

# STELLA MARIS **NEWSLETTER**

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#### **Lenten Prayer**

Loving and gracious God,

Through the Holy Spirit, give us the gifts of knowledge, wisdom and understanding.

Guide us in deepening our understanding of Christ and the Gospel message, and reveal in us our true identity.

Make us bold in proclaiming this Truth with fidelity to your Word and your people.

Help us to think, speak and live the Gospel in order to fulfil our evangelising mission of making disciples.

We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen

Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, Diocese of Broken Bay – Lenten Program 2021

## **Diary Dates**

19 March Yr 7 Surf Survival 22 March Yr 12 Retreat 29 March Yr 7 Camp 1 April End of Term 1 2 April Good Friday

# Dear Stella Community

#### **Swimming Carnival**

What a wonderful day on Monday as we held our first major event of the year, the Swimming Carnival. The AIS and NSW Health informed us of changes to large events late on Friday afternoon. Unfortunately, as our COVID Safe Plan had been completed and as we were following an unchanged COVID Safe Plan from Andrew 'Boy' Charlton Swim Centre, we could not pivot quickly enough to allow parents at the event. I would like to thank you all for understanding this and supporting us in this decision.

The event was fantastic with a huge participation from students in both championship and non-championship races. Well done to all the girls for a great sense of community and engagement. Thank you to Jenny Wickham and Izzy Rudolph for the great organisation of the day, and to the PDHPE and other staff in ensuring the safe and efficient running of the event.

#### **International Women's Day**

I received an email from a Stella alumna's mum this week, alerting me to the fact that Rachel Nunn had been recognised for her work in social justice. Rachel has in past years spoken with our girls about her work. She has worked in Papua New Guinea for the World Bank and also at EY as a senior consultant. She is the founder and host of Good Will Hunters producing podcasts on development and foreign policy. Well done to Rachel for making a difference as a Stella Alumna!

https://www.youngausint.org.au/post/2021-young-women-to-watch-in-international-affairs

Last Friday, Ms Christina Burke and Ms Amy Smith took a number of our Year 12 students to key International Women's Day events both locally and at NSW Parliament House. The girls appreciated the opportunity to hear of the work of women in a range of vocations.

#### Teaching about healthy relationships

Earlier this month I sent home a letter to all families about how we as a community can assist young people to understand how relationships must be valued and how we work with our girls to be advocates of their own future, to find their voice and claim their place in the world and in their relationships.

In the letter I indicated that we would continue to provide you with resources to assist you in this task. Below you will find a link to an eBrief from the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia, 'Teaching about healthy relationships, consent and sexual assault'. It affirms that it is important for schools to find ways to assist young people to understand their responsibilities and rights in any relationships. **CLICK HERE** 

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal





# From Igloo to Stella Online

As you are all no doubt aware the College has transitioned to a new online Portal in 2021 called 'Stella Online' where you are able to access all of the online requirements for your daughter(s). All teaching and learning information is available through accessing SEQTA Engage through Stella Online or the SEQTA app. Starting in 2021 reports will also be made available to parents through SEQTA Engage.

Effectively this means that at the end of Term 1, the old igloo Portal will shut down and no longer be available online. Currently the only information left in that portal which parents would need to access is school reports for Year 8-12 students.

To ensure all parents/guardians have these reports before the igloo Portal is shut down over the coming weeks you will receive an email from your daughter before the end of Term 1 with all reports attached that she has received at Stella up until the end of 2020.

Whilst the girls will have access to their reports through their Onedrive in their time at Stella, I ask that all parents, download the reports when sent to you via email and store them appropriately should they be required in the future.

Brett Foster Director of Innovative Learning

### YEAR 7 2023

The College is currently interviewing for Year 7, 2023

Do you have a daughter in Year 5?
Is she enrolled at Stella? If not,
please complete the online
Registration Form
or go to

www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au and click on 'Enrol Now' to complete the Registration form



\* Limited places for Year 7 2022 Complete an online <u>Registration Form</u> now

## **Visual Arts**

Year 7 Visual Arts students had a wonderful start to the week with a visit from Kindy Farm on Tuesday morning.

Our keen artists had a chance to observe and draw from real life, a bevy of beautiful farm animals.

It was a challenge to sketch something that keeps moving... or whilst cuddling it! The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience, as we hope did the animals.

The experience of 'drawing from life', or 'observational drawing', allows the time and space to observe our subject, and find the shapes, forms, gradations, and subtleties that fascinate us. It ties in with the unit of work the Year 7 students have been set where they explore and understand traditional and contemporary 2D and 3D artmaking practice via the investigation of animals, both real and imagined.

Scott Mellis, Head of Visual Arts







# Extra-curricular

## **Sport Report**

#### **BBSSSA Swimming**

Congratulations to the Stella Swimming Team who competed at the BBSSSA Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park on Thursday 11 March. All of the Stella swimmers swam extremely well, with many of the girls placing in their heats. The highlight of the day was the All Age Relay, where Stella finished a close second behind Mount St Benedict, who broke the record in this event.

A huge congratulations to Tilla Garrett (Year 10) who was named the 16 years Age Champion.

Big congratulations also to Andie Milligan (Year 8) and Tilda Brownlow (Year 9) who were overall winners in their events and will go on to represent BBSSSA at the NSWCCC Championships later this month.

The overall team results were outstanding:

Junior: 2nd Intermediate: 3rd Senior: 4th

Well done to all of the swimmers in the team: Tilda Brownlow, Zoe Burke, Anna Curley, Elisha Cuthbert, Zara Durkin, Hayley Economos, Katie Edgtton, Ella Garrett, Tilla Garrett, Jess Hibbert, Camile Hirose, Dyllan Howison, Sophia Howison, Sophie Launay, Mia Lorello, Annabel Lynch, Emma Mathieson, Andie Milligan, Kiera Mironova, Jessica Oakhill, Ashton Reimer, Sophia Thomas, Ameira Turner, Mikaeli Turner, Holly Wickham.

A very big thank you to our Years 9 and 10 helpers who came along and worked hard all day, assisting in marshalling, recording and the running of events. These girls were fantastic helpers and were complimented by the staff and parents from many schools on their great attitude and behaviour. Thank you Milenna Abbott, Tara Astle, Laura Baker, Leilani Cannon, Sophie Cott, Niamh Fitzgerald, Dyllan Howison, Sophia Howison, Tayla Jones, Lily-Rose Moore, Claudia Vumbaca and Holly Wickham.

#### **Tennis**

Congratulations to Alyssa Cameron (Year 12) who has been selected to represent NSWCCC at the NSW All Schools Tennis. Congratulations Alyssa on this fantastic achievement!

Good luck to our Tildesley Tennis Squad who will compete at the Tildesley Tennis Championships at Pennant Hills on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 March. These girls have been training up to three times a week since October. We are proud of your dedication and look forward to a great couple of days at Tildesley.

#### **Tildesley Squad**

Alyssa Cameron, Taylor Jones, Bella Cheong, Ana Necak, Morgan Andrews, Jess Odell, Sunny Elliott, Rosa Greville, Georgie Sidd, Piper Simons, Ruby Cowie, Sofia Whitehead, Lola Whitehead, Stella Guberina, Imelda Rankin, Hannah Graham, Sara Trimboli, Milly Rogers Grace Shanahan, Holly Wickham, Miki Fransden, Elena George, Olivia Rolfe, Bridey Cook, Bianca Trimboli, Sophie White, Zoe Aronis



#### Cricket

Congratulations to Sophia Chick (Year 9) who represented Stella at the NSWCCC Cricket trials. Sophia played very well against girls much older than her. Well done Sophia on your performance at such a high level.







# Extra-curricular

# **Swimming Carnival**

The Stella Maris Swimming Carnival was held at Manly Andrew Boy Charlton Aquatic Centre on Monday 8 March. It was perfect weather conditions for a swimming carnival – a beautiful hot and sunny day!

The level of participation was outstanding. All of the Stella girls had a fantastic time swimming in lots of different events. The girls had lots of fun and there were some outstanding results in the pool.

The carnival spirit was not dampened by the different COVID restrictions this year. Although we were unable to cheer and sing, there was music, dancing and dress ups. The Stella girls all displayed great House spirit throughout the day. The House dance-off was fantastic!

A big thank you to all of our students who worked as student helpers on the day and to our House leaders and all of the Year 12 students who created such a great atmosphere with their Houses.

Congratulations to all of our House and individual award winners:

#### **BEST DRESSED**

Lily Thorpe-Apps (Bashir)

#### **HOUSE DANCES**

Mackillop

#### **CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS**

Ella Garrett

#### **AGE CHAMPIONS**

12 years: Jessica Oakhill 13 years: Kiera Mironova

14 years: Elisha Cuthbert and Camille Hirose 15 years: Sophia Howison and Mia Lorello

16 years: Tilla Garrett 17 years: Nina Winther 18 years: Ella Garrett

#### **SWIMMING CARNIVAL HOUSE CHAMPIONS**

1st Noonuccal
2nd Shinnick
3rd Wood
4th Egan
5th Bashir
6th Smith
7th Chisholm
8th Mackillop











Extra-currícular

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**GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?** 

JOIN THE DEBATING CLUB!

Come along to our first meeting in Week 8

<u>Wednesday 17th March</u>

@Lunch in S209

Any questions?
Email or speak to Mr Mascarenhas



#### **Canteen Roster**

Hours are 9.30am to 2.30pm

Monday 15 Mar

Jacki Reiner Amanda Thomas Lindie McKay Elia Royle

Tuesday 16 Mar

Jo Tolfe Louise Stefan Helen Rouvray Steph Jones

Wednesday 17 Mar

Hollie Seibold Nikki Lawson Tracey Fowler Cathy Shanahan

Thursday 18 Mar

Lisa Zwart
Kate Sholl
Orla Neville
Nicole Holmes
Kristina Porteous

Friday 19 Mar

Diana Panuccio Duncan Barnett Emma Cousins Natalie Earl

Kate Bambrick Browne

#### **Lost Property**

There are many lunch box containers, drink bottles (very expensive ones!) and other lunch items outside the canteen. Please ask your daughters if they are missing any items. They have been left here for quite some time and we would like to have them go to their homes as soon as possible! Thank you.

#### Can't make it?

Please call Bernie on 9976 1826 to arrange a replacement

# **Uniform Shop**

#### Open

8am to 4.30pm Tues, Wed, Thurs during term.

During the pandemic Stella Maris is not encouraging parents on site. Your daughter is able to come to the Uniform Shop to make her purchases.

#### **Student Card**

Does your daughter have sufficient funds on her Student Card for purchases at the Uniform Shop? Please top up her card the night before as it can take a few hours to load. We also accept debit/credit cards

#### Stella Hat

We are now selling the new Stella hat! Optional for all Years at a cost of \$75. Come to us for sizing.

#### **Online Uniform Shop**

The College now has an online Uniform Shop allowing parents and students to conveniently purchase items online. Please order under your daughter's name. All items are available for pick up from recess the next Uniform Shop trading day. Please ask your daughter to come in at this time. We have been holding uncollected orders for some time. Please see the link below to access our online store, this link can also be found on the portal and school website.

https://uniformshoponline.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au/

#### Winter uniform

We are now selling winter uniform to all Year 7 and 10 and all new students who have started at Stella since Term 4. Year 11 need to buy the pink blouse.

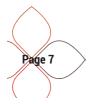
#### **Face masks**

The current advice is that if girls are travelling to school on a bus they must wear a mask. If they forget to bring one, disposable masks are available from the Uniform Shop for a short time for \$1. Policy changes will be updated in the College Newsletter as they arise.

#### More Uniform Information

Click here for full price list Click here to go to the College Uniform webpage

You can also contact Gail or Peta 9976 1819 uniforms\_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au



# **Some University News...**



Early Entry - Macquarie University Leaders and Achievers - Register to Stay Informed

You could be rewarded with an early offer to study at Macquarie University in 2022 if you have been performing well at school in Year 11 and if you can demonstrate initiative and commitment through leadership, community, sport, or casual work activities.

Who can apply?

To apply for Macquarie Leaders and Achievers, you must be:

- completing the New South Wales Higher School Certificate, ACT Senior Secondary Certificate or International Baccalaureate in 2021
- performing consistently well at school
- demonstrating leadership qualities and commitment to community through leadership, service or work activities completed in Year 11 and/or Year 12.

Register your interest

To stay updated about the Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme, including when it opens, register your interest below.

https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions/ entry-requirements/domestic/entry-schemes-andpathways/macquarie-leaders-and-achievers



#### **Visit our Stella Careers Website**

Want a quick overview of what's going on? Click here to take you to our calendar of events

Check out our weekly Careers News (12 March) here and select the first dot point.



# ACU Elite Athlete and Performer Program: Plan ahead

The Elite Athlete and Performer Program (EAPP) is designed to give students who are top sporting or artistic performers the tools they need to achieve balance across their active and academic lives.

The program comes with a range of benefits, including:

- ·adjustment factors to your entry score
- academic support (deferred exams, extensions, special considerations)
- ·access to travel grants and scholarships.

https://www.acu.edu.au/ student\_experience/student\_life/ elite\_athlete\_and\_performer\_ program



#### Western Sydney University Mid-Year Information Day

15 May

Join us on Saturday, 15 May at our Mid-Year Info Day where you can explore course options with academics and current students. Register your interest below and we'll be in touch with more information closer to the event.

Western Sydney University values academic excellence, integrity and the pursuit of knowledge. Ranked in the top two per cent of unis in the world, we are globally focused, research-led and committed to making a positive impact on the communities we engage with.

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/ student-life/events/mid-year-information-day. html

Register here:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/form/ register\_your\_interest\_for\_undergraduate\_study\_ at\_western



