



# STELLA MARIS NEWSLETTER

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*from the Principal*



## Prayer for Presentation of Mary (21 November)

*As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old.*

*When you next are in St Mary Immaculate and St Athanasius' Church in Manly there is a beautiful stained glass window of this story in the former baptistery created by Harry Clarke of Dublin in 1962.*

*O Mary of all women, you are the chosen one,*

*Who ancient prophets promised would bear God's only Son;*

*All Hebrew generations prepared the way to thee,*

*That in your womb the God-man might come to set us free.*

*O Mary, you embody all God taught to our race,*

*For you are first and foremost in fullness of his grace;*

*We praise this wondrous honour that you gave birth to Him*

*Who from you took humanity and saved us from our sin.*

*Amen.*

<http://www.liturgies.net/saints/mary/presentation/morningprayer.htm>

## Dear Stella Community

### Our Assembly was Cancelled but our Girls Still Walked

This week's assembly was cancelled due to the pervasive smoke in the area from the bushfires north and west of Sydney. The theme of our assembly was to be the elimination of violence against women. This morning, in solidarity with this theme, a number of girls took part in the 'Northern Beaches Says No to Domestic Violence Walk' with our Wellbeing staff to raise awareness about this concern.

The Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women issued by the UN General Assembly in 1993, defines violence against women as "any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life". Violence against women continues to be an obstacle to achieving equality, development and peace, as well as to the fulfillment of the rights of women and girls.

For many of us we feel helpless to change things that are happening outside of our control but what should we as a community do?

- We need to be aware
- we need to question behaviours that we consider inappropriate
- we need to speak up for others when it is right
- we need to advocate for those who need our help
- we need to do what we can to create a better world.

### Music Night

Thank you to the Performing Arts students and staff who presented their Term 4 Music Night this week. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the talent of our students with family and friends and appreciate the diversity of our community. Congratulations to those involved.

### Farewell Celebrations

Last Friday, present and former staff of the College gathered to celebrate Diana Shilland's 40 years of teaching at Stella Maris. Diana has been a wonderful teacher to the many students who had the pleasure of being in her classes, a mentor to young staff, and a gentle and wise colleague. We were happy to celebrate her commitment to the College with her family and friends.

We also farewell long-serving teachers Robyn Clarke, Teresa Milazzo and Geoff Cartwright at the end of this year. Many students have been nurtured by these teachers' love of learning and engaging manner in the classroom. We thank them all for their commitment to the College and wish them well in their retirement.

**Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal**





11 Nov - 29 Nov	Year 10 Advancement
2 Dec	Presentation Night ( <b>compulsory event</b> )
3 Dec	<b>Closing Mass and Term 4 ends</b>
4 Dec	<b>Staff Day</b>
5 Dec	<b>Staff Day</b>
6 Dec	<b>Teachers Finish</b>

## PRESENTATION NIGHT

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2019

C3 Church, 34 Wakehurst Parkway, Oxford Falls

- **Attendance is compulsory** for all students.
- Full school uniform must be worn. If it is cold, make sure you bring your blazer.
- All students are to arrive by **7.00pm** to have their name marked by their **PC Teacher**, and are to be seated by **7.20pm**, ready for proceedings to begin at **7.30pm**.
- All students are to sit in their PC Groups with their PC teachers.
- All students are **to remain silent** during the evening, as this is simply a sign of good manners.
- **There are to be no verbal responses to items, only applause.**
- Students who are receiving an award will need to come onto the stage to receive it and remain on stage until all of your Year group has been called.
- It is courteous to remain until the end of the evening. Don't just take your daughter if she has received her award/prize or finished performing.
- Please ensure that you have gone to the toilet before proceedings begin.
- No food is to be consumed.
- Students involved in the rehearsal earlier in the day will leave on the buses on Monday morning and return in time for school buses in the afternoon. There is no shop onsite and all girls will need to bring their morning tea and lunch plus ensure they have water with them.

## FINANCE NEWS

College Fees for 2020 have been added to the College website. Please click [here](#) to view the updated fees.

*\*Our preferred payment method for school fees is by Direct Debit. \*\*Please note that Monthly and Quarterly instalments are only available under a Direct Debit arrangement.\*\**

For families currently paying by Direct Debit in 2019, your Direct Debit will be rolled over in 2020 and your instalments will be adjusted accordingly to commence on 15 February 2020.

\*Payment in full by 15 February 2020 will receive a \$250 discount per student with a maximum of \$500 discount per family.

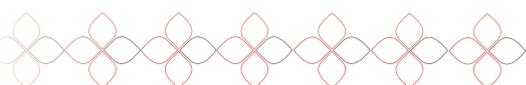
\*If a Direct Debit arrangement is not in place, payment of the account must be paid in 3 equal instalments.

One third of the total bill will be due :

- 15 February 2020
- 15 May 2020
- 15 August 2020

Please contact the Finance Office via email if you have changes to your current fee payment arrangement, [fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au](mailto:fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au).

To download a Direct Debit Authority, please click [here](#).





### Writers' Group News

Congratulations Maisie Norton Year 12 who has been awarded a "NAIDOC Medal of Excellence" for her entry in the 2019 Naidoc Week Writing Competition. Only 25 of these medals are awarded across the state of NSW so this is a significant achievement for Maisie. Maisie will be awarded her medal at an assembly later in the year.

Alison Tedman, Head of English

### Suitcase Stories

Last Thursday Year 9 were privileged to attend Suitcase Stories, a production put on by refugee children who have recently arrived in Australia from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Cambodia. Whilst some of their stories were humorous, many retold the dangers they and their families lived through including bombings in market places and abduction by the Taliban. We were touched by their bravery and ability to perform their story in English after only living in Australia for a short time.

*I found Suitcase Stories extremely inspiring. I think it is so important for us to realise that there are people our age who are refugees and struggle with finding somewhere safe to live. The stories were balanced between being really moving and others were really funny. It was a great experience to be able to watch them tell their stories and for us to understand what they have been through. Overall, I came away realising how fortunate I am to have a safe home and a good education. - Tilli, Year 9*



### 2020 MUSICAL

The Stella Maris and St Augustine's Musical for 2020, will now be staged at Stella Maris College in our Star of the Sea Theatre.

#### The Performance Dates:

- Wednesday 25 March 5.00pm – 10.30pm
- Thursday 26 March 5.00pm – 10.30pm
- Friday 27 March 5.00pm – 10.30pm
- Saturday 28th March Matinee 12.30pm call time and Saturday 5pm – late

#### The Performance Week Rehearsals:

- Monday 23 March ALL DAY 9.00am – 4.00pm Ohio Cast
- Tuesday 24 March ALL DAY 9.00am – 4.00pm NY Cast

Please note this a change from the original dates, now a week later, due to the relocation of performances to Star of the Sea Theatre.

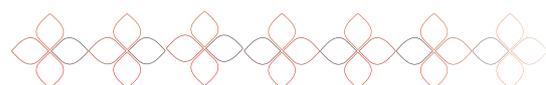
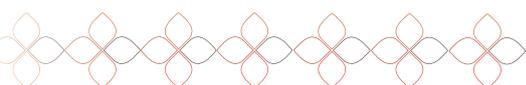
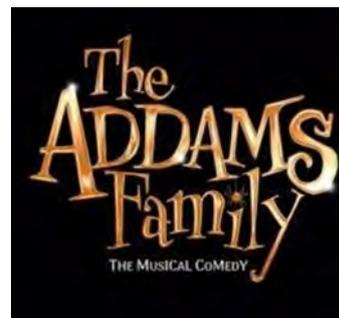
### Music Night

Congratulations to all the girls who performed in the Music Night on Tuesday. We have a great evening of performances inspired by music from Broadway. We had performances from students from year 7 through to Year 11. Music Nights are such a great way for the girls to gain experience and hone their performance skills.

### School of Rock

We had a fantastic day out with Year 8 seeing the School of Rock, starring our very own Jenna Keenan! We hope the girls be inspired to continue to develop their own rock skills. Congratulations Jenna on an incredible performance.

Jessica Maker, Head of Performing Arts





## SPORT NEWS

### Fiji Touch Football Tour

On Saturday 16 November, the Stella Fiji Touch team boarded the plane in the early hours of the morning, headed to Suva for 6 days of touch football and fun!

The trip began with a swim on the coral coast with lots of children from a local village. It was a great way to start a great week, where the Stella girls had many chances to interact with the local people of Fiji. Aside from lots of touch football, the team was able to visit local schools, swim in waterfalls, snorkel at beautiful tropical reefs and spend time in local villages. We even got to meet the World Champion Fijian Rugby 7s team! The highlight for the team was spending time with the local Fijians and making a difference to the people that they met. The Fijians were so welcoming and invited us into their schools and villages. We were even treated to some beautiful singing and traditional rituals. It was very rewarding to donate many gifts to the schools, villages and touch football teams. They were so happy to receive the many gifts that Stella could leave with them! Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for this cause.

The touch football was fantastic. The Stella team has been training hard for many weeks, so we were ready to face teams that were much older and bigger than us. We were amazed by the speed and skill of the Fijian teams. The competition got harder as the week went on, so we were very happy to come away from the week undefeated. It was a great experience for both the Stella team and the Fijian players.

A big thank you to our coach Tatum who worked so well with the girls all week. Well done to all of the girls who were an outstanding group! They have created great memories and great friendships that will last forever.

**Ava Seibold, Grace Shanahan, Georgie Sidd, Ruby Michnevicz, Emily Smith, Abi Gartner, Indi Kelly, Angie Molinaro, Holly Wickham, Piper Simons, Mischa Morrell, Chloe Hatvany, Taylor Jones and Kylah Whyte.**

**Jenny Wickham, Sport 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 25 Nov	Tues 26 Nov	Wed 27 Nov	Thurs 28 Nov	Fri 29 Nov
Lynne Grewco Sandra Marshall Bernadette Hickey Heidi Horne	Rose Giardina Margie Mort Karen Joseph Sam Lynch	Adele Kelly Leoni Graham Jennifer Wood Amy He	Kate Caraccio Brigid Tysoe Leshia Evans Amanda Whitehead	Sam Economos Bee Carty Mandy Fitzgerald Kerrie-Ann Foresto Colleen Dopper Maria Dunn

A reminder to please let Bernie know if you will be coming back on canteen next year. I will be preparing the roster over coming weeks so need to know asap. If you haven't let me know, I will assume you won't be coming back. We'd obviously love to see all our volunteers return but understand due to work and family commitments, it isn't always possible so a quick email, text or phone call would be appreciated.

You can contact me on 0414519108 to let me know. Thanks, Bernie

### 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 summer dresses to be sold second hand. Please wait until early February to bring in winter uniforms.

#### Summer Dresses

These are now available for purchase. Some second hand dresses are available in limited sizes.

#### Year 10 2020 summer dresses

The current Year 9 girls will wear the senior dress next year when they are in Year 10. We encourage the girls to come and buy their senior dresses during recess and lunchtime for the remainder of November as we will be busy at other times of the day with Year 7 2020 fittings. Dresses cost \$80.

Payment can be made by Student Card or credit card.

#### New Students in 2020

If you have a daughter starting at Stella next year, we require you to book online for her summer uniform fitting and stationery purchases. Please go to [www.trybooking.com/BEZCN](http://www.trybooking.com/BEZCN). Online fitting dates are from 12 – 28 November and 3 December.

#### Textbooks 2020

The girls have been emailed the booklists for next year. Books need to be ordered online at [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) using the code ENJ6 by 16 December 2019 to ensure delivery to you by the start of the school year. Current textbooks can be sold online through StellaBay. The girls have been given lists of which books are able to be sold and this can also be found on StellaBay.

#### Uniform Prices

- Junior and senior dresses \$80
- Cream socks \$8
- Collapsible Stella umbrellas \$15
- Wool and cotton jumpers \$72
- Sport shorts \$34
- Sport polo \$43
- 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

- Saturday 23 November Margaret Boyd
- Tuesday 26 November Amy Dagassan
- Wednesday 27 November Megan Ross
- Thursday 28 November Jane Ravenscroft

Gail Hickey and Peta Creighton

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[uniform\\_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au](mailto:uniform_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au)





## CAREERS NEWS

### Things I Wish I'd Known Before Starting Uni

*"...So after completing a dual degree, an honours year, three internships and much part-time work, here's what I wish I'd known before starting university..."*

<https://postgraduatefutures.com.au/10-things-i-wish-id-known-before-starting-university/>

### UNSW - Women in Engineering Breakfast

19 December. 9am to 10am

Join us at the Women in Engineering Breakfast on UNSW Info Day.

This is a great opportunity to hear about our Women in Engineering community and learn about the initiatives you can be involved in through UNSW's Women in Engineering program. You will also meet some of our current students, who are ready to tell you all about the engineering degrees they chose and answer your questions! Friends and parents are welcome to come along - we hope to see you there! <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/women-engineering-breakfast>

### UNSW Faculty of Engineering Admissions Scheme (FEAS)

Applications for 2020 T1 intake are open now. Please see application portal link below to apply.

Applications close midnight Sunday 1 December 2019.

We know that things don't always go to plan, so if you are expecting an ATAR between 83.00 and 92.95 and want to study at UNSW, apply for the Faculty of Engineering Admissions Scheme (FEAS). This is an alternative pathway for students who want to study at UNSW but don't meet the Guaranteed Entry Rank (GE) of 93.00. FEAS applies to most UNSW Engineering undergraduate programs, including the double degrees with a GE of 93.

<https://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/study-with-us/future-students/faculty-of-engineering-admissions-scheme-feas>

### Your Path to Medical School - Sydney

14 December. 1pm to 3pm

UNSW Kensington - John B Reid Theatre

You are invited to join fellow aspiring medical students at MedView's free information session about the journey to doctorhood. We can help you on your way to medical school, by offering insights, guidance, tips and tricks to support you on your endeavour to medical school. MedView specialises in supporting prospective medical students in applying to their dream schools. Join us at this event to learn more about a future in medicine. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/your-path-to-medical-school-sydney-tickets-79972567101>

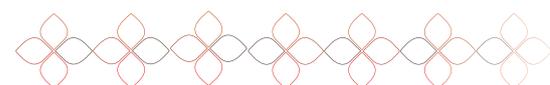
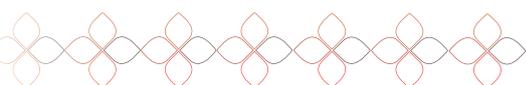
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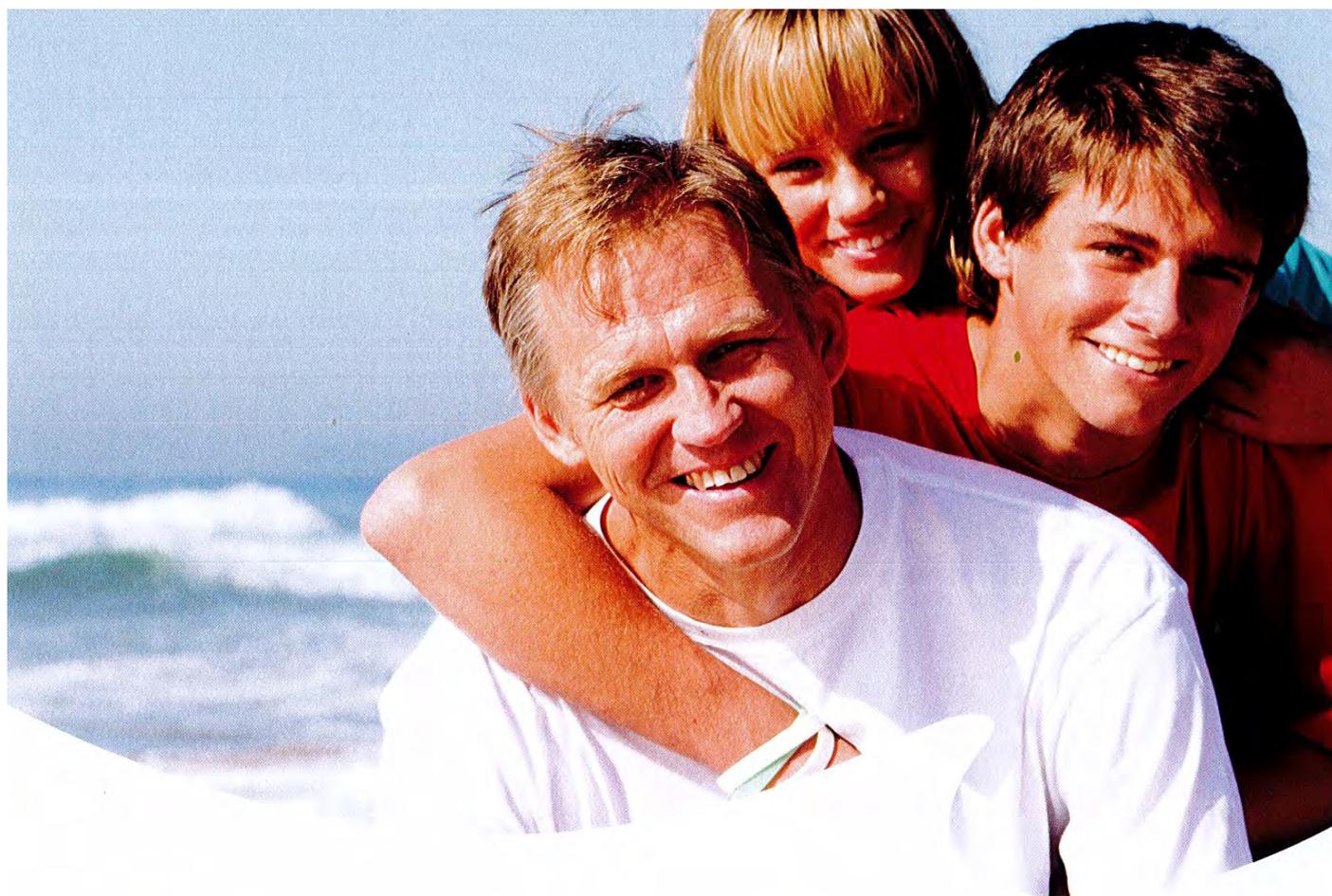
Students can get the skills they need to get the job they want and their course fees will be covered.

Young people (aged 15-30) who meet the Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarship criteria are eligible for a government subsidy which covers their Smart and Skilled course fee.

Eligible students can receive a single Fee Free Scholarship in a financial year, and two Fee-Free Scholarships across 4 financial years. <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/enrol/payment-funding/smart-skilled>

**Jeanette Ferguson, Careers Advisor**  
**[Click Here For more Careers Information](#)**





# Connecting as Dads

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7 - 9pm**

Tips and tools to help connect with your teen.

Men's counsellor and father of two teens,  
Adrian Workman will lead this interactive forum.

**Seaforth Village Community Centre - Meeting Room**

Free

Enquiries: Youth and Family Counselling on 9976 1489

Bookings: [patricia.robinson@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:patricia.robinson@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)



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