



# STELLA MARIS NEWSLETTER

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*from the Principal*



## Prayer

*Do not look forward  
to what may happen  
tomorrow;*

*the same God who cares  
for you today  
will take care of you  
tomorrow and every day.*

*Either God will shield you  
from suffering,  
or give you unfailing  
strength to bear it.*

*Be at peace, then.*

*Put aside all anxious  
thoughts and  
imaginings,  
and say continually: "God  
is my strength and my  
shield.*

*My heart has trusted in  
God and I am helped.*

*God is not only with me  
but in me, and I in God."*

*St. Francis de Sales*

[www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

## Dear Stella Community,

### GSE Statements 2019

Last Saturday, I attended the Good Samaritan Education Assembly held for the final time at the Mount St Benedict Centre. It was an important meeting with two statements tabled which will shape the future of Good Samaritan Education and the ten schools under its guidance. One was a statement on *The Voice And Experience Of Women In Leadership* and the other, a revised *Philosophy of Education* statement which shared a vision of Catholic education impelled by the Parable of the Good Samaritan, guided by the Rule of St Benedict and inspired by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan.

The College will be working with staff and students on their understanding of these significant documents over the next few months. I invite you to read the documents in the link below

### READ THE GSE DOCUMENTS HERE

### A Reflection on our Church today

Sister Patty Fawkner SGS, the Congregational Leaders of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, reflected in the Good Oil on recent events, including the news regarding Cardinal George Pell and the state of the Catholic Church both here and worldwide. Patty spoke of the **'culture of monumental betrayal of trust (that) has been exposed for its raw ugliness, its criminality, sin and the incalculable damage to victims, survivors and their families.'** Patty's reflection calls us to know that we are being called to be a more humble and human Church, **'a Church truer to the person and message of Jesus Christ.'**

Sister Patty quoted Leonard Cohen, (Anthem), 'There is a crack in everything/That's how the light gets in' and reflected, **'Light will get in when we believe those who have been abused, and going forward, do all in our power to make the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults our priority.'**

READ SR PATTY'S ARTICLE HERE <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/a-community-in-crisis/>

### Year 10 Retreat

Thank you to Year 10 and the PC staff for their commitment to the Year 10 Retreat last week. This is a significant experience for the girls as it comes at a time when students are considering their future, moving towards their HSC and beyond. Thank you to Ms Collins, Mrs Burke and the PC and Mission Teams for their engagement in the Retreat.

**Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal**



1-3 Apr	Year 7 Camp
9 Apr	Student Learning Conference No.1
12 Apr	Term 1 Concludes
29 Apr	Staff Day
30 Apr	Term 2 Starts

### Conditions of use – Student Opal Card

It is a condition of use that students tap on at the start and tap off at the end of each trip with their Student Opal Card. This is important to ensure accurate patronage data is recorded. This data is used to plan school special and regular route bus services and assists State Transit in ensuring adequate capacity is provided, so students can travel to and from school safely.

Current statistics indicate that many students have failed to tap on or off the Opal readers when travelling. If students do not tap on and off then the school bus services may appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

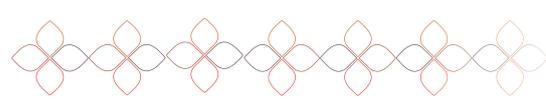
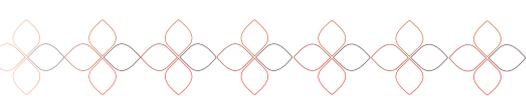
To assist with future service planning students are reminded of this important condition of use so State Transit can continue to provide effective bus services in the future.

For more information and to apply for a School Opal card call 131500 or apply online at

<https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students>

Yours sincerely

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING YOUR LOGIN DETAILS



1. Go to your Parent Portal page (or to the school website) and you will find a link to PTO. Click on this link and page:

Click here first

2. Your page should now look like this:

Enter your email address and click  
**SEND EMAIL**

(This needs to be the same email that you have given the school)

3. **CHECK YOUR EMAIL MAILBOX**. Assuming you have entered the correct email address, an email will be sent to this address and will contain your Login details. Please be a little patient as it may take a while as many will be accessing the system. **PLEASE SAVE THESE DETAILS.** (A secure link may also be included, which allows you to bypass the login).

4. Return to the PTO screen, click on LOGIN as shown below:

Click on LOGIN

5. Enter your SURNAME (Login) and the PIN number that you were sent and Click on the Login Button.

LOGIN

Enter details

6. On the WELCOME screen, click on **OK** at the bottom



- 7. You should see a screen with your daughter(s) teachers. From here you can use the drop down arrows to **SELECT TIMES** for appointments. Please be careful to **check dates** as well, as **all 3 days** will be shown in the drop down box. Click on **MAKE BOOKING** to confirm the time. timeslot is NOT showing, it means that the teacher is already booked at that time.

It is highly recommended that you leave a 5-minute gap between interviews (do not make them back-to-back)

Biology	Ms Kate Slik	Select time ...	Make booking
Chemistry	Ms Louise Yeates	Select time ...	Make booking
English (Advanced)	Ms Meta Regis	 Select time ...	Make booking
Mathematics	Ms Bronwyn Parker	Select time ...	Make booking

- 8. A yellow exclamation mark  means that a teacher is requesting that you definitely make an appointment to speak with him/her.
- 9. Access to bookings will **CLOSE** at **2:00pm the DAY BEFORE** each of the interview dates.

Please direct all enquires to our Operations Coordinator Mr Andrew Latham - [andrew\\_latham@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au](mailto:andrew_latham@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au)

Jennifer Molloy , Director of Administration, Compliance and Risk



### Interfaith Dialogue Excursion

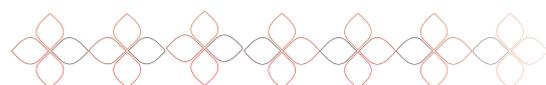
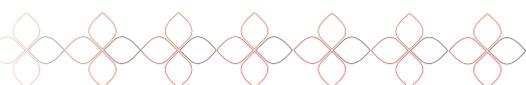
*This excursion gave me and the other girls an experience to meet and interact with new people from different cultures and religions. We learnt how they displayed and were committed to their religion, about racism and experiences that other students had encountered previously and other small and interesting topics. There were many activities that we were involved in that were getting us to know about each other and learning about the other religions, schools and experiences. All the activities got every one of us Stella girls involved and engaged. The Interfaith Dialogue excursion was a great day and I am very happy I participated as I learnt lifelong teachings and made lifelong friends.*

Ruby

*On Tuesday this past week, 20 of us from Year 9 were lucky enough to attend the Interfaith excursion. It was held in the Jewish museum in Darlinghurst, we were joined by schools all around Sydney with different religious beliefs. We first had some conversations with other people and played get to know you games. Each school had representatives and taught other schools about their school values, beliefs and religion. We were put into groups and given the opportunity to write down ideas on how young people like us can stop the act of racism. When it was time for lunch, we sat under the wonderful sun and ate food, then we made and paper planes and raced against each other. This was personally my favourite part of the excursion because we were able to socialise with people our age who we'd not normally hang out with. After we came back and Chief Executive of the Jewish community gave us a speech of how much racism is impacted in our society today. It was eye-opening because we think that we live in such a great world but the fact is, there are still so many situations where people encounter racism and it is not ok. Here are some comments of the girls on this excursion.*

*"Great experience and opened my mind to all the other religions"*

Kylah



## Surf Survival Day Year 7

*The Surf Survival day was so much fun, we went on boards, swimming, floating and relays. There might have been a few people who weren't that keen on going but by the end of the day everyone was having so much fun. I loved the Surf Survival Day and the fact that we went to Shelly and Manly Beach. We got to all hang out, learn more about the beach and have fun! There is nothing I would change about the day because everything was just perfect. I can't wait to do it again!*

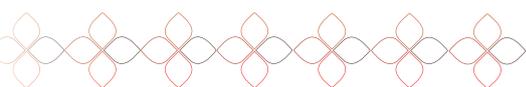
**Anika Scali**

*I really enjoyed the surf education day. I enjoyed when we did boards and swimming and... EVERYTHING. I can't wait to do it again next year. If I was to recommend one thing it would be to stay longer! Thankyou, I had a great time.*

**Amelia Horne**

*During Term 1 all of Year Seven had an excursion to Manly and Shelly beaches to learn about the surf and some skills which might be needed in the future. We got split up into groups to do different activities at a time. In these groups we had the opportunity to swim, float, surf and run with all of these activities being fun and exciting. All students had the opportunity to do all activities without being forced or under pressure to do any. All students learned how to spot and get out of a rip by our instructor. Many students did not want to come to this event (like me) but went and had a fun and educational day at the beach.*

**Olivia Callister**





### NAPLAN 2019

During May 2019, students at Stella Maris College in Years 7 and 9 will join with other students around Australia to sit the NAPLAN paper assessments. The schedule for tests is as follows:

Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May
<b>Language Conventions test</b> (spelling, grammar and punctuation)	<b>Reading test</b>	<b>Numeracy</b>
<b>Writing test</b>		

On Friday 17 May, a 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test(s). Students may be exempt from the NAPLAN tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests.

Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are also available to meet the needs of individual students. Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the Head of Inclusive Learning, Ms Cath Douglas, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer after consultation with the College. To withdraw your child from NAPLAN, a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Please contact the Assistant Principal Learning and Teaching, Mrs Louise Yeates, if you need to discuss your daughter's participation in NAPLAN.

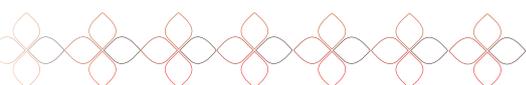
More information about NAPLAN can be found on the NESA website.

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan>

Results from NAPLAN paper tests are typically available in August. They arrive at the College in sealed envelopes addressed to Parents/Carers and are distributed to students to bring home. During Term 4, statistical data is available to schools for analysis and publication.

We wish our Stella students well for the NAPLAN tests and remind them that they perform best when they are calm. NAPLAN provides one piece out of the many pieces of data collected and used to inform learning and teaching at the College.

**Louise Yeates, Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning**





## SPORT REPORT

### Stella Cross Country Carnival

The Stella Cross Country Carnival was held on Thursday, 28 March at Queenscliff lagoon. It was a lovely day for a run through the park and along the beachfront! Seventy students in Years 7 to 10 took part in the event and everyone involved had a fantastic time. Congratulations to the winners of the events:



AGE	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THRID PLACE
12	Bonny Adams and Sophie Bishop	Scarlett O'Brien	Noa Davies
13	Sophia Howison	Grace French	Poppy Hyland
14	Holly Wickham	Ruby Ballesty	Anna Curley
15	Issy Stein	Cybella Macindoe	Kylah Whyte
16	Ella Garrett	Charley Porter	Annabel Gallacher

Stella will have a big team competing at the BBSSSA Cross Country carnival on 7 May.

We will also be sending a team to the Ravenswood Invitational Carnival on 4 April. Any student who is interested in competing at this carnival should email Mrs Jenny Wickham by Monday, 1 April.

### Tennis

Congratulations to Alyssa Cameron Year 10 who represented NSWCCC at the NSW All Schools Tennis which was held in Bathurst this week. Alyssa's team finished with the silver medal! Alyssa also took part in the individual player selections for the NSW All Schools team, playing three very tough matches. Alyssa played extremely well and was placed in the top 8 in NSW! She will now represent NSW All Schools at the Pizzey Cup in Adelaide in Term 2. Well done on this amazing achievement Alyssa!



### AFL

The Stella AFL team played their first game last Saturday against Wenona. The Stella girls were outstanding, winning the game 80 to 13! It was a great start to this new sport at Stella and all of the girls had a fantastic time. Well done to all members of the team!



### Water Polo

The Year 7 competition will finish on Friday 5 April. The next competition for Year 7 will be in Term 3. Trials and trainings for the Year 7 teams will commence mid May.

The Year 8/9 competition will commence early in Term 2. There has been a change to the trial dates for these teams: trials will now be held on 8 April (7.30pm - 8.30pm) and 11 April (4pm - 5pm).

### Important Sport Dates

Please note the following sport dates for April and early Term 2:

#### April

- 4 April: Year 7/8 netball trials
- 4 April: Ravenswood invitational cross country
- 5 April: NSWCCC swimming
- 8 April: Year 8/9 water polo trials
- 9/10 April: NSWCCC touch football
- 11 April: Year 9/10 regional touch football
- 11 April: Year 8/9 water polo trials

#### Early Term 2

- Peninsula Cup netball commences early Term 2.
- 1 May: NSWCCC AFL trials
- 2 May: BBSSSA U13 and U15 soccer
- 7 May: BBSSSA cross country
- 7 May: NSWCCC netball trials
- 9 May: STELLA MARIS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A reminder to parents that students who wish to attend trials for individual selection for NSWCCC sports must register their own child through the NSWCCC website. Nominations for the NSWCCC netball and AFL will close soon.

Jenny Wickham, Sports Coordinator





CANTEEN ROSTER: Hours are 9.30am - 2.30pm.

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day PLEASE call Bernie to arrange a replacement on 9976 1826.

Mon 1 Apr	Tues 2 Apr	Wed 3 Apr	Thurs 4 Apr	Fri 5 Apr
Megan Connell Nicole Reber Kristin Laird Sue Whyte Sonia Hatvany	Ainsley Johnstone Rachel Upperton Belinda Vumbaca	Tania Dinneen Janine Silva Libby Beaumont Donna Cronje	Belinda Bradley Vanessa McCullum Michelle Houghton Lisa McGregor Justine McKee	Samantha Fox Samantha Lynch Malesh Wall Colleen Dopper

### UNIFORM SHOP

#### Opening Times

During School Terms: 8.00am-4.30pm Tues/Wed/Thurs. Entry via Scholastica building on Eurobin Ave.

#### Second Hand Uniforms

The Uniform Shop is now accepting selected winter uniforms. Please wait until the end of Term 3 to bring in summer dresses. Please contact us before bringing in any uniforms.

#### Changeover to winter uniform

For the remainder of term there is only a small range of new and second hand dresses available for sale. The remainder have been packed away to make space for winter stock. All sport is available all year.

#### Winter uniform selling

The Uniform Shop is now selling the winter uniform. The blazer order has now been placed with our supplier. The blazers can be collected and paid for in early Term 2.

Year 7 – purchase full junior winter uniform

Year 10 – purchase senior blazer and senior skirt (retain white blouse)

Year 11 – purchase pink blouse

#### Uniform Prices

Senior blazer \$205	Junior blazer \$170	Black stockings \$9
Senior skirt \$120	Junior skirt \$70	Maroon scarf \$10
Senior blouse (pink) \$35	Junior blouse (white) \$35	Black gloves \$7
Summer dress \$80	Cream socks \$8	Sport shorts \$34
Sport Polo \$43	Trackpants \$45	Tracktop \$67
Basketball shorts \$28	Basketball singlet \$60	Waterpolo costume \$125
Wool and cotton jumpers \$72		Collapsible 'Stella' umbrellas \$15
Netball dress \$88		
Previous style water polo costume (can be used for water sport) \$65		

#### Full Uniform and Stationery Price lists

These are available on the website. Please refer to Enrolments>Our Uniform.

#### Volunteers

None required, thank you.

Gail Hickey and Maree Sewell  
Contact: 9976 1819 or [uniform\\_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au](mailto:uniform_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au)





## Health Careers Forum

### Are you looking for:

- a rewarding lifelong career path
- a chance to help change and save lives
- an opportunity to investigate different health professions?

Doctor	Paramedic	Counsellor
Nurse	Dietitian	Physiotherapist
Psychologist	Practice Manager	Aboriginal Health Worker

### Save the date for this interactive forum!

- Hear from current health students and recent graduates with rural backgrounds about their journeys
- Speak with education providers and advocates of rural health

**When:** Wednesday 22 May

**Time:** 5pm

**Where:** Pymble Ladies' College, Avon Road, Pymble, NSW

### Talk to your Careers Advisor for more information

NSW Rural Doctors Network  
 W [www.nswrdn.com.au/students](http://www.nswrdn.com.au/students)  
 E [students@nswrdn.com.au](mailto:students@nswrdn.com.au)  
 T 02 8337 8100



### Macquarie University

Year 12 Information Evening, Wednesday 1 May. We'll take you through our early entry program, courses, scholarships, pathway options and give you the opportunity to speak one-on-one with course advisers. Parents are encouraged to attend. 5.30-8.00pm, Macquarie University Campus. Register for expression of interest at [mq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/events](http://mq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/events)

### Year 10 subject selection evening, Macquarie University

Tuesday 7 May. Find out about how subjects for the HSC can impact university studies. We'll address adjustment factors, assumed knowledge, university admission and scholarship processes. 5.30pm-8.00pm, Macquarie University campus. Register for expression of interest at [mq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/events](http://mq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/events)

### HSC Drama Curriculum Workshops at NIDA

HSC Drama Performance is a comprehensive course for NSW students in Years 11 and 12. Broaden your understanding of performance styles and develop improvisation, acting and devising techniques. The focus is on both the group and individual performance projects. Next course April 15. Info: [www.nida.edu.au/schools-and-teachers/events-for-school-student](http://www.nida.edu.au/schools-and-teachers/events-for-school-student)

### US Universities

Scholarships Available to US Uni's. Internationally Educated has written a summary on the recent information evening held in Sydney by four US Uni representatives. All four universities award merit based scholarships to international students. Studying in the US can be more affordable than many students think! <http://www.internationallyeducated.com.au/news>

### Study Medicine

Choose your path to becoming a doctor. Students looking to study medicine know there's a huge range of degrees and pathways, each with their own application requirements and deadlines. Study Medicine has done the research for you, allowing you to identify, explore and compare all fifty-nine Australian university degrees leading to medicine from the one site. [www.studymedicine.com.au](http://www.studymedicine.com.au)

**CLICK HERE for more Careers Information**  
**Jeanette Ferguson, Careers Advisor**

