FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Stella Community,

The Advent Season

This Sunday brings the start of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of the Christ-Child at Christmas and provides us an opportunity to reflect and renew ourselves. As we draw to the end of the school year it is also a time for us to reflect - is there something about ourselves that we need to focus upon and re-imagine?

The Semester Two Report should be available to you by 4 December. It provides an opportunity to have a reflective discussion with your daughter about her goals and areas for improvement for 2016. Next year we will have an even greater focus on reflective learning at Stella and we aim to provide opportunities for the girls to think more closely about their role as a proactive learner.

Mary Ryland’s Farewell Gift

I would like to formally acknowledge the stunning gift that Mary Ryland has made to the college of two stoles (liturgical vestments for mass or liturgies). These beautiful stoles have our Benedictine values embroidered upon them and will be worn at significant events such as our Opening School Mass and Graduation Mass. We thank Mary for such a thoughtful gift to the Stella community.

Well done to the Year 10 Drama Class whose performance on Wednesday evening was well received by the audience. Congratulations to Mr Cartwright for preparing the girls so well and to Jade Philip, Isabel Andia, Vanessa Morgan, Samantha Picello, Bianca Lacey, Madeleine Press, Grace Kendall and Maya Gardiner-Mullins for their excellent work.

Visit to China

Over the past week I have travelled to China with Jiani Chen visiting the families of our overseas students. I had the opportunity to gather with families in Shanghai, Guangzhou and Qingdao. It was a privilege to meet with the parents of our girls and hear how much they value the opportunity for cultural immersion and the broad curriculum that Stella has provided for their daughters. Thank you to Jiani for assisting with this important event.

A Prayer for Advent

O God of promise, with cloud and fire, by day and by night, you led Israel from slavery to the land of milk and honey. Show us your path; teach us to trust you.

O God of promise, through your prophets and angels, with wonders and signs, you prepared the way for Jesus. Show us your path; teach us to follow to you.

O God of promise, from the manger in Bethlehem to the empty tomb, you walked with the least and the lost. Show us your path; teach us to rely on you.

O God of promise, in water, bread, and wine, in Advent word, you draw our eyes to your coming at the end of time. Show us your path; teach us to delight in you. Amen.


Congratulations

Congratulations to our Duke of Edinburgh girls who have completed Silver Awards with a recent trip to New Zealand and good luck to our Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award students who leave for Cambodia today. Thank you to Andrea Mezger and her team of Stella staff for taking on these adventurous journeys with the girls.

Congratulations to Teigan O’Shannassy (Year 11) who has been nominated for the 2015 NewsLocal Junior Sportstar Award. We wish her luck.
UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

The College will be closed for a function on 9 December 2015

The Main Office will be closed from:
3pm on 11 December 2015 - 9am on 11 January 2016

The Finance Office will be closed from:
3pm on 11 December 2015 - 9am on 18 January 2016

The Uniform Shop will be closed from:
4.30pm 4 December 2015 - 9am 18 January 2016

Please see our Calendar in our section of the newsletter.

2016 TERM DATES

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MISSION

GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

On Wednesday 25 November, our College Leaders visited Mt St Benedict College in Pennant Hills to strengthen our connections with fellow Good Samaritan schools.

Our schools are working together on social justice initiatives and to support the work of the Sisters in the Philippines, Santa Teresa, Mater Dei, Kiribati and the local community.

FUNDRAISING

ICMS have partnered with Stella to host a Christmas Party this December for the families of Bear Cottage

Thank you for helping raise $1600!

Carolyn Collins, Head of Community and Social Justice
From 1 January 2015 the Australian Taxation Office, in partnership with Australia Post, has been making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN. Students can apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’.

If you require any further information you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Bendigo Bank University Scholarships

Visual Arts & Graphic Design University of Wollongong Graduate Exhibition— 28 Nov - 18 Dec


University of Tasmania Pharmacy Relocation Scholarship


A new career in tourism
TAFEnow has the Certificate III in Tourism (SIT30112) available online for those with a keen interest in customer-focused tourism jobs. To enrol in this nationally recognised qualification go to http://tafenow.com.au/sit30112#description or call TAFEnow on 1300 823 366.

Visual Arts and Arts Admin Info Session Sydney TAFE Events

Sydney Design School Information Sessions
26 November at 6.00pm and 10 December at 1.00pm. Level 2, 40 Oxley Street, St Leonards. Course and career info. 9437 1902. http://sydneydesignschool.com.au/info-sessions/

Australian Institute of Innovation & Technology Scholarships
Cert IV in Accounting and Cert IV in Leadership & Management. The full scholarship & internship program is an opportunity to get started on a future career in Management or Accounting. Contact info@aiit.edu.au


NIDA Summer Courses

Australian Academy of Beauty & Spa Therapy Open Night
1 December, 7.00pm, Chatswood. Course and career opportunities. http://www.australianacademyofbeautytherapy.com/

National Institute of Education Simulated UMAT Day Workshop

Evolve College Pre Christmas Special

New Course for Aged Care, HACC and Disability Care

Defence Jobs The Mentor Experience Life as an Engineer in the ADF

Projects Abroad Previous Online Broadcasts
Do an Alternative Schoolies Project or High School project. http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/information-events/online-info-sessions/previous-online-sessions/


Come on a WEP Student Exchange
Over 25 countries. 1300 884 733 or www.wep.org.au/

Camp America Online Info Session—9 Dec 6.00-7.00pm. Find out everything you need to know about Camp America 2016 including upcoming January Job Fair when camp directors will be hiring Australians on the spot. To register: 1300 889 067 or https://www.facebook.com/events/1655674151377857/

Jeanette Ferguson, Careers Advisor
Congratulations to Caitlin Andrew and Mali Garling who have been awarded their bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and to Maya Williams, Inde Halligan and Isabella Seeto who have been awarded their silver awards.

Today a group of Year 10 and 11 students and four staff members leave for Cambodia. During their time over there they will volunteer at the Happy Days Village School and experience life in a Cambodian school. They will be taking with them over 500 friendship bracelets to distribute - thank you to all the students who have enthusiastically been making bracelets. We wish them the best of luck.

Congratulations to the over 300 students who have been involved in Duke of Edinburgh this year. They have walked 1000s of steps, given up 100s of hours volunteering, learnt a skill and been actively involved in a physical activity. Thanks must also go to the staff who have given up weekends to supervise the hikes, and who have also supported the girls while they have assisted the Learning Support Department and been involved in the Information Centre’s Duke of Edinburgh program.

Andrea Mezger, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

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On Tuesday evening fifty Stella Maris students experienced Twilight at Taronga for the annual end of year Gifted & Talented event. Giraffes, elephants, chimpanzees, lions, peacocks and ungulates were all greeted by our enthusiastic students. There were also close encounters with a python, turtle, tortoise and shingleback lizard.

The Zoo education staff were impressed with our students as they were fine representatives of Stella Maris College.

Ruth Longworth, Gifted & Talented Coordinator
SURF LIFESAVING

Congratulations to the Stella surf lifesaving team who competed at the BBSSSA Surf Lifesaving Carnival at Terrigal on Tuesday 24 November. The conditions on the day were great and Stella had some fantastic results.

Gold medals:
- Bailee Radford: Intermediate flags
- Sophie Wickham: Intermediate sprint
- Amy Polikowski: Intermediate swim
- All age sprint relay: April Griffiths, Annabel Gilbert, Sophie Wickham, Bailee Radford, Zoe Carley and Skye Nankervis.

Silver medals:
- Annabel Gilbert: Junior sprint and flags
- Analiese Melbourn: Junior swim
- Amy Polikowski: Intermediate board and open iron person

Bronze medals:
- Analiese Melbourn: Junior nipper board
- Jessi Douglas: Open board
- All age board relay: Analiese Melbourn, Olivia Lovell, Amy Polikowski, Imogen McCauley, Zoe Grout and Jessi Douglas
- Open taplin relay: Amy Polikowski, Jessi Douglas, Chloe Tyrrell and Sophie Wickham

The team consisted of Annabelle Gilbert, Chloe Tyrrell, April Griffiths, Olivia Lovell, Analiese Melbourn, Amy Poliowski, Zoe Grout, Sophie Wickham, Campbell Reimer, Skye Nankervis, Bailee Radford, Lara Cherry, Zoe Carley, Imogen McCauley and Jessi Douglas.

BBSSSA SOFTBALL

On Friday 20 November four Stella students played at the BBSSSA Softball Trials. An open team was selected to play at the NSWCCC Championships which will be held early in 2016. Congratulations to Venice Warner who was selected for the team and to Nellie Scarrabelotti who was named as the reserve. Well done also to Daisy Young and Georgia Stracey who trialled.

NSWCCC WATER POLO

Congratulations to Lexie and Tasma Woolley who have been selected into the NSWCCC Water Polo Team. They will complete at the NSW All Schools Championships in March 2016.

BBSSSA SURFING

Good luck to the Stella girls who are competing at the BBSSSA Surfing Championships at Avoca on Friday 27 November; Shannon Parker, Lois Morton-Chong, Jas Riggs, Georgie Baldwin, Bailee Radford, Sophie Wickham, Skye Nankervis, Campbell Reimer, Ella Mcindoe and Steph Carroll.

JUNIOR SPORTS STAR

Congratulations to Teigan O’Shannassy who has been selected as a finalist in the Junior Sports Star of the Year awards. Well done!

PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES

Congratulations to Hannah Baldwin and Naomi Scott who have been representing NSW at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide this week. Both girls had outstanding results:

Hannah Baldwin:
- 11th in 50m breaststroke
- 6th in 100m breaststroke
- 4th in 200m Individual Medley
- Still to swim in the 200m Breaststroke

Naomi Scott:
- 2nd in 800m freestyle
- 2nd in 4x100m freestyle
- 6th in 400m freestyle
- 9th in 200m freestyle

Well done to both girls on such amazing results at such a high level event.

Jenny Wickam, Sports Coordinator
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following girls for excellent results in the AMEB Examinations:
- Madelaine Brun for a fabulous result in her recent Grade 4 Piano AMEB Exam
- Selina Noble for achieving a High Distinction in her Grade 4 AMEB Musicianship Exam
- Caitlin Ballinger for achieving Honours in her Grade 4 AMEB Theory exam

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1 December: Miss Jones Dancer’s Do You remember and Pentatonic will be rehearsing all day in the Dance studio.
- 3 December: Music Rehearsals for Presentation Night and Mass:
  Period 1—Senior Band and all Soloists performing with the Dancers will rehearse
  Period 2—All Elective Music students will rehearse for Mass
  Period 3—Singers will rehearse Carols

Jessica Maker, Head of Performing Arts

COLLEGE FUNDRAISER

CommPow

We are pleased to support an initiative by three ex-students of St Augustin’e College which may be of interest to parents and community members. The initiative entitled ‘CommPow’ provides community members with discounts from various partner suppliers (such as electricity, gas, fitness memberships), with a percentage also going back to the school fundraising. CommPow will be launched in Term 1, 2016 and parents are asked to register their interest at http://www.commpow.com/. An information flyer is included with this newsletter.

Zita Briones, Business Manager
Thanks to our volunteers for another wonderful helpful year. Have a happy, safe and restful Christmas and see you in 2016.

Please ring 0414 519 108 or email me to let me know if you will be coming back in 2016 so I can prepare the roster during the holidays. I will then email it to you.

**SAFETY NOTICE**

The Canteen only provides boiling water for noodles to girls with 70g Fantastic Noodles (available from Canteen) or Simplee (available from ALDI) as their containers are sturdier than others and can withstand boiling water.

**HEALTHY OPTIONS CAMPAIGN**

Students receive My Student Account points for purchasing healthier foods, e.g. water, salad/multigrain/wholemeal rolls. Prizes are awarded at the end of the year to a girl in each year group (Year 12 prize is one formal ticket paid for) so consider what you’d like to order and get those points accumulating.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**OPEN (During School Terms):** 8:00am-4:30pm Tue/Wed/Thur.

**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**

Thursday 3 December: Margaret Boyd

**EXTRA SELLING DAY - Friday 4 December 8.00am-4.30pm**

**SECONDHAND UNIFORMS**

We are not accepting items till early February.

**SUMMER DRESS DELIVERY**

Stock is selling out fast! If your daughter needs a dress for next year, please come in the last week of school.

Year 9 MUST see us by 4 December to ensure they have a senior dress for Term 1. There will not be another delivery before school resumes.

**STUDENT DIARY**

Next year students are to provide their own diary. Either Stella Maris generic for $10 (available January), paper diary or digital.

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**Managing HSC Stress HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Are you feeling worried about how you are going to manage all the demands of your HSC year? Are you finding yourself starting to get stressed about how you are going to manage it all and perform at your best?

The Managing HSC Stress program is a group program that assists students to better manage the stress of the HSC by teaching a broad range of skills that can be helpful in any stressful situation.

Students also have the opportunity to learn from and assist each other. The program can also be useful for students who are struggling with anxiety, low self-esteem or low mood.

Come along and enjoy all of the benefits of the 4 week program in one day!!

**POSITION VACANT**

**Community Relations and Development Officer**

Initially, starting as a part-time role. The position will support community relations and communications between various agencies of the College community, ensuring the College’s presentation in the media, signage and publications is accurate and the reputation of the College is protected and enhanced.

Applications close 30.11.15.

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**HANK’S JAMS**

Hank’s Jams are keen supporters of our P&F Trivia Night. Please consider giving them your business.

It’s a great opportunity to buy some delicious jams and chutneys for yourself at discounted prices. They also make great Christmas gifts!!!!

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The Summer school Holiday Program is available for download from the Council’s website www.warringah.nsw.gov.au. Printed copies are available from Warringah Council Civic Centre, Council Libraries and Community Centres.

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES Summer 2016**

- Vacation Care Programme details
- Pre-School Children's Club
- Summer Sports Events
- Club 56 Workshops
- Discount Vouchers

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