



Stella Maris

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Stella Community,

Welcome

Welcome to the Stella community in 2016. Welcome to returning parents and students and those families who are joining us for the first time. I hope you continue to read our newsletter each week to keep abreast of our news and events as well as gain an understanding of our priorities in learning and teaching and pastoral care at the College.

I would particularly like to welcome our Year 7 girls and their families to Stella Maris. It is a lovely school and I know you will enjoy your six years with us. There will be challenges ahead but we will work through them together as *Stella Girls*. Thank you to the families who came to the Information Night on Thursday evening to meet the staff who will have responsibility for working with the girls over this and future years.

At our Staff Mass this week Father David shared with us the reading *The Parable of the Sower* (Mark 4:1-20) reminding us that we have a significant role in the lives of the young women in our care. We need to be mindful of that responsibility and challenge the girls to be the best people they can be. Father David also blessed our new staff with a blessing from Isaiah:

"I will hold you always in the palm of my hand- Isaiah 41:13"

Our new staff commencing in 2016 are:

Sarah Carter	Deputy Principal
Ashley Conde	Mathematics teacher
Karen Dennison	Mathematics teacher
Melissa Eychenne	HSIE teacher
Claire Hodges	Art Assistant

HSC 2014 Congratulations

The College offers its congratulations to our 2014 HSC students and to the staff who have worked with them over the past six years. We are very proud of the entire Year 12 class and although we had fewer outstanding individual students this year, the College was delighted with the overall results achieved.

Our College Dux was Ruby Reid who achieved an ATAR of 98.50 and was noted in the *All Rounders* (students who achieved Band 6 results in 10 units). It is important to note that there were four other students who achieved Band 6 results in four or five of their courses - this is also a commendable achievement. Megan Connolly was placed 3rd in in the State for Textiles and Design (ATAR 96.10) and her beautiful major work you might remember was celebrated at Presentation Night with the *Principal's Choice Major Work Prize*. Stella's results as a group remain strong with 85% of our results in Band 4/5/6 compared to 69% which is the state average and this reflects the growth in students' achievement over six years.

At our Staff Development Day our Director of Curriculum, Louise Yeates, gave the HSC report and spoke to the staff about what we might do to further improve the girls' achievements. She indicated that the girls need to be encouraged to excel and we should have high expectations of their achievements, not only in Year 11 and 12 but in the junior years.

Quality Teaching

Brett Foster, Director of Innovative Learning, has again engaged David Roy from the University of Newcastle to assist us in embedding Quality Teaching into our pedagogical practice at Stella. This year David will help staff explore how coding of assessment tasks might assist us to challenge students and help them achieve good outcomes.

Please keep in your prayers...

Sr Pauline Bulluss *sgs*, who is still recovering from an operation in 2015, has decided that she will retire from teaching at Stella Maris. We thank Sister for her commitment to the school over many years and we will hold a special event later in the year where staff and students can personally acknowledge her work.

Strategic Plan

This year the school will continue to work on achieving our *Strategic Plan 2014-2016*. One of the areas we will increase our focus on is to 'initiate programs to facilitate greater engagement of parents in their daughters' learning'.

Homework is a key part of learning that parents can assist us in prioritizing with our students. Our college policy is that, *'students should form the habit of regular study at home of an appropriate length. This includes working on assessment tasks, specific teacher set tasks and revision. As students move through the College these demands will increase. The timings listed below are approximate recommendations:*

- Years 7 & 8 - 1.5 hours
- Years 9 & 10 - 2.5 hours
- Years 11 & 12 - 3.5 hours

Year 12 will start off a good study regime with Elevate Education who will run Study Skills seminars next week. Hopefully that will be a great way to begin 2016 for the girls.

Dropping off and collecting your daughter

We remind parents and carers that our preferred mode of transport to school for the girls is public transport. There is no kiss and drop zone or suitable parking around the school. ***To avoid impacting on our neighbours' amenity and safety, I ask that parents/carers find some alternative other than double parking or pulling into residents' driveways.***

Jubilee of Mercy

The Pope has declared this year a Jubilee of Mercy and the staff this week prayed:

Lord Jesus Christ

You have taught us to be merciful like your heavenly Father
And have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us
So that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace

And your Church may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this though the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for
ever and ever.

AMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS

3 Feb	• Year 7 Welcome Night
8 Feb	• P&F AGM 7.30pm in the Library
10 Feb	• Years 11 & 12 Welcome Night
15 Feb	• Opening Mass 10.15am at St Mary's Cathedral
16 Feb	• Years 8 & 9 Welcome Night
18 Feb	• International Students Welcome Afternoon
24 Feb	• Year 7 (2017) Information Night and Scholarship Applications Close
25 Feb	• Year 10 Retreat till 26 Feb
2 Mar	• Swimming Carnival
8 Mar	• Careers Expo • Year 10 Welcome Night
16 Mar	• Year 7 Camp till 18 March • Open Night
25 Mar	• PUBLIC HOLIDAY Good Friday
28 Mar	• PUBLIC HOLIDAY Easter Monday
8 Apr	• Term 1 Ends
25 Apr	• PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC Day
26 Apr	• Term 2 Starts

2016 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Friday 29 Jan Monday 1 Feb Friday 8 Apr	Term 1 Starts for Year 7, 11 & 12 Term 1 Starts for Year 8, 9 & 10 Term 1 Ends
TERM 2	Tuesday 26 Apr Friday 24 Jun	Term 2 Starts Term 2 Ends
TERM 3	Monday 18 Jul Friday 23 Sep	Term 3 Starts Term 3 Ends
TERM 4	Monday 10 Oct Friday 28 Nov	Term 4 Starts Term 4 Ends

STELLA P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On **Monday 8 February 2016** we will be having the Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm in the Library.

We welcome everyone to attend and encourage any parents/carers who are able to assist by becoming a member of the P&F in 2016 to please let us know.

We are also very fortunate to have Sam Lamboy from COMMPOW present to us the system that other schools are using in relation to benefits that can come back to us and the school community by using this initiative.

Please come along, support the Stella P&F, we look forward to seeing you there!

P&F Executive Committee

NEW BUS ROUTE NUMBERS FOR SCHOOL BUS SERVICES IN 2016

From the start of Term 1, most school bus services will be renumbered to eliminate any duplication of route numbers. These changes do not impact the route or level of service provided. Detailed information on the renumbering for all school services can be obtained from Sydney Buses website at <http://www.sydneybuses.info/news/new-bus-route-numbers-for-school-special-bus-services-in-2016>. If you have any questions or require further information please contact Transport Info on 131 500.



Sydney Buses Northern Region, Brookvale

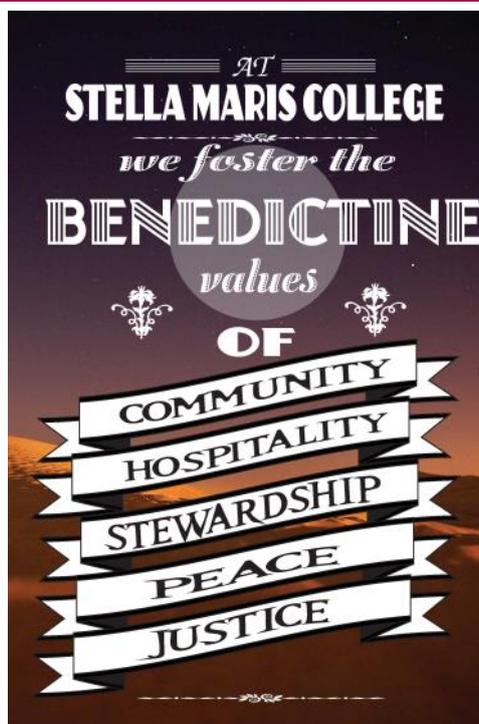
AFTERNOON BUSES

Changes to afternoon school buses (Note that **morning** buses are not on my timetables, so you will need to check the Sydney Buses website as many of the afternoon buses don't have a school morning service.):

624	replaces	752 (Collingwood)
674	replaces	769 (Eurobin)
688	replaces	783 (Eurobin)
690	replaces	737 (Collingwood)
691	replaces	738 (Collingwood)
693	replaces	743 (Collingwood)
694	replaces	746 (Collingwood)
698	replaces	747 (Eurobin)
699	replaces	748 (Eurobin)
700	replaces	752 (Collingwood)
701	replaces	754 (Eurobin) now to Frenchs Forest and appears similar to the 769 route
739	replaces	736 (Eurobin) appears to be the only bus to the wharf, before continuing to Coral St Seaforth
745	replaces	741 (Collingwood)
748	replaces	778 (Eurobin)
749	replaces	784 (Eurobin)
750	replaces	736 (Collingwood)
757	replaces	739 (Eurobin) At the wharf it becomes the 132, before continuing to North Balgowlah and Seaforth

John Camilleri

MISSION



AFTER SCHOOL STUDY

The school provides supervised study for students in the Library from 3:30 – 5:30pm Monday to Thursday. Afternoon tea is available for students to purchase. Supervising teachers will actively supervise and assist students.

Students can leave without being signed out before 4:30pm, but, after 4:30pm students in Years 7-9 must be signed out by a parent or senior sibling.

LANGUAGES

JAPANESE AND SPANISH LESSONS FOR PARENTS

Japanese and Spanish lessons for parents will start this Monday 1 February, 5.45-7.00pm and run for one term. Spanish will be in E 214 (up one flight after the library in the classroom opposite the top of the stairs) and Japanese in E 213 (to the left of E 214).

All parents who applied last year should have received an email and are welcome to direct any further enquiries to Ms Mika Sennett or Ms Ana Gonzalez.

Jennifer Murray, Head of Languages

SCIENCE

2016 PEARSON EBOOKS FOR SCIENCE

All students in Years 7-10 are now operating from the new Australian Curriculum. The NSW curriculum developed by BOSTES divides the Science content and skills outcomes into **stages** rather than years. Years 7-8 are Stage 4, Years 9-10 are Stage 5.

This means that a student in Year 7 may need information that comes from a Year 7 textbook for some topics and information from a Year 8 textbook for other topics. The same applies to a Year 8 student needing both the Year 7 and 8 Science textbooks. Year 9 and 10 students need both the Year 9 and 10 textbooks.

To make this more affordable, we have chosen ebooks. They appear on the Campion booklist and you have two years access to these digital books. Even though you are purchasing two, the combined cost equals the price of a traditional textbook.

Students in Year 7 and 9 in 2016 will get the two years of use out of the ebooks. Students in Years 8 and 10 in 2016 will only use them for one year as Year 8 moves into Year 9 in 2017 (Stage 5) and Year 10 students choose different subjects for Year 11 in 2017.

The booklist with relevant digital support are available on the Campion website <http://www.campion.com.au/>. We anticipate that **ALL** students in Years 7-10 will have their ebooks downloaded onto their devices and ready to use them as educational tools soon. Thank you for your cooperation.

Kate Slik, Head of Science

STELLA RAFFLE

Due to overwhelming demand, the Stella School Fees Raffle is back in 2016. Only 200 tickets will be sold! **\$50 PER TICKET.**

Prize: **\$7,000 towards your School Fees**

How can you purchase your tickets?

1. Online, using your credit card, via Trybooking <http://www.trybooking.com/KCNP>.
2. Complete the raffle form below, make payment using cash or credit card, and return it to the Stella Maris Finance Office.

This raffle will help us raise some money for the school. Please note, once all the tickets are sold, the raffle drawing date will be published in the Newsletter. Best of luck!

P&F Committee



Stella School Fees Raffle 2016

Win one year of school fees to the value of
\$7000

The P&F are holding a raffle with the opportunity for you to win \$7000 towards your daughter's school fees.

Only 200 tickets available!*
\$50 each

First in, first served so be quick! Limited opportunity to participate. These are very good odds!

Complete the order form below with the number of tickets that you would like to purchase* and take the payment slip to the Finance Office (open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm). Payments can be made by cash or credit card.

Please note that if not all 200 tickets are sold then a full refund will be given for tickets purchased.

* Limit of 10 tickets per family.

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Stella School Fees Raffle 2016

Name Amount \$

Student Name(s)

Payment Type MASTERCARD VISA AMEX CASH

Credit Card Number ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ Expiry Date ____ / ____ CCV ____

Signature Phone

Activity No 1030A93

Ticket #

CANTEEN

Welcome everyone to Canteen at Stella! By now you should have received your roster via email. Please let me know if you didn't get it or there was a problem opening it please. Thank you and see you all soon.



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 - no old cards.
- Replacement cards cost \$5.
- Please check your daughter's My Student Account to ensure she has sufficient funds to purchase items.

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.

PARKING

Electronic number plate identification is now in force in our parking area - you could be booked, even if you move to another spot within the same zone after 2 hours. 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 Warringah Council area and therefore not restricted.

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.

<u>Mon 1 February</u>	<u>Tue 2 February</u>	<u>Wed 3 February</u>	<u>Thu 4 February</u>	<u>Fri 5 February</u>	<u>Mon 8 February</u>
Jo Palme	Sue Whyte	Michelle Staunton	Sandra Marshall	Caron Baker	Dee Merry
Jody Sutherland	Jose Saraiva	Karen Doughty	Maruska Stones	Berni Rushton	Jo Carmichael
Angela Politis-Carnevale	Stieve Delance	Therese Philip	Christin Schaller	Kerry Seipelt	Anne Van Rooyen
Gilly Wymer	Kiera Hulme	Linda Moon	Michelle Houghton	Belinda Grover	Caroline Beggs
Garry Farrar	Trish Warner	Tania Dinneen	Nina Rose	Kate Carracio	Sascha Chahwan Harris
		Sue Milner	Rebecca Dunn		
		Juliet Dart	Sonia Piantoni		

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

STUDENT DIARY

In 2016 students are to provide their own diary. Either Stella Maris generic for \$10 (available January), paper diary or digital.

UPDATED PRICE LIST

Summer Dress	\$ 80.00
Jumper (wool) Size 8-14 / Size 16-20	\$ 70.00 / \$ 75.00
Jumper (cotton)	\$ 70.00
Socks	\$ 8.00

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

Rotary Club of Dee Why Warringah  **CAN REGATTA**

BUILD IT
RACE IT
WIN CASH PRIZES!

A fundraising project of the Rotary Club of Dee Why Warringah supported by the combined Lions Clubs of Darwin Beer Can Regatta

Receive some of the funds raised!

Sunday 21 February 2016

9am to 5pm

MANLY DAM

Section 3—112 King Street Manly Vale NSW 2093



ENTER NOW and start building your boat. There are a limited amount of numbers for each race so get your entry registrations in now. Don't miss out!

Then come and enjoy a great family day at Manly Dam.

Or **ENTER OUR ONLINE COMPETITIONS**. Register now and send them in as soon as you have finished them. Final entry date for online competitions is Friday 12 February, 2016.

All competitions have cash prizes.

There are events for all ages on land and in the water. Entry to Manly Dam is free (gold coin donations appreciated).

Entry in the competitions and boat races have a charge. See our Schedule

There will be entertainment, stalls, BBQ and lots of fun! - Learn more:

canregatta.com.au

NEED A TUTOR?



MANLY TUTORS



2014 Manly Selective Campus graduates and present University students are available for tutoring primary school and high school students in all subjects including Mathematics, Maths General, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, PDHPE and English. With band 6's in all subjects, Manly Tutors are able to provide valuable exam advice, study tips and great learning resources such as past paper, essay and narrative editing.

Times and locations flexible.

Email: manlytutoring@gmail.com

Phone: 0426214449

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Australian Taxation Office

STUDENT TAX FILE NUMBER (TFN) INFO

The Australian Taxation Office, in partnership with Australia Post, has made it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN. Students can apply online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'. For further information you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8am-5pm Monday to Friday.