Dear Stella Community,

Stella Day

Thank you to all who contributed to Stella Day. The money raised for Santa Teresa was extraordinary—$6700.00 and this will be a great financial boost for the community near Alice Springs. Thank you again for your support of this fundraising initiative.

I share with you some student feedback shared with me this week:

Stella day really was a great success! It all began with the liturgy done by the leaders and teachers that really set in a good vibe for the day. Prayer was done as a way to reflect on what the day was truly about – Santa Teresa, then explained further by Taylah and Lizzie who themselves had been to visit. Although everyone was excited for the day ahead, I think this was a good way to really be able to sit and reflect on what we were actually spending our money on, and hopefully encouraged the girls to perhaps give more generously, or at least be conscious of their contribution. Ms Smith, Ms Riley and Ms Collins further explored the history of Stella Day and what Stella Day has evolved into today. The mood was then lifted in a way as the SRC Leaders, Felix and Mackenzie, did a humorous skit and essentially started the day of fun! There were plenty of activities that I think many girls really did enjoy.

Food stalls like the Crepes, the Chinese stall, Indian, gelato, sausage sizzle, fairy floss and Kiera’s homemade organic stall were all a hit. My favorite was Kiera’s stall. She had all these organic cakes and protein balls, followed later by tacos, wraps and salads. For me, I think it was so crazy to see what she had been able to produce and felt very proud for her stall’s success.

Other activities were trivia, dance battles, lip sync battles, jumping castle, catwalks, throw the pie at the teacher, movies, henna and music that made everyone loosen up and dance... eventually!

Unlike other Stella Day’s, and I can’t quite tell if it is because I am in Year 12 or if all years felt the same, but this has been by far the most busy and fun Stella Day I have been to! Usually there’s a sense of boredom and “wanting to leave early” but I really do think that people were genuinely entertained for most of the day and overall enjoyed themselves.

I am looking forward to hearing what Stella Day becomes in the future and hope you can enjoy the one next year!

Georgia Mascarenhas

I have been at every Stella Day since Year 7, and my last one yet (2015) was by far, I believe, the most successful! It might be because I am in Year 12 and more involved, but discussing with other students and teachers, they also believe it was an amazing day. The day was also a success due to the teacher’s involvement and student’s engagement, most importantly Miss Blaikie, Mr Symmons, and the SRC team.

Whilst Stella Day was a celebration of our school community, we also raised awareness to the Indigenous community of Santa Teresa, which I was fortunate enough to visit last year in April for an immersion. I tried my hardest to inform and educate students in the assemblies leading to Stella Day, about Santa Teresa and how much they would appreciate and benefit from all donations we were to raise. I believe that if my peers got an insight into the lives of the community of Santa Teresa they would feel more of a connection and want to donate. Living here on the privileged yet sheltered Northern Beaches it is so easy to forget that the indigenous culture is still alive and growing. We do learn about their culture in most school subjects but going and experiencing it all first hand really showed me how important it is to respect their culture and practices, as it is such a beautiful and sacred spirituality, and I aspired to express that to our school.

In recent years there has been a proposal by the WA government, which aims to force closure upon remote aboriginal communities and relocating indigenous people to developed areas because of a withdrawal of federal funding. Living out in the country isn’t a lifestyle choice, it’s an essential part of their culture, which directly links their identity, spirituality and kinship. Therefore I expressed to anyone and everyone I spoke to, that any of their donations will help sustain their community, and it will make a huge difference to the lives of the individuals living there and their family!!

Stella Day was an action packed, fun day, where our whole school came together and celebrated being a community. There were always entertaining activities happening that bonded and included all years and teachers interacting with each other.

We started the day with a beautiful liturgy to reflect on the indigenous community of Santa Teresa, our focus of our fundraiser. As we donated our coins to the cake stall, pie throwing, movies, raffle tickets, and many other great activities we were reminded of how far our money would go to those not as fortunate as us.

There was a great community spirit shown throughout the day, and there was a great feeling of inclusion and support amongst everyone.

I really hope in years to come Stella Day will keep growing to be better, and better, with a great help from the wonderful and dedicated teachers and SRC team.

Thank you

Taylah Curley
GSE Student Immersion to the Philippines

Congratulations to Hayley Jago, Christian Olson, Isabella Filacuridi and Grace Joseph who will travel to Bacalod in the Philippines with Ms Collins and Ms Ferguson as part of the GSE Student Immersion this year.

Ensuring Safety and Developing Resilience

Keeping our girls safe is always a concern for the College and for families. A recent Facebook post, brought to our attention by a parent, described a white van that offered to pick up a teenage boy in the local area. Please ensure that your daughters are aware that, where possible, they should travel with their peers and not alone when coming to and from school.

Congratulations

Congratulations again to our girls in dance who attained some good results in recent eisteddfods. A Highly Commended for Jazz Company and a Highly Commended for Lyrical Company were achieved last week.

A Reflection on Gratitude

To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything God has given us – and God has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of God's love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces.... Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.

Thomas Merton

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

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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 3 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.
Raffles College of Design and Commerce will be holding workshops from 29 June – 2 July. For $120, students can come and experience the creative culture at Raffles and gain further experience in the below disciplines:

- Digital Media
- Fashion Design
- Fashion Marketing
- Interior Design
- Photography
- Graphic Design

These workshops are perfect for Years 10-12. Download and complete the workshop application from our website.

Jeanette Ferguson, Careers Advisor

MATHEMATICS

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.

We have two more sessions of Maths Help running this term. Students may find it very beneficial to bring along the Semester 1 Examinations so that any unresolved problems can be worked through. Students could also 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 3.30-4.30pm to help you:

- Week 8 - Tuesday 9 June
- Week 9 - Tuesday 16 June

Kim Naylor, Acting Head of Mathematics

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award:

- Molly Marr
- Holly Young
- Maya Williams
- Elyse Jenkins
- Caitlin Bruce
- Abigail Monaghan

Congratulations to Annabelle Lee. Annabelle has achieved her Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Andrea Mezger, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

CAREERS

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PERFORMING ARTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9 June Performance Night  Music Room 7pm. Snacks provided

16 June Band Night  Theatre 7pm. Performances from Concert Band, Senior Band, Jazz and Rock Band and our Strings.

17 June HSC Vocal Workshop Day

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our College Choir and Vocal Ensemble for beautiful performances in the Northern Beaches Choral Eisteddfod.

Congratulations Isabella Harriet on receiving 2nd place in the Vocal Contemporary Senior Championship at the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod.

BAND NIGHT - TUESDAY 16 JUNE

We would like to invite you to the Stella Maris Band Night on Tuesday 16 June from 7.00-8.00pm.

We would love to have our parents there to support girls performing:

- Senior Band
- Concert Band
- String Ensemble
- String Trio
- Jazz Band
- Rock Band

DANCE COMPANY ENSEMBLES

Another great weekend for our Dance Company Ensembles, congratulations to our Jazz Company and Lyrical Company on achieving Highly Commended in a tough competition.

A special mention to the Lyrical Company for dealing with a difficult situation where their music skipped and had to be faded out half way through their performance. The girls persevered in silence for the next 2 minutes and showed “true professionalism” said the adjudicator. The girls adapted to a changing situation, showing resilience and working together as a team - it was a proud teacher moment!

SYDNEY EISTEDDFOD

The Stella Maris Senior Band combined with the St Leo’s College Band to perform in the Sydney Eisteddfod this week. All the student did a fabulous job - well done girls! A big thank you to Lemin Luu for all her hard work with the St Leo’s Band.

Jessica Maker, Head of Performing Arts
ATHLETICS TEAM


Students have been emailed the events that they will be doing. This team will compete in the BBSSSA Athletics Championships in August, as well as other schools events run by NSW Athletics.

STELLA MARIS SNOW SPORT TEAM

This is a final reminder for any students who would like to compete as part of the Stella Snow Sports Team to email Jenny Wickham by Tuesday 9 June. Stella enters the Northern NSW Inter-schools Skiing at Perisher during the school holidays.

NSWCCC CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to the girls who are competing at the NSWCCC Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek on Friday 12 June; Millie Prior, Charlie Gilbert, Sophie Wickham, Tasma*, Nell Breslin and Naomi Scott.

CCC KAYAKING

Congratulations to Caitlin Yeates (Year 8) who competed at the NSWCCC Kayaking Championships in Grafton. Caitlin raced very well, finishing 2nd in both of her events (K1 500m and K1 5km).

BBSSSA BASKETBALL

Earlier this term, the junior and intermediate basketball teams competed at the BBSSSA Basketball Championships in Terrigal. The Intermediate team finished 3rd and the Junior team had a great day and finished 1st, beating Mount Saint Benedict in a close and exciting grand final. This team, consisting of Molly Dignan, Skye Cselko, Caitlin Yeates, Millie Prior, Sydney Kania, April Griffiths, Campbell Reimer, Skye Nankervis, Hayley Hopkins, Audrey Tan and Bridget Smith, has now qualified to go on to play at the CCC Championships in August. Training will be on Tuesday 9 and 16 June at school from 7.00-8.15am. A big thankyou to Anthony Dignan who coached the girls on the day.

WATER POLO

Good luck to the Open Stella A water polo team who will be playing in their semi final against Sydney Girls High School this Friday night at the Warringah Aquatic Centre at 7.20pm.

Trial for the Term 3 Year 7 competition will be held on Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 17 June at the Warringah Aquatic Centre from 6.00-7.00am. A bus will take the girls back to school at 7.45am.

Jenny Wickham, Head of Sport

WINGS (Gifted and Talented)

NSW DA VINCI DECATHALON

The concept for this year’s NSW da Vinci Decathlon was Place. A unique place that is characterised by its geography, history, pastimes, culture, politics and people. The places we live in, and visit physically and in our imaginations have a powerful impact on our lives. Place can mean many things, such as; a physical location or setting, an imaginary place, social position, our place in the world, a position or point in space defined by coordinates.

On Tuesday, 26 May, eight students from Year 7, as well as teachers Ms Longworth and Mrs Christensen, travelled to Knox Grammar School to compete in the da Vinci Decathlon. The theme for all the challenges this year was ‘place.’

When we arrived, we entered the Great Hall. It was an enormous room filled with many tables, which were for the 50 teams from the different schools competing. We had missed the first session due to vaccinations and during morning tea time, I found there were many students I knew from the other teams. For session two, our team split into groups of two to work on each of the five tasks.

The challenge I completed was Art and Poetry, but I also helped work on the other tasks.

After the session finished, we had lunch outside in the school grounds. In the last session, our team broke up into two groups with half of us working on Code Breaking and the other half on General Knowledge. At the end of the day, students were given special awards and we travelled back to school on a bus we shared with St Lukes.

I found it was an intellectually stimulating day that was also lots of fun. I enjoyed being part of a team that was cooperative and hard working. It was an interesting opportunity and I look forward to participating in next year’s da Vinci Decathlon in the challenges from all the sessions.

Karina Bardsley, Year 7

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

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

Ruth Longworth, Gifted & Talented Coordinator
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.

Bernie McGrath & Cheryl Young, Canteen Supervisors

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

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:
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*College Shoe Policy
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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.

Gail Hickey & Maree Sewell, Uniform/Book Shop Supervisors
9976 1819 or uniform_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
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
CALLING TRADES OR SKILL PEOPLE WITH A LOVE FOR ADVENTURE!

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan operate from two communities in Kiribati, a small Pacific nation, where they minister to the poor and most needy. It is challenging but rewarding work.

We are currently seeking trades and skilled people to assist with the maintenance of the Sisters’ community buildings in Aboa Koro. 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, re-roofing and general maintenance. At this stage we have sent new roofing sheets, roof capping and paint to 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 Aboa Koro early in September for a period of about ten days. Flights in and out of Kiribati are weekly and there would be stopover in Fiji. A maximum of 6 volunteers are able to be housed with the community during this stay.

EXPRESSONS OF INTEREST OR QUESTIONS

CONTACT: Michael McDonald - 0437 153 215

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