Well done girls.

Jessica Maker, Head of Performing Arts

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YEAR 11 STUDIES OF RELIGION EXCURSION TO ISRA AND AUBURN MOSQUE

On Monday 25th of May, Year 11 2-Unit Religion embarked on a cultural journey to Auburn to learn about the Islamic Religion. We first listened to two 1-hour long lectures in an Islamic learning centre delivered by two Muslim women. Teaching us about the principal beliefs of Islam and the core ethical teachings. Both of the ladies were truly insightful and allowed us to ask questions on a range of topics to do with Islam.

Next was the Auburn Turkish Mosque, which was truly incredible. As soon as we walked inside 80 mouths dropped to the floor in awe of its beauty, the interior was impeccably decorated with inscriptions in beautiful colours. Here we saw the place of worship for Muslims, and learnt some more interesting facts from our male Muslim tour guide.

It was a great experience to hear from both females and males about their religion and views of Islamic life. They both also addressed the stigma and stereotypes placed upon the Islamic religion and Muslims by the media, as a group we all came out of this excursion with opened minds and opinions on the Islamic tradition, as we truly learn that their religion is comprised of peace, love and no judgement, which is not that different from our core beliefs. It also enabled us to break down the divide we may have previously had to the Islamic religion.

Abbey Baker 11.2 and Lexy Wildash 11.8
An amazing end to an exciting day of academic challenge events for the Year 9 and 10 girls. Over 50 selective and independent schools compete in this prestigious annual event. Congratulations to our Year 10 team on their wonderful result. Both teams were fine representatives of Stella Maris College.

Ruth Longworth, Gifted and Talented Coordinator

YEAR 10 SELF PROTECTION DAY

Earlier this month, as part of the PDHPE programme, Year 10 participated in a ‘Self Protection’ day. It was a highly beneficial day and all of the students participated enthusiastically and gained a new set of skills to protect themselves in a variety of situations. Here are some accounts about the day:

All of Year 10 participated in a self-protection day. This involved a former detective – Brent Saunders, coming to the school and speaking to us about different strategies to deal with stranger danger and date rape. He was extremely informative and I believe that all the girls got something out of it. He delivered the information in a humorous yet serious, relevant and respectful manner that made it much more interesting. He encouraged questions and helped us delve into the minds of the men who commit these crimes so as to allow us to better understand why the strategies he presented to us would work so well. Throughout the day he also recounted the numerous times women have found him or called him after an ordeal and informed him that they used his strategies and they worked. At the end of the day, we went outside and Brent taught us a few self-defence moves so that if worse came to worse, we would have something up our sleeves. Overall, it was a great learning experience and everyone I spoke to felt much more prepared if they ever ended up in a situation like that. Natalie Gillespie 10.5

Year 10 thoroughly enjoyed an informative and enjoyable day learning about self protection. We were educated on not only the legal aspects of self protection but what method to take if we were ever faced with an uncomfortable situation regarding either sexual abuse or harassment. Being a girl located on the high risk age groups of women whom experience these attacks, I think it was a vital part of our learning. I now feel comfortable with what precautions to take if I’m ever involved in a risky situation and I think this day was very beneficial for me. I encourage everyone who gets the chance to attend this lecture to pay full attention as the information delivered was essential for a woman living in society today. Natasha Bruun 10.2

Year 10 took part in a full-day Self-Protection seminar in the theatre. There we were lead by Brent Saunders, a former detective. He taught us specialized techniques that had been designed for a 99% success rate to use when in conflicting situations; it involved psychological strategies and reinforcing them with physical tactics. He also lead us to understand more about assault, and how to handle types of situations we may be likely to experience through our teenage years. I found this seminar highly beneficial, as I believed it touched base on an issue that women are vulnerable to throughout their lives. Without being educated by a professional such as Brent Foster, many of us would be without knowledge on how to go about defending ourselves if placed in a potentially harmful predicament. And now we are equipped with enough skills to determine how we will be able to keep ourselves safe. Olivia-James McKeown 10.7

Cathy Douglas, Head of PDHPE
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 formal ticket paid for) so think about what you’d like to order and get those points accumulating.

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

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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

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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

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE
TRaineE aDMINISTRATION aSSISTANT
12 Month Position - Gain a Certificate III in Business

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
- Polite, friendly and courteous manner
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Basic Microsoft Office skills
- Good organisation and time management skills
- Accuracy and attention to detail
- Professional personal presentation
- Willing to learn

Applications, closing 5 June 2015, should be emailed to employment@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au.

Bernie McGrath & Cheryl Young, Canteen Supervisors

Gail Hickey & Maree Sewell, Uniform/Book Shop Supervisors
9976 1819 or uniform_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
MAKE A 3D MODEL
Design and create your own 3D model using recycled materials.

Sat 6 Jun, 10am-12pm
Warringah Mall Library
Ages 13-16
Free
Bookings 9942 2449

COMMUNITY

CALLING TRADES OR SKILL PEOPLE
WITH A LOVE FOR ADVENTURE!

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan operate three communities in Kiribati, a small Pacific nation, where they provide shelter and nutrition to the underprivileged. They are seeking volunteers to assist with the maintenance of these communities.

We are currently seeking trades and skilled people to volunteer with the maintenance of the Sisters’ community buildings in Abalaro. Using your skills you can help the work of the Sisters, experience life in Kiribati and support the local people.

Some of the work required this year will involve painting, roofing and general maintenance. At this stage we have some need for roofing sheets, roofcapping and paint in Kiribati, ready for the work to commence.

The exact timing is still being finalised but we would like to be able to send the team to Abalaro in May or June. A period of about ten days. Flights from and out of Kiribati are weekly and there would be a stopover in Fiji. A maximum of 5 volunteers are able to be housed with the community during the stay.

SERVICES REQUIRED

- Painters
- Roofers
- General Maintenance
- Project Management

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
OR QUESTIONS

CONTACT Michael McDonald - 0437 153215

WWW.GOODSAM.ORG.AU