Dear Stella Community,

Opposite Gender Friends and Academic Achievement

The Alliance of Girls’ Schools eBrief (Issue 14: August 26, 2015) included a report on research from Andrew Hill of the University of South Carolina who had conducted a longitudinal survey of American students in Grades 7 to 12 around the impact of gender on engagement. He reported that students over 16 years of age who had more opposite gender friends in the classroom had difficulties getting along with teachers and paying attention in class. In classes of students under 16 years the negative effect appeared to be limited to mathematics and science classes. Hill went on to state that, in the US, access to single-sex education opportunities at public schools are on the increase.

For more information on this report read the full articles by Andrew Hill:


Congratulations

Congratulations to the following girls who have been elected to the leadership team for next year:

- SRC Prefects - Lily Hammond, Abby Harris and Carmen Liang
- Sustainability and Stewardship Prefect - Grace Kirkby
- Social Justice Prefects - Grace Joseph and Christian Olson
- Sport Prefect - Teigan O’Shannassy
- International Prefects - Jennifer Chen and Angel Zhuang

Well done to our Water Polo Team who won their finals this week and to our Year 7-10 Jazz Ensemble who placed third at the Ryde Eisteddfod.

Community Prayer

Please keep Mrs Anne Coyte and her family in your prayers as Anne’s father, Liam, passed away on 30th August. We also pray for the family of ex-student, Georgina Colwell, whose son Ben Sawyer was killed in a car accident last weekend.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Refugees and Migrants

Last Sunday, at Mass, the Church celebrated the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The bulletin had a message from Pope Francis, who spoke of the importance of the Church ‘spreading a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable’.

Today’s papers continue to report the tragedies, as refugees try to escape war-torn places such as Syria, Afghanistan and Sudan. It is hard for many of us in Australia to imagine their plight. Large numbers of people across Europe, Africa and the Middle East are leaving their homelands ‘with suitcases full of fears and desires, to undertake a hopeful and dangerous trip in search of more humane living conditions. Often such migration gives rise to suspicion and hostility, even in ecclesial communities.’

Pope Francis calls on us all to respond to the globalization of migration with a global response of charity towards others and increased cooperation between countries. We need to look for ways to make the conditions of migrants more humane and to bring about an end to the wars and insurgencies that cause these situations to occur.

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees: Towards a Better World

Creator God

We recall that your son, Jesus was a refugee in his infancy. We remember that the Holy Family was forced to flee into Egypt.

You understand the pain and anguish of those who are forced to leave their homeland for all sorts of grave reason.

Help us to understand this experience more fully and to respond with gospel fervor to this enormous social issue of our time.

Grant us wisdom, prudence and a real sense of loving kindness to understand the heartache of those who find themselves as asylum seekers, migrants and refugees in our wonderful land of Australia.

Mary, Mother of all migrants and refugees lead us to your Son from whom all blessings flow.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord AMEN

Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD

Parking Request

Please be mindful of our neighbours in Eurobin and Iluka Avenues and refrain from double parking or pulling into residents’ driveways when transporting your daughter to school if possible. I remind you that we need to ensure that we follow the road rules at all times and our preference is that the girls use public transport to and from school. If you (or your daughter) are parking in the street, please ensure that driveways are not obstructed.

Father’s Day

Father’s Day is on Sunday. To celebrate we held a Father’s Day breakfast at school this morning. Thank you to all the significant men in our students lives that attended.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal
A reminder to collect your ‘Earn & Learn’ stickers at Woolworths and place them in the collection box in Student Reception.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL—YEAR 12, 2015

Monday 14 September: Day 6
- Mass Rehearsal (assemble at St Mary’s, Manly at 11.00am) – students will be dismissed after completion
- No Year 12 classes

Tuesday 15 September: Day 7
- Normal Teaching Day – all students required in all classes in full school uniform
- Students to move out of the CONVENT

Wednesday 16 September: Day 8
- Normal teaching day until lunch – all students required in all classes in full school uniform
- Exit from the Convent during Lunch and P5 – the CONVENT will be closed after this time

Thursday 17 September: Day 9
- College Assembly to farewell Year 12 at 9.15am (all students to assemble in front of Theatre at 8.45am)
- Morning tea
- Graduation Mass (please assemble at St Mary’s, Manly at 5.30pm in full Winter Uniform)

Friday 18 September: Day 10
- No Year 12 classes

Colin Macallister, Head of Year 12

Year 12 Formal 2015

Parents and Guardians are cordially invited to celebrate our community by joining with the staff at the Year 12 Formal Doltone House

Wednesday 18 November, 2015
7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Enquiries: Colin Macallister, Head of Year 12
colin_macallister@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Payment, of $110.00 per head, is to be made to the Finance Department. Payment by instalments can be organised with the Finance Department. Cheques are to be made payable to Stella Maris College. Credit card or cash - please print your daughter’s name and class clearly on envelope. Final payments to be made by 20 September 2015

STELLA MARIS 40th ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Year 10, 1973 and Year 12, 1975

We’re organising a get together for ex-students of the above years on

Sunday 18 October at 12 noon
at the Harbord Beach Hotel

If anyone knows of past students who might have left at that time, please let them know about this reunion.

RSVP and any enquiries to Bernadine McGrath (Smith)
0414519108 or email bernie_mcgrath@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

FULFILLING INTERNATIONAL MISSION FOR SKILLED VOLUNTEERS

Communities in East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for teachers, health and community development workers, administrators, agricultural workers and others. You can assist to mentor local workers in your field of expertise. This will provide opportunities for those who have not had the advantage of an Australian education; improve the operations of organisations in vital sectors of local communities and so assist poverty reduction.

For 55 years Palms Australia has assisted such communities to recruit, prepare and support Australian who volunteer to share their lives and skills. We have increasing numbers of requests from communities who believe this approach, more than anything else, assists their self-reliance and sustainable development.

Want to know more? Information Session will be held on Saturday 12 September at 11:00am, at Aquinas Academy (141 Harrington Street, The Rocks). RSVP to leanne@palms.org.au or call 02 9518 9551.
YEAR 11 END OF PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

We wish our Year 11 students well with their final exams for the Preliminary Course. The girls were reminded of the importance of using every opportunity to demonstrate their ability so that they can make informed decisions for their HSC year.

Please refer to the timetable below and note the starting times of the morning and afternoon sessions. If a student is unable to attend an exam, a parent needs to contact Ms Heraghty in the morning of the exam day.

Good luck girls and never underestimate the calming power of a few Hail Marys!

Louise Yeates, Director of Curriculum

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FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

innovative inspiring inclusive
Engineer’s Australia Sydney Women in Engineering is delighted to be running the Experience It! student engineering conference, an all-day Engineering event for female students in Years 9-12, aimed at encouraging young females to discover a career and study Engineering at a tertiary institution. The conference will be an exciting and busy day of hands-on workshops, team-based activities, inspirational speeches from students and industry, a Careers Panel and networking event. Students will get to explore the peculiar, bizarre and awe-inspiring applications of engineering through Hands-on workshops; Talks from current engineering students and industry representatives; Learn what engineering is about and the careers and opportunities available to them; Careers panel and networking event - meet representatives from ARUP, Aurecon, UWS + TBA. Workshops and activities will be run by UNSW, UTS, UWS and UOW. EA Women in Engineering representatives and event sponsors - ARUP, Aurecon, and UWS will also be present. Students will hear from Scientia Professor Veena Sahajwalla - Founding Director, Centre for Sustainable Materials Research and Technology and Pia Seeto (TBA) - Portfolio Director for Managed Services, Ericsson.

Thursday, 1 October 2015, 8.45am-4.00pm, Colombo Theatre A, UNSW Australia. Cost: FREE!

Registrations Extended To: 19 September 2015.

Jeanette Ferguson, Careers Advisor
Congratulations to Emma Collins and Isabella Harriott who have been awarded their Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

The final local hike of the year will be held on the following dates:
**Bronze (make up hike):** 17-18 September. For any student who did not complete the Lane Cove hike or attend the Year 9 camp
**Silver:** 17-19 September. This is the final local silver hike of the year
**Gold (Year 11):** 17-20 September
**Gold (Year 12):** 18-21 September

Please note that we only offer one local Gold hike a year and students are required to complete two gold hikes in order to satisfy the requirements of the award.

Please return all permission notes to Finance by the 9 September.

Andrea Mezger, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

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**INTERNATIONAL NIGHT**

On Thursday 20 August, the College held its annual celebration of International Night. It was a fantastic night full of outstanding performances, lots of laughs and enjoyment by all. All of the girls loved performing, and we saw some fantastic hidden talents in many of the girls. There were many funny moments, such as the standoff during the balloon game, each girl eager to pop the other’s balloon, or the enthusiastic song-and-dance that each teacher put on. Everyone had a wonderful time, and it was nice to see how many people came to support our amazing performers. Below are some reviews from the people that attended the night:

“We were fortunate to attend the International Night performance put on by the international students at Stella Maris College on Thursday 20 August 2015. There were many acts including singing, dancing, a piano performance, a play about the Emperor and various games with the audience. Many students wore international dress as well as the latest fashions. The stage changes were handled quickly and efficiently and each act was clearly introduced. The organising committee should be thanked as everything ran smoothly. It was well attended by the students, teachers and host families. We were lucky to see how talented the students were and we know there is a big future ahead for the students. Well done to the 2015 International Students.”

“What a fantastic showcase of talent and enthusiasm from these young ladies. It was wonderful to see the mix of cultures and we experienced songs, dance and drama. The girls were so happy and confident, and I was so proud of Nono and Constance for how they compered the evening with praise and confidence.”

Angie Schroder, International Prefect

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**PERFORMING ARTS**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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Jessica Maker, Head of Performing Arts
**SPORT**

**Water Polo**

Congratulations to the Stella A team who won the Intermediate A Grade grand-final of the NSSWPA competition on Monday night. The Stella team played brilliantly and defeated Mackellar Girls 9 -2. Well done to all members of the team; Nellie Scarrabelotti, Campbell Reimer, Sophie Wickham, Audrey Tan, Meg Fry, Tasma Woolley, Amy Polikowski, Bailey Reimer, Olivia Lovell, Aysha Whtye, Skye Nankervis.

Stella has won both the Open and Intermediate competitions this year. The Junior competition will conclude at the end of Term 3.

**Touch Football Development**

Stella Maris will be holding development sessions for Touch Football starting in Term 4. We are very excited about this new program. It will be held on Thursday at lunch time starting in Week 1. The group will be coached by Matt Scranage who is a Level Two coach and currently the Manly men’s Premier League coach. He program will be offered to all students and will help them all become quality touch football players. An information note will be sent to all students. Permission notes will need to be returned by the end of term.

*Jenny Wickam, Sport Coordinator*

**YEAR 10**

**YEAR 10 BROKEN BAY SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY**

On Wednesday I had the privilege to attend the Year 10, 2015 Social Justice Day with fourteen other Stella girls. Held at St Pius X, the theme for the day was ‘Care for Our Common Home’. We attended many workshops such as ‘Connecting to Country’, ‘Catchment Biodiversity’ and ‘Young People & Climate Crisis’ where we learnt about the importance of preserving the environment and creating change. Together we brainstormed ways around the school we could improve our eco-friendliness including more recycling bins and less plastic in the canteen. Overall it was a fun day where we got to interact with other passionate students and learn about the significance of our actions on the environment.

Alison Godbier (Year 10)

**Did you know?** The facts are that we are changing our environment as we subject our planet to a tidal wave of plastic waste. We have produced more plastic in the last 10 years than we did in the whole of the last century and this plastic production is having a huge impact. It is using vast amounts of precious oil reserves; approximately 8% which equates to the amount used by the whole of Africa. Almost half of the plastic we use is used just once and is then thrown away – the problem is that there is no “away”. The impact on wildlife, the environment and the potential harm to human health are only now becoming clear. The facts are that we have to do something and do it now. [http://www.plasticoceans.net/index.php/the-facts/](http://www.plasticoceans.net/index.php/the-facts/)
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.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS
Please be aware that electronic number plate identification is now in force in our parking areas. It may mean you could be booked for overstaying, even if you move after 2 hours to another spot within the same zone. You can still park above the stairs at Queenscliff, in Kenneth Road or over the bridge on Pittwater Road, toward the Mall as this is all Warringah Council area and therefore no restrictions. Sorry for the inconvenience but this is out of our control.

Bernie McGrath & Cheryl Young, Canteen Supervisors

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

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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

SUMMER UNIFORM
From 7 October all students will be wearing the Summer dress:
- Years 7-9 Junior Dress
- Years 10-12 Senior Dress
If you do not have the summer dress yet or your old one doesn’t fit anymore, please come to the Uniform Shop this term. Now is the time to check if the dress still fits.

OPEN ON STAFF DAY
We will be open on Tuesday 6 October from 9am-3pm.

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS
Currently, we are not accepting second-hand uniforms.

PRICE LIST
- Summer Dress $ 80.00
- Jumper (cotton & wool) $ 65.00
- Socks $ 7.50
- 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
CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG!
Raising money for the children at Westmead Hospital!

Each year, the Stage Artz Theatre Company and Stage Artz Performing Arts School combine to stage a family musical production to raise money for The Children's Hospital at Westmead. Over the past twelve years, Stage Artz has continued to produce quality shows for children and families which have collectively raised $138,000 for the kids at Westmead. Stage Artz has been awarded Major Donor Status at Westmead and we are acknowledged as a Platinum Partner of The Children's Hospital.

This year, Stage Artz is thrilled to bring the legendary musical CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG! to the Glen Street Theatre stage. We have a wonderful cast of over 100 performers and a full orchestra who will perform in the September school holidays.

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG!
18-26 September
Glen Street Theatre

A perfect school holiday activity or a great night out for the whole family.

Tickets are $38 Adults, $33 Concession and $25 Children (12yrs & under) and can be booked through the Glen Street Theatre Box Office (9975 1455 or www.glenstreet.com.au).

TRIP TO HASSE SPACE SCHOOL, HOUSTON TEXAS - 2016

During assembly Ms Amy Smith announced this program. For the first time the Alliance of Girls’ Schools Australasia (AGSA) is offering this unique opportunity to member schools for girls to be part of an internationally recognised program.

AGSA has partnered with IVicorn the exclusive Australasian partner for HASSE Space School. HASSE Space School immerses students in the world’s most profound and impactful STEM environment – that of space exploration and science in conjunction with NASA. Overlaid on this experience is a learning framework that incorporates personal development in areas such as self-motivation and resilience, goal setting, team work, curiosity and imagination... the multi-disciplinary skills necessary to empower our young women to take on the changing technological landscape they will face in their careers and life.

As part of our partnership, the Alliance is working with IVicorn to organise a composite expedition from our member schools. The plan is for an expedition of both juniors (16 students from Years 7-9) and seniors (20 students from Years 10-12) to head to the USA in the June school holidays in 2016.

It is estimated that the cost of this trip will be $8,000 - $10,000 per student. IVicorn can also work with the schools to offer families a payment instalment schedule so as to allow families with varying financial situations the ability to participate.

To register your interest or for further information, please email Amy Smith (amy_smith@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au) or Kylie Andrew (kylie_andrew@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au).

Solidarity Volunteering:
Strong Relationships, Mutual Development

Communities across Asia, Africa and the Pacific are seeking volunteers willing to participate in an authentic cross-cultural experience. Teachers are in high demand. Please also inform friends with health & community development, administration, agriculture/farming, trades and other skills.

Information Session
Date: 12 September 2015
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Aquinas Academy, 341 Harrington Street, The Rocks

Pakhs Australia has been sending volunteers for 50 years. We prepare and support you to be a vehicle for sustainable development through mentoring and skill exchange.