

## Good Samaritan Prayer

*God of love*

*May we always see the world through the eyes of the Good Samaritan and be filled with your deep compassion.*

*Help us to be merciful neighbours even when it is inconvenient, when we don't have time, or when we have other responsibilities to attend to.*

*Grant us the insights to see the need in those around us, the wisdom to know how to respond, and the strength to do so willingly.*

*We pray for those we might cross the road to avoid - the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised. Those who in many and various ways, have been stripped beaten and left for dead.*

*We pray for all who call from us more than we feel we have to give.*

*Open our eyes, that we might not cross the road from human need.*

*May our love of you and love of our neighbour call us to be people of peace and justice in the world.*

*And may we, like the Good Samaritan, always go and do likewise.*

**Amen**

[www.goodsamaritanlife.org.au](http://www.goodsamaritanlife.org.au)



## Dear Stella Community

### Term 3 Commences Online

We were looking forward to reconnecting with the girls face to face after the winter break but the Greater Sydney Lockdown has put paid to that hope. We will continue to keep you informed of any updates on learning in schools from NSW Health and the Premier.

Whilst the girls have spoken positively of the support they receive from the teaching and support staff at present, we ask that you check in with them to ensure they are keeping up with their learning and that they are feeling optimistic

and connected. The Wellbeing Team is available for support and the counsellors can check in with the girls if you feel that would assist. The Stella Tutors are available online and appointments can be made through the College Library. Inclusive Learning staff are also available to the girls for support in their virtual classrooms.

### Our Good Samaritan Community

In a recent mailing from the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation, we received an update on how the Sisters' work is continuing to support the vulnerable in the Philippines, Timore Leste, Kiribati and in Australia, despite the challenges of COVID 19.

The Sisters in Bacolod, the Philippines, have been delivering 170 food packs and 100 hot meals each day during the worst of the lockdown during 2020-2021. This was an amazing effort. This year they have provided small loans to families to purchase fishing nets, carpentry tools and weaving materials, to help those who have lost their jobs. The work of the Sisters in these disadvantaged communities needs our support.

I encourage you to go to the Goodsams Foundation website to find out more [www.goodsamsfoundation.org.au](http://www.goodsamsfoundation.org.au).

### Providing a Term's Notice

Local families are reminded that the College requires one term's notice of any move to another school or learning environment (NB overseas enrolments require two terms' notice). There are several reasons for this notice period. Firstly, budgets are set on current numbers, and, as the annual budget is set in September, we need to ensure that we are calculating costs and student numbers accurately. Secondly, once school returns in January, we are unlikely to make up numbers lost for any students who choose to leave without providing the required notice.

*Please ensure that if your daughter is leaving at the end of 2021, you have informed the Registrar by end of Term 3.*

### Semester Break

I would like to thank the Maintenance Team - David Wiltshire, Jason Strickleton, Richard Donaldson and Frank Scarrabelotti as well as Michael, our gardener, for doing so many things to make Stella a great environment. The gardens have had some work as well as the entrance from Eurobin being made safer, the staff kitchen and student reception at Benedict Campus have also been remodelled and painted to create a welcoming environment. Contractors were on site to install solar panels on the theatre roof and also to replace the globes in the Good Samaritan building with LED lighting. Great work team!

*Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal*



# Parents & Friends

## Comedy for a Cause

It is with great disappointment that, due to lockdown, we must postpone our Comedy Night, scheduled for Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, at The Star of The Sea Theatre. A new date has been tricky to secure at such late notice and this event will now take place in Term 4 on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, and will now be our parent Christmas/end of year event. Thank you to all those who have already purchased tickets – these will automatically transfer to the new date. For anyone who has purchased tickets and can't make the new date, please contact us at [PandF@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au](mailto:PandF@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au) and we will organise a refund for you.

## Next P & F Meeting

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 7.30pm**

Our P & F meeting for Term 3, originally scheduled for Wednesday this week, will now take place on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Old School Library, COVID restrictions permitting. Otherwise it will be conducted via Zoom. Amy Smith, Assistant Principal Wellbeing and Kylie Andew, College Counsellor, will be speaking about their work focused on the wellbeing of Stella students, including the positive education program and acceptable use for mobiles and technology. This promises to be an informative presentation, so please save the date in your diaries!

Sadly any further P & F social events are on hold until restrictions allow. We hope everyone is managing to stay connected via electronic means, and we wish you and your daughters all the best for this period of home learning.

*Kate Lovelace and Andrea Hogan  
P & F Presidents*

## Canteen

Thankyou to our volunteers for your patience and understanding in this difficult Covid lockdown period.

When we know more (over the next 2 weeks) we will be in touch to let you know about future rosters and how many volunteers we will be allowed in the canteen.

Take care and hopefully be in contact soon.

*Thank you. Bernie & Cheryl*

# Curriculum

## Writers' Club News

Congratulations Phoebe O'Brien (Yr 12) for making the finals of the Northern Beaches Libraries Young Writers Competition 2021. Only 24 students across 6 age categories have been chosen as finalists. Incredibly Phoebe won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the same competition last year. The winner for 2021 will be announced in August. Good luck Phoebe!

## 'Stella Shorts'

### Very Short Story Competition

Congratulations to the winners of our inaugural 'Stella Shorts' Very Short Story Competition. Stella students and their parents have great imaginations and managed to really paint a picture with each of their 140 character limited stories. It was too difficult to choose just one so three prizes have been awarded – one parent and two students. The winners will receive their chocolates once everyone returns to school. Thank you to all the entrants – especially our parents who joined in the challenge. The competition was very close. Here are the winning entries:

*"In the blazing image of an amber setting sun, silhouettes of crispy autumn leaves twirled on the horizon. 'Awe-inspiring', the words fell out of my mouth."*  
130 characters by **Zuri Wala** Year 7. The judges love the beautiful imagery.

*"Eyes on the screen. Fingers on control. Friends' voices coming through my headphones. I flinch. I feel a hand on my shoulder. I'm home alone."*  
117 characters by **Sami Winter** Year 9. Judges agree that this is a great premise for a longer work. Terrifying!

*"First time boating. 12 year old, 'Is that dinghy meant to be upside down?' I should have been more attentive to No.1 rule, don't reverse boat with dinghy in water!"*  
134 characters by **James Stubbs**, father of Josie Year 7. This hilarious image made the judges laugh and got our sympathy. Poor Dad!

## Changes to Bus Services

655n earlier pick up - be ready when lockdown ends!

Two 655n services will now commence and finish their trips sooner each morning, meaning students will get to school earlier. The changes are outlined in the table below.

OLD DEPARTURE TIME	OLD ARRIVAL TIME	NEW DEPARTURE TIME	NEW ARRIVAL TIME
7:58 at Seaforth, Frenchs Forest Road at Ellery Pde	8:22 at Keirle Park TSN 209546	7:54 at Seaforth, Frenchs Forest Road at Ellery Pde	8:18:00 at Keirle Park TSN 209546
8:01 at Seaforth, Frenchs Forest Road at Ellery Pde	8:25 at Keirle Park TSN 209546	7:50 at Seaforth, Frenchs Forest Road at Ellery Pde	8:14:00 at Keirle Park TSN 209546

New operating times for the 655n will take affect from Monday 12 July. The route path for this dedicated school bus service has not changed.

It was so fantastic that we were able to have such a busy and successful first semester in sport. Unfortunately, Term 3 will look a little different! With the current situation with COVID and the restrictions in place, we are now unable to run our normal Stella sport programs for the moment. All Stella sport trainings, games and carnivals are currently on hold.

Stella will continue planning for sporting events later in the term. We will resume trainings as soon as we are able to run sport safely within the health guidelines and government restrictions.

I encourage all students to continue with their own personal fitness and individual sport trainings. All students are being emailed a fitness session every school morning, which they can do at home in their own time. We have also created individual sporting groups on teams which the students are invited to join. These teams will have various 'at home' training ideas that the girls can do to keep up their fitness and skills for their specific sports.

We will communicate any information regarding our return to training and competition as soon as we have any further details.

## Gymnastics

Stella will enter a team into the IGSA Gymnastics Championships. This will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Any Stella students who are experienced gymnasts and are training or competing in Gymnastics are invited to nominate for the team. A link has been sent to all students to complete a form to express interest in joining the Stella gymnastics team.

## Basketball

Congratulations to the Stella basketball teams who played in the grand finals during the holidays. All three Stella teams did so well to make the grand finals and they all played amazingly.

Our Year 7 Div 4 team played well but were defeated by Oxford Falls Grammar. Our Year 9 Div 4 team were very unlucky to lose by just one goal.

Well done to our Year 7 Div 3 team who had a big win so are MWBA Year 7 Div 3 Champions!

Congratulations to all members of the three grand final teams! And to all players who played for Stella in Semester 1.

Year 7 Div 3: Julia Ungermaach, Ava Grace, Olivia Martin, Macey Townsend, Olivia Stefl, Bruna Burtet, Rileigh Smith, Indiana Hunt

Year 7 Div 4: Bailey Holmes, Isla Chipchase, Betty Breed, Erica Robson, Isabella D'Amato, Isabella Swinney, Maisie Brown, Carlota Fernandez-Manzanos

Year 9 Div 4: Amy Gualteri, Lily-Rose Moore, Jada McFarlane, Cassaya Dayein, Stella Lynch, Annika Scali, Georgia Harte

The Semester 2 competition was due to commence next week. The start of the season has now been delayed. We will keep all basketball players updated as to when the season and trainings are able to recommence.



## Rugby 7s

Congratulations to Piper Simons (Year 10) who represented NSWCCC at the NSW All Schools Rugby Championships at the end of Term 2. Piper had an amazing tournament! The NSWCCC team won the silver medal, Piper was named Player of the Tournament and selected into the NSW Open Rugby 7s team. Piper continues to achieve at an extremely high level. On top of her fantastic achievements at the NSW school level, she has also been selected into the Australian 7's Rugby Academy – bronze tier. Congratulations on these outstanding achievements Piper!

*Jenny Wickham  
Head of Sport*

