



# STELLA MARIS NEWSLETTER

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*from the Principal*



## Dear Stella Community

### Presentation Evening

Thank you to our guests who joined us for Presentation Evening this week. Member for Manly Mr James Griffin MP, Mr Michael Regan, Mayor, Northern Beaches Council, Mr Dylan Williams, Executive Director, Koori Kids, Mr Tony Bevan, Director and Ms Violet Warner Ambassador, Freshwater Community Bank, Ms Edie Martin, Stella Maris College Board Chair, Mr Steven Zuckerman, GSE Director of Operations and Stella Maris College Board Director and most importantly our Presentation Night Speaker Commander Bernadette Alexander RAN, Stella Maris College Alumna. Thank you too to the students, staff and families of Stella Maris College who are the community that make this school such an inspiring place and those who contributed so much to the evening.

Commander Bernadette Alexander RAN gave a clear message to the girls during her keynote speech.

She said

- Everyone is a leader
- Be accountable for what you do
- Get involved in as much as you can.

Bernadette described her career in the defense force and the fact she realised at 23 years old that she didn't know everything and had to admit her failures. This was a pivotal moment for her. Bernadette encouraged our Stella girls to go out and make a difference and to have courage to step up when opportunities arise.

The American poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou once gave this advice,

*"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it."*

I believe it is important for our girls to have the courage to push through any difficult times- to find their passion, set a goal and work to achieve it. Any setbacks along the way should be viewed as an opportunity to take stock and perhaps do things differently.

### ADFA News

We heard this week that Isobel Tulevski is a recipient of an Australian Defense Force Academy scholarship award. She will receive a laptop, a certificate and a plaque and is excited to start the next phase in her life. Congratulations Isobel!

### Australian Catholic Youth Festival

At our Advent Mass this week Father Paul blessed the girls and teachers who are attending the ACYF Event in Perth. The girls are excited to be part of this special opportunity and I thank Ms Chin and Ms Christensen for attending the event with them.

### Christmas Mass Times

The Christmas mass times at your local parish church can be found by using the search function on the Broken Bay Diocesan website:  
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au>

### Thank you

Thank you to the many staff and students who have assisted with the last week's events. The Presentation Night was a wonderful night celebrating academic, sporting, community and cultural achievements and a great opportunity to share the talents of the Stella students. Thank you to Ms Metcalfe and Ms Yeates and to the Performing Arts and Mr Wong for the night. Thank you to the many support staff who assisted in preparing for the evening.

Thanks to Ms Chin, the many students involved in liturgy and music and the Performing Arts staff who made the Advent Mass such a special one. It was a great opportunity to stop and consider what the Advent season means and Father Paul reminded us that sometimes this season can be challenging for people and families and we need to show kindness at this time.

Wishing you every blessing for the Advent Season

**Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal**



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## Term Dates

### 2020 School Year

Term 1	Monday 13 January	Office opens
	Monday 20 January	Support staff start
	Friday 24 January	New staff induction
	Monday 27 January	Australia Day (public holiday)
	Tuesday 28 January	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 29 January	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 30 January	Term 1 starts
	Thursday 9 April	Term 1 ends
	Friday 10 April	Good Friday (public holiday)
	Monday 13 April	Easter Monday (public holiday)
	Saturday 25 April	Anzac Day (public holiday)
Term 2	Monday 27 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 28 April	Term 2 starts
	Monday 8 June	Queen's Birthday (public holiday)
	Tuesday 9 June	Staff Spirituality Day (student free day)
	Friday 26 June	Term 2 ends
Term 3	Monday 20 July	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 21 July	Term 3 starts
	Friday 25 September	Term 3 ends
	Monday 5 October	Labour Day (public holiday)
Term 4	Monday 12 October	Term 4 starts
	Wednesday 2 December	Presentation Evening
	Thursday 3 December	Closing Mass and Term 4 ends (half day)
	Friday 4 December	Staff Development Day Student Learning Conferences (upon request)
	Monday 7 December	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 December	Staff Development Day
	Friday 11 December	Support staff finish
	Friday 18 December	Office closes





## Uniform Shop Opening Times

### December 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 <b>TryBooking appointments only for new girls.</b> 8am – 4.30pm	4 <b>Uniform Shop closed.</b> Re-opens 20 Jan.		

### January 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 9am - 4pm	21 9am - 4pm	22 9am - 4pm	23 9am - 4pm	24 9am - 4pm
27 <b>Australia Day. Shop Closed.</b>	28 12pm – 4pm	29 9am – 4pm	30 <b>All Years return to school.</b> 8am – 4.30pm	31 8am – 4.30pm

### February 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 8am – 4.30pm	4 8am – 4.30pm	5 8am – 4.30pm	6 8am – 4.30pm	7

Hours during Term (from 11 Feb) - Tues, Wed, Thurs 8.00am - 4.30pm.

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No appointments required from January.





## SCIENCE NEWS

Congratulations to Ruby Kelly and Michaela D'Amato in Year 7 for winning this year's Taronga Zoo's School Enrichment Design Competition for their echidna feeding device. At Science Club, the students were able to gain some insight into echidna behaviour and their capabilities from our Scientist in Schools mentor, Margaret Hawkins. As a reward for the winning design the students were able to take their science classes for a zoo visit and an up-close and personal meet with Leroy the echidna. Here is Ruby's reflection:

*On Monday 22 November, Michaela and I went to the zoo with our classes to see our echidna enrichment device in action. Our classes walked around the zoo and looked at the animals before visiting the science centre. We sat in a large circle and a zookeeper talked to us about enrichment for animals in the zoo. The zookeeper then introduced an echidna named Leroy to us. Leroy would be our test subject for the device. We watched as Leroy struggled to figure out how to get the food inside of the invention. Leroy tried her best and eventually managed to remove the lid from our invention. She spent the next few minutes chomping on her food. Although Leroy didn't exactly figure out how to use the device, she was still enriched during the process of trying to obtain her food. After we finished testing our invention, our classes continued our visit to the zoo. It was a very fun and educational day and it was a good break from school.*

**Ruby**

The Science Club looks forward to running another year of interesting activities for curious minds in 2020 ... and maybe seeing a few more enrichment design competition winners.

Wishing you and your families a safe, peaceful and happy holiday!

**The Science Department**

