



# STELLA MARIS NEWSLETTER

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*from the Principal*



## Prayer - Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

*We celebrate St Patrick's Day this week but this beautiful prayer also offers support as the world tries to deal with the impact of COVID-19.*

*Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of  
everyone who thinks of  
me,  
Christ in the mouth of  
everyone who speaks  
of me,  
Christ in every eye that  
sees me,  
Christ in every ear that  
hears me.*

## *Dear Stella Community*

### **NAPLAN 2020**

Please read the attached communique from the Education Council regarding NAPLAN 2020.

### **NSW Health advice school closures in response to COVID-19**

The NSW Health advice to Principals detailed the following rationale regarding school closures:

- Young people are not in the 'at risk' category, unless they have an additional major health issue. Medical advice is that most young people who contract coronavirus will find it presents only as a minor cold.
- The most at risk age category is the elderly. Students excluded from schools which are closed may in many cases need to be supervised by grandparents, which would increase the risk level of this older age group.
- Young people who are not able to attend schools because they are closed, may take the opportunity to visit shopping centres where more vulnerable people, such as the elderly, gather.
- Early closure of schools may be very unhelpful, as medical experts predict the virus will peak in Australia in May. Accordingly, if schools close now and open later, they may be opening at the time of greatest vulnerability.
- An early closure may consign us to be closed for up to six months, which is the predicted life of any epidemic in Australia. It would prove problematic for senior students to maintain connection to their learning and complete practical requirements. Many families would struggle with the supervision of our younger students if the break extends for many weeks.
- Experts advise that if schools close, that will take many healthcare professionals away from their jobs, as they will need to look after children at home, estimates of this could be in excess of 30% of health care workers. This would impede the capacity of the health system to deal with those who are ill. We therefore need to be aware of the larger picture in society.
- Currently, according to health briefings, Australians who have contracted coronavirus have either been infected overseas or been in very close proximity with family members who have been overseas. Widespread community transmission of the disease has not yet occurred. It is up to governments to determine the appropriate time for more widespread closures to prevent such transmission, and of course they will attempt to enact such closures neither too early nor too late.

**\*\*Some parents have already excluded their children and requested that the College provides remote learning facilities. Whilst we respect a decision made in the best interests of the family, teaching staff are not in a position to teach both classes in front of them and teach remotely. Work completed at school will be made available to students via the portal. When schools are directed to close, we will move to our online learning platform Microsoft Teams and all learning will be offered remotely.\*\***

### **Enrolling Stella Girls for 2022**

We are currently finalising enrolment interviews for girls to commence at Stella in 2022. If you have a daughter currently in Year 5 and you have not contacted the College to arrange her enrolment interview, please contact [Kerrie\\_Dudley@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Kerrie_Dudley@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au) as soon as possible.

### **Message from the P&F - Rescheduled**

Due to restrictions on the use of the Theatre, Comedy for a Cause has been rescheduled for a date in September.

*Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal*



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# Diary Dates

**Sat 21 March**  
Comedy for a Cause 8pm  
Rescheduled

**Wed 25 - Sat 28 March**  
Addams Family  
Postponed

**Mon 30 March - Wed 1 April**  
Year 7 Camp  
Cancelled

**Thurs 2 - Fri 3 April**  
Year 10 Retreat  
Cancelled

**Thurs 9 April**  
Holy Thursday  
End of Term 1

**Tues 28 April**  
Students Return  
Start of Term 2

On Tuesday, the College met in Pastoral Care classes and focused on the importance of community in these uncertain times. We know that for the wellbeing of students, we must provide a voice of hope, reason, and stability in a climate that is changing so quickly and instilling fear. We discussed how we can be mindful of vulnerable members of society: spreading kindness, not germs.

As part of our reflection, we meditated on the following poem written by Fr Richard Hendrick OFM to reframe our experience:

### Lockdown

*Yes there is fear  
Yes there is isolation  
Yes there is panic buying.  
Yes there is sickness.  
Yes there is even death.  
But,--  
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise  
You can hear the birds again.  
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet  
The sky is no longer thick with fumes  
But blue and grey and clear.  
They say that in the streets of Assisi  
People are singing to each other  
across the empty squares,  
keeping their windows open  
so that those who are alone  
may hear the sounds of family around them.  
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland  
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.  
Today a young woman I know  
is busy spreading fliers with her number  
through the neighbourhood  
So that the elders may have someone to call on.  
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples  
are preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless,  
the sick, the weary  
All over the world people are slowing down and  
reflecting  
All over the world people are looking at their  
neighbours in a new way  
All over the world people are waking up to a new  
reality  
To how big we really are.  
To how little control we really have.*

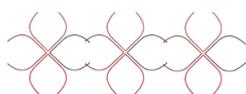
*To what really matters.  
To Love.  
So we pray and we remember that  
Yes there is fear.  
But there does not have to be hate.  
Yes there is isolation.  
But there does not have to be loneliness.  
Yes there is panic buying.  
But there does not have to be meanness.  
Yes there is sickness.  
But there does not have to be disease of the  
soul  
Yes there is even death.  
But there can always be a rebirth of love.  
Wake to the choices you make as to how to  
live now.  
Today, breathe.  
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic  
The birds are singing again  
The sky is clearing,  
Spring is coming,  
And we are always encompassed by Love.  
Open the windows of your soul  
And though you may not be able  
to touch across the empty square,  
Sing.  
**Fr Richard Hendrick OFM**  
**March 13 2020***

As we prepare for the possibility of online learning and greater isolation measures, take care of yourselves and each other. We pray for peace and that our most vulnerable are held by the community.

## COVID-19: Frequently Asked Questions

Stella Maris College is committed to the safety, care and wellbeing of the students and staff as well as maintaining open and supportive communication with their families. Given the extent of the virus in the community, there will undoubtedly be disruptions and anxieties associated with these matters. The College is well placed to manage this situation. Among the range of strategies communicated to families to date is the preparation of this Frequently Asked Questions sheet that will assist parents in making decisions and following College expectations.

[COVID-19 FAQs](#)





Dear Stella Maris Community,

Thank you for your support of the Addams Family so far.

The College Leadership Teams are monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely, consulting with NSW Health, AHISA and the AISNSW. We have an ongoing review cycle, continually evaluating the impact it may have on both College communities and their activities.

The health, welfare and wellbeing of our staff and students is our central priority. Because of this, after several meetings, we believe the safest and most measured response to the current climate is for the joint production of Addams Family Musical to be postponed until it is deemed to be of low risk.

Both colleges have come together to work on the most viable solution that prioritises the students health and wellbeing and ultimately still gives the students a chance to perform for a live audience.

We are currently looking at a performance date of mid-August (to be confirmed).

**REFUNDS:** Refunds will be issued from Friday 20 March from TryBooking at May take 1-3 business days to reach the purchaser's bank account.

Whilst we understand the students will be disappointed in this decision we believe this is the best possible outcome at this time.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the show's Director Miss Sophie Ntoumenopoulos and Musical Director Mr Michael Paton. They have been the driving force behind this production and have worked tirelessly in preparing the girls for the show.

All of the performers have made amazing progress throughout the rehearsal process. We are looking forward to putting on a spectacular performance when the current situation has resolved.

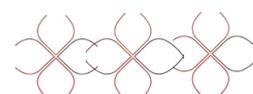
You may be feeling pulled in a new direction and all around are crazier than you. While we are waiting for one normal night, which is not today, but just around the corner, remember when you're an Addams you're dedicated to the clan!



The College is currently interviewing for Year 7 2022.

There are also limited places for Year 7 2021.

To enrol please visit the website, go to the Enrolment's section and download a Registration Form or ask your current Stella daughter to collect an Enrolment Pack from the Registrar's Office.



## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Each year, all schools across Australia take part in the collection of data of students who require extra support or who have a disability or medical issue. The fact sheet below will give you detailed information about this. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this.

Cath Douglas, Head of Inclusive Learning



## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data of School Students with Disability

### What is the NCCD?



The **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data of School Students with Disability (NCCD)** is a collection of data in August each year. It counts the number of school students receiving adjustments (or support) because of a disability.

This national data collection helps governments and schools plan for the needs of students with disability. The aim of the annual data collection is to make sure that students with a disability have access to the same quality education as the others in their class.

**Learn more on the NCCD Portal: [www.nccd.edu.au](http://www.nccd.edu.au)**

**Walking with NSW Catholic Schools on the 2020 NCCD**

**CENSUS Friday 7 August 2020**




Parents and Friends



**In support of:**  
**Stella Maris College**



**Peter Berner**

- Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala
- Host of the BackBerner and The Einstein Factor on ABC TV
- The Peter Berner Experiment on Triple M
- As seen on Good News Week, Rove, The Footy Show

*"exactly what stand up should be"*  
*"hysterically funny" – Chortle*



**Andrew Barnett**

- Sydney & Perth Comedy Festival
- Performer and writer for 'Sunday Nights with Mitty Johns', 'The Professor's Late Hit' & 'The Night Valet' on Fox Sports.
- Winner - ANZ Blue Rooms Comedy Festival 2016
- NSW RAW Comedy Festival

*"Warm, personal and hilarious" - Akmal Saleh*



**Julie Griffiths**

- Triple J Comic of the Year Winner
- Triple-M, Live At Jongleurs (UK)
- Aria Award winning writer for Good News Week & The Glasshouse
- Gold Medal in the New York Festival Film & TV Awards

*"The best one-liner comic in the business"*



**Umit Bali**

- 4 stars Perth & Adelaide Fringe Festivals 2015.
- 2015 Melbourne International Comedy Festival.
- one of the rising stars of Australian Comedy

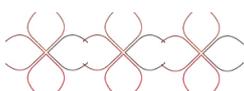
*"I saw Umit Bali and was blown away. Equal parts edgy and silly, but both hilarious. Catch him while you can still afford it." Wil Anderson*

**Postponed**

**BOOK NOW!**

**Tickets: \$35 at [comedyforacause.net/SMC](http://comedyforacause.net/SMC) (18+ only)**

**Saturday 21 March 2020**  
**Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm**  
**Stella Maris College**  
**Collingwood St and Iluka Ave, Manly**



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## SPORT REPORT

Over the past week we have found many sport activities cancelled or postponed due to the current situation with COVID-19.

At this stage all school sport excursions, BBSSA and NSWCCC events have been cancelled for the remainder of Term 1. For Term 2 events, we are monitoring and awaiting official advice as to what sports will go ahead.

This is a very difficult time for all of our students who enjoy competing in so many sports.

Stella is continuing to hold Pilates classes, tennis lessons, sprint training and any other sport trainings that are held on site at school.

I encourage the girls to continue with their personal fitness at this time. The Sport Department will commence sending daily activities and exercise ideas to the girls next week so they are able to manage keeping themselves active when regular sports have been cancelled.

Jenny Wickham, Sport Coordinator

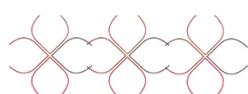


## HEAD ABOVE WATER - FUNDRAISER

Last weekend, many Stella students signed up to swim at Head Above Water to raise money for mental health programs on the Northern Beaches.

One of our Year 9 teams including Charlotte Keating, Evalani Pouli and Charlotte Byrne, were one of the top 10 teams at the event. The girls raised \$1280!

We are proud of our students who are giving back to the community in these challenging times.





# 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 23 Mar	Tues 24 Mar	Wed 25 Mar	Thurs 26 Mar	Fri 27 Mar
Heidi Horne Lynne Grewco Bernadette Hickey Ikuyo Feldman Milu Rich	Rose Giardina Amy He Margie Mort Sam Lynch Karen Joseph Tanya Moss	Adele Kelly Leoni Graham Jude Furniss Sharon Giveen Liama Aesha	Kate Caraccio Brigid Tysoe Lesha Evans Michelle Malouf Claire Littler	Alison Kelly Sam Economos Alyson Perry Marija Savic Sandra Berryman

# UNIFORM SHOP

### Opening times

During School Terms: 8am – 4.30pm Tues/Wed/Thurs. Entry via Scholastica building gates on Eurobin Ave.

### Second Hand Uniforms

The Uniform Shop is now accepting winter uniforms. All blazers (with the current crest) and senior skirts are to be recently dry cleaned. Junior skirts are to be washed and ironed.

### Selling Winter Uniforms

The Uniform Shop is now selling the skirts and blouses for the winter uniform. Junior and Senior blazers have been ordered for those that came in for a fitting. These can be collected and paid for when they are delivered in the first two weeks of next term.

Year 11 girls wear the pink blouse with their uniform. They can purchase these now. Cost is \$35.

### Uniform Prices

Junior blazer \$170 (paid in Term 2 on collection)  
 Senior blazer \$205 (paid in Term 2 on collection)  
 Junior skirt \$70  
 Senior skirt \$120  
 White blouse \$35  
 Pink blouse (Years 11 & 12) \$35  
 Black opaque stockings \$9  
 Junior and senior dresses \$80  
 Cream socks \$8

Water polo costumes \$125  
 Athletic shorts (for touch football, pilates) \$50  
 Collapsible "Stella" umbrellas \$15  
 Wool and cotton jumpers \$72  
 Basketball singlet and shorts \$88  
 Sport shorts \$34  
 Sport polo \$43  
 Track top \$67  
 Track pants \$45

### Full Uniform and Stationery Price Lists

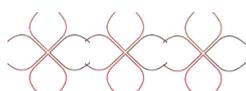
These are available on the website. Please refer to [Enrolments>Our Uniform](#).

### Volunteers

**None required thank you.**

Gail Hickey and Peta Creighton  
9976 1819

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





## NEW STELLA MARIS CAREERS WEBSITE

Stella Maris College has now provided its students and their parents/caregivers with a 'School Careers Website'.

You can find it at <https://www.stellacareers.com/>

It's a "One Stop Shop" for Career Planning, information, Senior School, Post School Options and much more. Once registered in the Student's Secure Area (please use school email address) under the tab FOR STUDENTS on the main home page of the site.

Years 10 to 12 can currently use it to create and save their resume, write cover letters and develop e-portfolios. Junior students will also be able to explore the site and register to gain access to other features.

Additionally, under the Important Information tab there is a very detailed Calendar of Events (university, defence force and college open days, exchange programs and gap year information sessions), as well as a comprehensive Careers Newsletter, which will eventually replace this section of the regular Stella Maris Newsletter.

Please be encouraged to explore our new site no matter what year you are in or what your hopes for the future after secondary school may be.

The site is also designed with the parent/caregiver in mind, to provide all the information you need about your child's Career Planning and post school options, as the information is constantly changing in these areas.

Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Clemesha (VET) and Mrs Barbetti are very excited about the benefits of what is on offer at <https://www.stellacareers.com/> and are looking forward to assisting the Stella Maris school community in getting the most out of it.

**Please click here for more Careers information**

**Jeanette Ferguson, Careers Advisor**



## Help learner-drivers become safer drivers

Monday 23 March, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Increase your confidence and knowledge to supervise learner-drivers. A practical workshop on completing log books, the benefits and safety of supervised driving and the conditions for Learner and Provisional Licences.

Civic Centre, Dee Why

Free

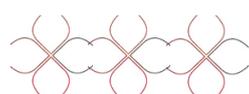
Bookings essential on 9942 2447 or [roadsafety@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:roadsafety@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)



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**Sun 10 May, 2 - 5.30pm**

**PCYC Northern Beaches,  
40 Kingsway Dee Why  
All-ages, No pass outs**

**Drug & alcohol free event**  
\$35 + b/f pre / \$40 on door if not sold out  
Free end of event busses to Manly & Mona Vale

Enquiries: 9942 2401 or  
**youth@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au**  
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