Dear Stella Community,

Prayer for Lent

Let us pray particularly for those hurt by our actions or those of others in our community:

God of unbounded love,
So many times I turn away from you but you always welcome me back - your mercy and love give me confidence.
You form a new heart within me – a heart that can forgive others their behaviour toward me. Your compassion for my weakness leads me to await with hope the Easter joy to come.

AMEN.

We ask for your prayers for Sally Lawther whose father died this week. Sally is currently in England with her mother and family, supporting them at this time of great sadness.

The Good Samaritan community in Australia is mourning the loss of Margaret Walsh, the author of the history of the Good Samaritan Sisters from 1857-1969. Her book is a testament to the lives of the courageous women who were part of the first Australian Catholic order in Australia.

PISA Report on What Helps Students Succeed


Read the full report: http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264250246-en

This week I have been reading over the 2016 PISA report examining successful ways to address student underachievement. The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) is a study by the OECD of 15-year-old students’ achievement in mathematics, science, and reading with a view to improving education policies and outcomes by measuring problem solving and cognition in daily life.

The 2016 report begins, ‘Far too many students around the world are trapped in a vicious cycle of poor performance and demotivation that leads only to more bad marks and further disengagement from school. This report provides the first comprehensive analysis of the problem and how it can be tackled’ (p3). The report indicates that there is no one single factor but a combination and accumulation of barriers and disadvantages that affect students throughout their lives. School policies need to work to dismantle barriers to learning, create demanding and supportive learning environments, provide remedial support, encourage parental and community involvement and inspire student to be engaged.

When looking at countries whose students perform well on the PISA tests there were some key strategies they were employing which included providing early diagnosis and additional support for struggling students, holding high expectations for all, providing support for migrant students and working to create communities to help support them. Ensuring that students invest enough time into learning is a key strategy and making the most of afterschool time also can also be helpful. In the section ‘Expectations for Students’, the PISA report suggests sometimes our response to low-performing student is the lowering of expectations. ‘School principals and teachers with leadership roles can promote, develop and sustain a culture in schools where academic success is expected of all students’ (p141).

At Stella Maris College we are guided in the quality of Teaching and Learning by the College’s STAR Learning Framework which uses key areas of Intellectual Quality, Collaboration, Inclusiveness, Innovation and Empowerment. This year we are focusing on Intellectual Quality and in particular that ‘high expectations of all students are communicated and conceptual risk-taking is encouraged and rewarded’. Mrs. Yeates and Mr. Foster are currently working with the Heads of Department to explore what high expectations look like in their subject and how we can encourage students to use conceptual risk-taking as one of their key learning strategies. Further updates on this approach will be in later newsletters and I invite parents and carers to take part in the dialogue on learning with Mrs. Yeates and Mr. Foster at the first of their learning seminars for the year to be held later this term.

Year 7 2017 Information Evening

Year 7 2017 Information Evening was a wonderful opportunity for us to share with our future Stella Girls, all that is positive about the Stella community. Jessica Dunn, Lucy McFarland, Madeleine De Lance Ao Yong and Emily Mills (Year 7 2016) and Hayley Jago (College Captain 2016) spoke about being a Stella Girl. Here are some words of wisdom from them:

- Stella is a welcoming friendly place where everyone is kind and a bit like a second family. This is because Stella is a community: its whole heart is focused on sisterhood, community values and social justice. The things that make good kids become great people- Madeleine

- Trust me you are not going to be thrown in the deep end. Here at Stella Maris you have your Head of Year, the teachers and staff and of course all the friendly students to help you through it – Jessica

- If you are completely over primary school and are bursting to come to Stella Maris (like I was) the best advice I have is to get involved with everything and give it your all- Lucy.

- At Stella there are so many things to get involved in and something for everyone. Drama, Writing Club, Baking Club, Music lessons, Art Club, Touch Football, Water Polo, Netball, Basketball, Debating and the list goes on and on- Emily

Congratulations and Thanks

The recipients of our Good Samaritan Foundation Scholarships this year are Kathleen and Cara Reedy and Cody Elias Jones. Congratulations to these girls who will use the grants to assist them with their studies at the College and I thank Good Samaritan Foundation for the opportunity to assist families to remain within the College community and support girls to learn.

Thank you to Ms. Collins, Ms. Smith and the Year 10 PC teachers who took Year 10 students away to Collaroy Centre for their Retreat last week. When I visited the girls were very excited and from reports since their return it has been a great bonding opportunity particularly for the girls who are new to Stella this year.

Thank you to all for the great work at the Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. Thank you in particular to Raylee Kelly and Jenny Wickham for their great organisation to make the day run so well for the girls and congratulations to the girls for their great participation in the event.

A last word...

Don’t forget to support the College musical- ‘In the Heights’ this week. Thanks to the girls and congratulations to the Performing Arts staff for all their work on the production.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Safe travel to and from school
I would ask that you discuss with your daughter how she best ensures safe travel to and from school. In the past week the College has been notified by a member of the public of students who are not taking care when crossing roads or driveways, with headphones in and not mindful of cars during their journey.

The College has lodged a report with the Police regarding the inappropriate behaviour of a member of the public towards groups of our students whilst the wait at the bus stop near Kierle Park this week. In response, the police have increased patrols in the area but we would ask that all families speak with their daughters about how the girls might ensure they are safe by traveling with friends and fellow students where they are able.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

New NSW penalties for bike riders
A number of students are riding to school at the moment and we would like to take this opportunity to remind them of the new legislation and penalties applying to bike riders from March 1st.
Recently there have also been a couple of incidents where girls riding to school have had close shaves with drivers backing out of driveways on the streets surrounding the college. Could parents please reinforce the need to be very careful around driveways, passing members of the public when riding on footpaths and around the school/pedestrian crossings.

The increased penalties to be aware of are listed below.
Like drivers, the majority of bicycle riders have safety in mind most of the time. The new penalties will only apply to riders who behave dangerously and break the law.
Fines for five offences will increase so that bicycle riders receive the same fines as motorists for high risk behaviour.
Increased penalties will apply to bicycle riders who are caught:

- Not wearing a helmet (up from $71 to $319)
- Running a red light (up from $71 to $425)
- Riding dangerously (up from $71 to $425)
- Holding on to a moving vehicle (up from $71 to $319)
- Not stopping at children's/pedestrian crossings (up from $71 to $425)

Penalties for other bicycle rider offences will also increase from $71 to $106, including the offence of riding at night without lights.


Sarah Carter, Deputy Principal
UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2 Mar • Musical— ‘In the Heights’ till 5 March See page 12
8 Mar • Careers Expo
     • Year 10 Welcome Night—7:00pm til 7:30pm
16 Mar • Year 7 Camp till 18 March
     • Open Night—See Page 3
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
6 May • Mother’s Day Breakfast

ART COMPETITION

‘Last Week for Entries’

Stella Maris College is running an Art Competition to find an illustration, created by a Stella student, that can be used on a thank you card and possibly incorporate the illustration into future advertising.

Our requirements:
- An illustration of a ‘Stella Girl’ in her uniform - summer or winter - artist’s choice
- The illustration needs to portray what it is to be a ‘Stella Girl’
- The illustration needs to be hand drawn on paper. You can use any medium you wish, e.g. ink, pencils, paint, watercolour, pastels

Surrounding the illustration there could be:
- The architectural features of the Star of the Sea Theatre
- A feature from one of our historical buildings (convent or chapel)
- Our core values - stewardship/community/peace and justice/hospitality
- Symbolism
- Our amazing location near the beach

The illustration needs to be submitted to the Art Department with your name and PC class clearly marked on the back of the artwork no later than Friday 11 March. If you need help with materials, please see the Art Department teachers. There will be a prize for the best illustration.

YEAR 10 WELCOME EVENING

Tuesday 8 March 2016
7pm til 7:30pm in the Theatre (Main Campus)
and later on the Deck in the College Courtyard
Amy Smith, Head of Year 10

INVITATION TO STELLA MARIS COLLEGE
CAREERS EXPO
8TH MARCH 2016
4 PM - 7 PM
BENEDICT CAMPUS
PITTWATER ROAD OPPOSITE HARRIS FARM
NO COST
ALL SCHOOLS, PARENTS/CARERS AND STUDENTS WELCOME
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

SOME OF THE EXHIBITORS ARE:
ACU, BOND, CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY, SYDNEY UNIVERSITY, WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY, CQ LA TROBE, ANU, MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY, ALSO WITH SIBT UTS, ALSO WITH INSEARCHUNSW, UWS, NOTRE DAME, UNIVERSITY ADMISSION CENTRE, NORTH SYDNEY AND NORTHERN BEACHES COLLEGE OF TAFE, WILLIAM BLUE COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM, MACLEAY COLLEGE, BILLY BLUE COLLEGE OF DESIGN, AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL COLLEGE OF BEAUTY, APM BUSINESS COLLEGE, THE HOTEL SCHOOL, KARL VON BUSSE INSTITUTE OF DESIGN, AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF NATURAL THERAPIES, RAFFLES, DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITMENT, AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY, INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT SYDNEY, BLUE MOUNTAINS HOTEL SCHOOL, AVONDALE COLLEGE, BEDFORD COLLEGE, JMC ACADEMY, AIM, IN STUDIO, FASHIONMASTERS, TOP EDUCATION INSTITUTE AND CITY LAW SCHOOL, WHITEHOUSE INSTITUTE OF DESIGN, ACADEMY OF INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT, SYDNEY DESIGN SCHOOL, SYDNEY FILM SCHOOL, AMPA, RUSTIC PATHWAYS, CARE CAREERS, STUDY ABROAD, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AID, LATITUDE GLOBAL VOLUNTEERING, SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE, PROJECTS ABROAD
PLUS MANY OTHERS

THERE WILL ALSO BE A NUMBER OF PRESENTATIONS ON THE NIGHT FROM EXHIBITORS AND OFFERS GIRLS A CHANCE TO ASK THE EXPERTS

Stella Maris College
Open Evening
Wednesday 16th March
4.00pm - 8.00pm
All Welcome
52 Eurobin Avenue, Marly
www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
9977 5144

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Applying for Leave

We would like to clarify the procedure to apply for leave from the College. If you need to apply a written request must be made to the Principal. Please give as much notice as possible. The Department of Education actively discourages students being absent during term time, however, a Principal has discretion to grant leave under certain circumstances.

Before you plan events that may occur during the term, we ask you to consider the stress that this absence places on your daughter. This stress is experienced not only by senior students who have strict assessment rules to comply with but also junior students who may fall behind their peers during extended absences. Please consider using the extended break in July and over Christmas when planning family holidays. The school is required by law to keep detailed attendance records and absences other than those due to illness that have not been formally approved by the Principal are recorded as ‘Unapproved Leave’.

Term dates for 2016 can be found on the College website under the 'In the Classroom' tab. Please see the Draft 2017 Student Term Dates. For any queries regarding these dates please contact Ms Sarah Carter—sarah_carter@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

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Year 10 Retreat

Last week, Year 10 spent two days at the beautiful Collaroy Centre to come together as a group and discuss and role play the sometimes difficult task of making good choices. The girls had a brilliant time and their teachers (whilst very tired on the 2nd day :) were able to connect with the girls on a more personal level. The Retreat was a resounding success and Year 10 would love to thank the incredible work of Ms Carolyn Collins, the College Head of Community and Social Justice.

A couple of reflections from our Year 10 students:

**Kristine Li – 10.2 - one of our beautiful International students who have joined Year 10 in 2016.**
I enjoyed the challenge course the most during my retreat because I think we can learn what cooperation is. When we helped each other to achieve our common goal, we learnt how to consider for others. I didn’t have confidence to be lifted up, but they encouraged me, so I decided to have a try. At last, we succeed, although it is not that easy. I feel so exciting and surprised that they had already lifted me up. So impressive!! Some girls’ clothes are dirty because they were doing the lifting job; what a selfless action! I think our group is amazing!

**Saffron Mayn – 10.2**
I had an amazing time at Retreat! I sure did get a lot out of it, and so did everyone else I have talked to. We talked about our future and where we were heading and what we really wanted to do; not what others want us to do. This Retreat really made me personally think about what I want to do in the future, and take into consideration what I love and what I have a passion for.

We all had a great time during the Trivia and Games night. We learnt many things, such as TV and movie references, plus how many people can eat 6 dry wheat bix in 3 minutes, or too many marshmallows! During the last day, we all talked about different experiences and what made us or is making us choose our path. We also discovered who is the best at making costumes out of paper and trees! ... And we found out that a lack of sleep leads to a whole Year 10 cohort bawling their eyes out!

Overall, we all had a fantastic time at Year 10 Retreat and it really made us all think about our future and that what we love should be what we do.
Scholarship opportunities for future teachers
Years 10 - 12 interested in teaching as a career. The NSW Department of Education offers presentations via video conference to students interested in teaching. Students hear about all the scholarships and cadetships available to them and get an insight into teaching as a career. Register your interest and contact emma.vandermoezel@det.nsw.edu.au. 

University of Western Sydney The Academy Scholarships
Excels in your studies and contribute to your community and you may receive: 
VC Leadership Scholarship, $10,000 per year.
Dean’s Scholarship and Academic Excellence Scholarship, $5,000 per year.
http://www.thecademy.edu.au/scholarships

US College Fair
10 March. 5pm to 7pm
Redlands Hall, Redlands School, Cremorne
US undergraduate degrees, scholarships and application advice. 
Unis of Colorado, South Carolina, Fairleigh Dickinson University Foothill and De Anza Colleges.

UNSW Year 12 Medicine Information Evening
24 March. 6pm to 8pm
Sir John Clancy Auditorium, UNSW Kensington
Application advice, included are tips for the UMAT exam. 
https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/year-12-medicine-information-evening

AIE Work Experience in 3D Animation, Games and VFX
Years 10, 11 an 12 spend the week in a mini studio where they create a small game or film while learning some core skills along the way. To register, go to http://www.aie.edu.au/workexperience

Academy of Interactive Entertainment Events Animation and Games Design
Industry Experience Days
6 and 20 April
http://www.aie.edu.au/ied

Short Courses at AFTRS
11 April. The Real Filmmaking Workshop.
18 April. Teens Digi Animation.
With instruction by industry professionals.

Australian College of Applied Psychology Information Session
27 April
Campus and course tour. Speak to staff and students.
Register your attendance at: http://www.acap.edu.au/
Coco Republic Design School Online Courses
From 16 to 18 weeks courses on Design Essentials, Styling Essentials and Colour for Interiors.

JMC Information Session
7 March. 6pm to 7pm
561 Harris Street, Ultimo NSW 2007
Animation, Film and TV, Music, Song Writing, Game Design, Entertainment Management, Audio Engineering and Digital Design course information and employment opportunities advice given.
http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/information-sessions/jmc-academy-information-sessions

Raffles College of Design and Commerce 2016 School Holiday Workshop
11 to 14 April
Digital media, fashion design, photography, fashion marketing, interior design and graphic design workshops. Register on http://www.raffles.edu.au/story/detail/school-holiday-workshops.html and then email your reply to contact@raffles.edu.au.

College of Event Management Information Session
18 March
Level 9 Foveaux Street, Surry Hills

Diploma and Certificate III course advice and information on career opportunities.

Business Cadetships Program
Opens on 7 March
Close 11 May
Run by Professional Cadetships Australia
Year 12 students apply online at www.businesscadetships.com.au
(Under the Program, UBS will continue to offer cadetship opportunities across the firm.
Information on the Program is provided on our website).

Projects Abroad High School Projects Webinar
5 April, 6.30pm
Ask all your questions about the program. Students 16+ up have the opportunity to volunteer overseas for 2 weeks this summer as part of a fully supervised group. Destinations include Nepal, Cambodia & Sri Lanka, students can choose from a range of programs, such as working with children or in local hospitals. Email info@projects-abroad.com.au

SHAPE 2015
27 February to 8 May
2015 HSC graduates innovative design exhibition.
Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris St, Ultimo
https://maas.museum/event/shape-2015/

Defence Work Experience Opportunities
See the list of opportunities.
https://defencerecruiters.nga.net.au/cp/index.cfm?
entjob=listjobs&audiencecode=defenceworkexp

How to become a psychologist
Enter your name & email address to subscribe for free.

How to become a Dietitian
Enter your name & email address to subscribe for free.

Commercial Pilot Careers, 6pm Thursday 10th March, City Tattersalls Club, 194-204 Pitt St, Sydney Professional Pilot Training is conducting a seminar for prospective cadets of all ages. A one month program will commence in April that can be extended to Commercial Pilot Licence level. For information on the session please call 02 66515199 or go to the website www.professionalpilottraining.com.au or email enquiries@ppt.net.au

Commercial Pilot Careers, 6pm - 3rd March, Royal on the Park Hotel, cnr Alice & Albert St, Brisbane Professional Pilot Training is conducting a seminar for prospective cadets of all ages. A one month program will commence in April that can be extended to Commercial Pilot Licence level. For information on the session please call 02 66515199 or go to the website www.professionalpilottraining.com.au or email enquiries@ppt.net.au

Business Cadetship applications Applications for the Business Cadetships Program open on 7 March and close on 11 May. Year 12 students apply online at http://www.businesscadetships.com.au Under the Program, UBS will continue to offer cadetship opportunities across the firm. Applications for the Engineering & Technology Cadetships (ETCAD) Program will open on 26 April.

GAP Year Opportunity for students: Cultural Exchange Program in the USA Cultural Care Au Pair is a cultural exchange program that provides young adults with the unique opportunity to become part of an American host family & help care for their children while experiencing life abroad. The program is a safe & inexpensive way for young adults to experience life overseas, whilst enjoying a GAP year after their final year of schooling. To find out more call us on 1800 677 373

Jeanette Ferguson, Careers Advisor
The school subscribes to a wonderful resource for students and parents/carers to use. The resource has detailed information for Universities, Colleges, ATARS, choosing subjects, scholarships, bonus points, job applications and much more. Everyone in the school community can register. Please use the link below and the password of stella www.jobjump.com.au

Jeanette Ferguson, Careers Advisor
2016 GUEST SPEAKER — Wednesday 6 April

Stella Maris College is excited to announce our guest speaker for 2016 – Dr Judith Locke, Clinical Psychologist and author of The Bonsai Child.

Helping your teen become confident and capable

Clinical Psychologist Dr Judith Locke, is offering a 2-hour parenting session (with 15mins question time) to parents of students at our school. Judith uses latest research and clinical experience to show positive and effective strategies parents can use to help their teens become more confident and capable at school and beyond. The session:

- assists parents help their teen experience happy, fulfilling years at school and build their resilience and confidence in a range of areas
- gives parents strategies they can use to improve their relationship with their teen through, what can be, tricky adolescent years
- helps parents assist their teen start to become ready for the demands of the young adult years, particularly if they’ll remain under your roof!

Kylie Andrew, College Counsellor

Congratulations to the following students who have received their Duke of Edinburgh awards this week – Emily Simpson and Hannah Bowley (silver award) and Naya Broome and Amelia Kirk (bronze award)

Expressions of interest for the Duke of Edinburgh overseas trips final due to express you interest is Friday 4/3. Bronze Duke of Edinburgh permission notes are now due.

Please direct any Duke of Edinburgh enquiries to andrea_mezger@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Head of Duke of Edinburgh, Andrea Mezger

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**GIFTED AND TALENTED**

**The Australian Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC) 2016**

The ABBC is Australia’s only neuroscience competition for Year 10 high school students. It is a competition that teaches students about the brain and how it functions and dispels misconceptions about neurological and mental illness. It tests the neuroscience knowledge of students on topics such as intelligence, memory, emotions, movement, stress, ageing, sleep, addiction, Alzheimer’s and stroke.

The competition is open to Yr 10 students and will be held to coincide with Brain Awareness week from March 14-20. The top students will then proceed to the NSW state finals in June to be held at The University of Western Sydney. In preparation for the Brainbee students will attend lunchtime mentoring sessions to further their knowledge.

Students study the book *Neuroscience: Science of the Brain. An Introduction for Young Students* by The British Neuroscience Association (BNA) and European Dana Alliance for the Brain (EDAB). They then complete an on-line quiz in their schools under exam conditions to determine their knowledge and understanding of the structure and function of the brain.


Any student wishing to enter the Brainbee should contact me at the college.

Congratulations to the girls who have recently been selected to train for the Da Vinci Decathlon teams. The Da Vinci Decathlon is an annual event and this year will take place on Tuesday May 24 for Years 7 and 8 and Wednesday May 25 for Years 9, 10 and 11. Team training sessions will occur at selected lunchtimes for the various challenges.

Ms Longworth
Gifted & Talented Coordinator
ruth_longworth@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

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**YEAR 7 TEAM**

- Tani Andrews
- Madeline Bruce
- Sophia Hill
- Josie Kelly
- Angelina Lacovitti
- Olivia Layton
- Phoebe O’Brien
- Vicky Quinn

**YEAR 9 TEAM**

- Caitlin Yeates
- Hayley Hopkins
- Briana Coles
- Jasmine Stein
- Riona Chapman
- Mia McLean-Smith
- Carly Laving
- Erin Fisher
- Sophie Dounan
- Alice Hanaut
- Sarah Ford
- Emma Dinneen

A team of 8 girls will be selected from the training sessions.
**ATTENTION!!
PRODUCT RECALL
Mac - AC wall plug adapter exchange**

Apple has announced a voluntary recall and exchange program for a select number of AC wall plug adapters used in Australia. Apple says that in "very rare cases" the two-pronged Apple wall adapters could break and create a risk of electrical shock if touched.

The library will be visiting P.C. classes to EXCHANGE each student’s MAC AC wall plug adapter. Please assist us by checking your daughters bring the old AC wall plug adapters to exchange on the day we visit her P.C., plus check with your daughter that an exchange has occurred.

**STUDENTS AND PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED ONE DAY PRIOR TO EXCHANGE BY EMAIL.**

Thank you for your help in advance.

If you have any questions please ring the Information Centre on 9976 1841
STELLA SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

It was a great day for our Stella Swimming carnival on Wednesday! The weather was perfect and we had lots of participation and cheering from all of the Stella girls! There was some fantastic results in the pool also.

The overall points score was very close, with only 40 points separating our top four teams! Congratulations to Egan who finished in first place. The overall places were:

1: Egan
2. Wood
3. Mackillop
4. Bashir
5. Smith
6. Shinnick
7. Chisholm
8. Noonuccal

Well done to our age champions:
12 years: Nikita *
13 years: Analiese Melbourn
14 years: Tamsyn Curley
15 years: Vicki Cuthbert
16 years: Lili Nicholls
17 years: Hannah Baldwin
18 years: Sophia *

The fastest 50m freestyle was a very close race. Well done to all of the girls who made it into this event. The winners were:
1st: Hannah Baldwin
2nd: Lili Nicholls
3rd: Skye Nankervis

Congratulations to the winners of the cheering competition:
1st: Chisholm
2nd: wood
3rd: Bashir

Well done to all of the girls who participated and supported their friends on the day.

A big thank you to all of the teachers for working so hard in the hot sun all day.

TOUCH FOOTBALL:
The BBSSSA Touch Football Championships for the U13 and U15 teams was held at Nolan’s Reserve on Monday 29 February. Stella had a very successful day with both teams playing extremely well throughout the carnival.

Our under 13 team cruised through the round games and progressed through to the semi finals against Mater Maria. The semi was extremely close with the score 0-0 at full time. The game then went into extra time, with Mater Maria scoring the first try to win the game. Congratulations to all members of the team:
Isabella Seibold, Mika Flower, Romy Barrett, Lelah Wilkinson, Juliette Nankervis, Rebecca Hickey, Annabel Gallacher, Molly Opie, Chiara Agostino, Lucy McFarland and Lani Latu

The Under 15 team had a great day. They went through all of the round games undefeated and won the semi-final convincingly. The grand final against St Joseph’s was very exciting. Stella was behind all game, but scored in the last 5 seconds to even the score. The game went into extra time, with Stella scoring the first try to win the grand final! Congratulations to Sophie Wickham who was awarded the player of the grand final.

Congratulations to the Under 15 team: BBSSSA touch football champions:
Sophie Wickham, Tasma *, Skye Nankervis, Aysha Whyte, Campbell Reimer, Bailey Reimer, April Griffiths, Bridgid Smith, Ellie Douglas, Ruby Heyson

Thank you to Chloe Scranage (year 11) who coached the U15 team on the day.

A special mention to Sophie Wickham and Tasma * who were selected in the U15 BBSSSA touch football team. They will now represent BBSSSA at the NSWCCC championships in Dubbo in June. Skye Nankervis has been named a shadow for this team.

Well done girls!

Jenny Wickham, Sport Coordinator

A big thank you to Bailee * year 10) who did a great job of coaching the girls on the day.
**TWITTER-SPHERE EXCURSION**

On Thursday, five Year 10 students and Ms Smith were lucky enough to head into Twitter Headquarters in the city for a series of workshops with TwitterAU and Project Rockit – a movement to encourage young people to stand up and lead change in school, online and beyond. Project Rockit and Twitter teamed together to unite 25 young women from various schools across Sydney for empowering, fun and high impact workshops on leading positive change in the world via the Twitter platform. The session specifically explored the way we can use social media as a vehicle to express our views, build a movement and create far-reaching positive change.

I’ve got to say; this day will never be forgotten, all thanks to TwitterAU, Project Rockit and our Year Co-ordinator Ms. Smith, for inviting my peers and I along. I seriously could write a book on the valuable lessons and stories I learned there, which were depicted in ways that were interactive and collaborative. The view for starters was breathtaking - straight out Twitter's HQ windows from the 39th floor just made it more remarkable and special. At first, I was scared and worried; the thought of speaking in front of people isn’t my type of thing; the same for the other Year 10 girls that came along, however as soon as I stepped through the doors, the girls were so welcoming and friendly; it was quite a relief!!

There were games, Ping-Pong, life-size Jenga, Just dance on ps4, and not to forget the endless supply of food. The sessions were so inspiring; we explored ways of how to stand up for ourselves, in events of bullying (cyber), as well as learning about positive leadership. The two girls Caitlyn and Lucy, who were running Project Rockit were so motivational and lively, and we loved the amazing Julie Inman Grant Oz & SE Asia Twitter Public Policy person.

TwitterAU was the platform for us to express our thoughts, while Project Rockit was our motivation and our incentive. Thursday was such an optimistic day, I’m so appreciative and grateful for this amazing opportunity. I can definitely say that I’m a different person :)

Mimi Potts 10.3

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**YEAR 8 AND YEAR JAPANESE**

Year 8 and Year 9 Japanese students had an Origami workshop with a Japanese artist, Midori Furze, on Monday 29th February. The students made beautiful cherry blossom flowers with origami papers. There will be a charity event for ‘the 5th anniversary of the earthquake and Tsunami disaster’ in Manly Corso on 11th and 12th of March, and all Year 8 and Year 9 origami works will be displayed there.

Mika Sennett, Teacher of Japanese
IN THE HEIG****TS

Presented by St Augustine’s College - Sydney and Stella Maris College - Manly
by permission of ORiGN\' Theatrical on behalf of R&H Theatricals - www.rnh.com

Music and Lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda
Book by Quiara Alegría Hudes
Conceived by Lin-Manuel Miranda

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/JNME

Star of the Sea Theatre
(Corner Iluka Avenue and Collingwood St, Manly)
March 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th
7:30pm | All single tickets $20
Family discount offer 2 adults and 2 children $60
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!

Please note that if all 200 tickets are sold then a full refund will be given for tickets purchased.

*Limit of 10 tickets per family.

This raffle is our big fundraiser for the year for the school.
Please note, once all tickets are sold, the raffle drawing date will be published in the school newsletter. Best of Luck!

To buy tickets:

- Please use your credit/debit card and go online to http://www.trybooking.com/177465.
- You will receive an email with your ticket number once your purchase is processed.
**Canteen Roster**

the week when we are open.

The Uniform Shop will be open an extra day on Saturday 12 March 9am - 2pm for parents who wish to come in with their daughters to purchase the uniform and are unable to come during the week when we are open.

**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.

**Uniform Shop**

**Updated Price List**

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*College Shoe Policy*

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**Volunteers**

Tuesday 8 March: Natalie Neary

Wednesday 9 March: Gina Farrage

Thursday 10 March: Margaret Boyd

If you are unable to come, please call 9976 1819 or 0468 518 605

**Second Hand Winter Uniforms**

The Uniform Shop is now accepting second hand winter uniforms - senior blazers and skirts, junior blazers and skirts (new style with zipper) and junior white blouses, but, not the senior pink blouse. Items must be in good condition and dry cleaned with tags still attached.

**Selling Winter Uniforms**

The Uniform Shop is now selling winter uniforms. Years 7,10 and 11 all need to see us. Other years need to check if they need any replacement items. Bookings are not required. Please see us before 31st March to be included in any orders. This is the one and only order that is able to be placed for stock to arrive in time for winter ( Terms 2 & 3). We need your daughter to be at the fitting. If a parent cannot come, the Uniform Shop is happy to do the fitting.

The Uniform Shop will be open an extra day on Saturday 12 March 9am - 2pm for parents who wish to come in with their daughters to purchase the uniform and are unable to come during the week when we are open.

Gail Hickey & Maree Sewell, Uniform/Book Shop Supervisors

9976 1819 or uniform_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

**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.

**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
COMMUNITY

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:**
Stella Maris College
Trainee Administration Assistant
12 Month Position - Gain a Certificate III in Business

A traineeship is a great way to get a head start in your career – you earn money while you gain a nationally recognised qualification and experience.

This position will provide you with a fantastic opportunity to gain on the job training and skills across a number of areas. You will be exposed to a broad variety of administrative and client service tasks including reception, data entry, records management and general office duties. Additionally, you will have ongoing support from your Supervisors, who will assist in developing your skills throughout the Traineeship.

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 Friday 11 March 2016, should be emailed to recruitment@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au.

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**OUTBACK YOUTH EXCHANGE**

**Wed 13 - The 19 Apr**

Warringah Council is looking for six young people, aged 14-19 who are living in or connected to the Warringah area. The group will visit Brewarrina as part of the Sister City Youth Exchange Program. Brewarrina is located in north-west NSW and you will be helping to promote friendships between beach and bush communities.

**FREE**

More Info 9442 2401 or youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au
Online applications at warringah.nsw.gov.au
Applications close Monday 7 March

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**RUN FOREST RUN**

**RUNNERS, JOGGERS & WALKERS**
FORESTVILLE FUN RUN & FAIR

**SUNDAY MARCH 20**

**2KM 5KM 10KM**

**KIDS**
Compete to Help Your School Bring Home the Primary School Trophy!

**FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT**
After the Run Stay for the Fair!
**FOOD - ACTIVITIES - STALLS**
GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

**REGISTER NOW!**
runforestrun.com.au

**STALLS AVAILABLE** - SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO
PROUDLY SUPPORTING FORESTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Registrations are now open so please go to www.kayakforkids.com.au to register.

**Special offer:** Go to www.sydneybykayak.com.au, click on ‘Fitness and Social Paddles’ timetable and select a paddle, enter LIFESTART at the checkout for 50% off.

Help raise funds for Lifestart... Kayak for Kids is Lifestart’s major annual fundraising event and paddlers are asked to raise as much as they can in support of Lifestart by creating their own fundraising page at https://everydayhero.com.au/event/kayakforkids16. Kayak for Kids is the perfect vehicle for family, friends and workmates to admire the beauty of Sydney Harbour. It is a team building event with a difference while supporting children with disability in our community.

If you would like to be in a relay team but can’t put together a team, email your details to kirrilymcnamara@lifestart.org.au and we will set you up in a team.

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