



St Catherine of Siena Feast Day

Catherine of Siena is one of only four women who were named doctor of the church, meaning that her writings, including the mystical *The Dialogue* and her prayers and letters, have special authority in Roman Catholicism. She was an important defender of the papacy and is a patron saint of Europe and of Italy.

Loving God,

We remember today the life St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church.

Her life was a noble sacrifice inspired by love of Jesus.

In troubled times she strenuously upheld the rights of the Church.

Hear her prayers for each of us, and for our family dedicated to her.

Help us to remain unshakably faithful to the church in word, deed, and example.

Help us always to see in the Vicar of Christ, an anchor in the storms of life, and a beacon of light to the harbor of your Love, in this dark night of your times and our souls.

We ask this through Jesus, your Son, in the bond of the Holy Spirit.

St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us.

Amen

<https://www.heavenlydivinecustomrosary.com/st-catherine-of-siena-prayers.html>

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3 May	Student Learning Conference 2
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Dear Stella Community

Anzac Day Assembly

Our assembly this week reflected on the involvement of Australians in war in defence of the country. We commenced with a song and short prayer followed by a reflection from Amy Fuller from Year 12 about the role her father and grandfather had in war. Finally, we listened to the last post and rouse. Thank you to the student leaders and others who contributed to the service.

Australia has been involved in a number of wars including *The Boer War (1899–1902)*, *World War I (1914–1918)*, *World War II (1939–1945)*, *The Korean War (1950–1953)*, *The Vietnam War (1962–1972)* and *The Gulf War (1990–1991)*.

What has been the role of women in these conflicts?

On the home front, women dealt with the consequences of war—managing children and family responsibilities alone, shortages of resources, as well as their fears for the future, and the grief and trauma of losing loved ones.

Many women were also actively involved as nurses and in other active service duties, and contributed more actively to war efforts through military service. Other Australian women were also closely connected with war through male relatives and friends away on military service.

In World War II, women were actively recruited into jobs that had always been the preserve of men; they worked in factories and shipyards, as members of the Women's Land Army and as Official War Artists.

The unique war experiences of some Australian women came from their own initiative and special circumstances. Travelling in England at the beginning of World War I, Olive King went on to work as an ambulance driver in France and Salonika. The suffragette and pacifist Vida Goldstein founded the Women's Peace Army in 1915. Vera Deakin established a Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau in Cairo in 1915, and in London in 1916, providing a vital service for Australian families in these countries.

Today women make up almost 20% of the Australian Defence Force. Women were gradually integrated into the defence services during the late 1970s and early 1980s, but initially were not allowed to apply for combat roles. In January 2013, serving women were allowed to apply for all positions in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) except special forces which became open to women in January 2014. In January 2016, civilian women became able to direct entry to all positions. Source: <https://info.australia.gov.au/about-australia/australian-story/women-in-wartime>

At this time, we remember too that alumnae, Commander Bernadette Alexander leads the community at HMAS Penguin at Mosman. We are grateful for her service and that of all women in the defence force. We are grateful for all men and women who have served Australia in the defence force and remember the sacrifices made by these men and women, particularly during WWI and WW2 today as we remember Anzac Day.

Student Learning Conferences

Our first Student Learning Conference evening went ahead this week with great feedback from the teaching staff about the success of the event. It was clearly focused on the student with feedback preparation on their learning gains and areas for improvement noted and discussed. We encourage parents and carers to work with the girls to manage these learning goals and find a path forward in their studies. The second and third Student Learning Conference evenings are in the next few weeks.

Parents and Friends Association

Last week we had a great meeting with the P&F parents and discussed the plan for events moving forward. We encourage you to join the WhatsApp group for your year and attend the Judith Locke event coming up to keep connected.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal



SOLD OUT

We warmly invite you to the Stella Maris College Mothers' Day Breakfast

Mothers, Grandmothers, Guardians or Mother figures are invited to attend our Mothers' Day breakfast on *Friday 7 May, 7.30am-8.30am on the College Deck*

A light breakfast of granola with yoghurt, muffins, croissants etc. will be served along with complimentary tea and coffee

Please click to RSVP via TryBooking, by Monday 3rd May.

Please ensure you list any dietary requirements on the Try Booking ticket system when booking ticket

Parents & Friends

Events for 2021

We are excited to share with you some dates to add in your diaries for the coming year ahead. With Covid restrictions now relaxed (and here's hoping it stays this way) we have been able to commence planning the following events, with a few more in discussion (which we'll share with you soon).

Comedy for a Cause – Saturday, 24 July. This social event (for parents only) is now confirmed! It will take place at The Star of The Sea Theatre and tickets will be available via Trybooking. Watch this space for further information on what promises to be a great night out.

End of Year Drinks Party - Friday, 12 November – More details to follow.

WhatsApp Groups

A WhatsApp group has now been set up for each Year Group to allow parents to connect for the purpose of organising social events and share school-related information.

The links for the WhatsApp groups have now been sent to the office so keep an eye out for your invitation to join. Thank you to the respective Heads of Year who are kindly sending these out. If you wish to join your year's WhatsApp group please do so asap as a social get-together will be organised very soon for each group. After a year of little social interaction we can look forward to connecting once more!

Kate Lovelace and Andrea Hogan
P & F Presidents

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL INFORMATION

DATE: Wednesday 5 May 2021

VENUE: Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen

TIME: PC will be held at school at 8.40am.

Buses depart Stella from 8.45am and return by 3.20pm. Buses will be provided to transport all students to and from the Carnival. Students who are competing in the Javelin event will need to arrive at school by 8.30am. One bus will depart school at 8.30am as the javelin event will be completed before the start of the Carnival.

WHAT TO WEAR: Athletics clothes in house colours. Students are encouraged to show their 'House Spirit' by dressing up with house coloured accessories (hats, wigs, socks etc.)

THE CARNIVAL IS A COMPULSORY SCHOOL DAY. Parents/guardians should follow regular absentee procedures if their daughter is unwell.

- There will be championship and non-championship events on the day. Entries for championship events have now closed. Students may enter non-championship events on the day (100m, 200m, 400m and 800m).

- Javelin will be held on the morning of the carnival at 9.00am. If you wish to compete in javelin. Students competing in the javelin must catch the first bus to the carnival, which will depart Stella at 8.30am.

- There are no finals for any event. Overall placings will be calculated on times.

- All students should try to enter at least two events.

- Please bring sun cream and hat.

- There will be very limited access to the canteen. Students are asked to pack their own healthy lunch and water bottles.

THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SHOULD BE A FUN DAY. WE ENCOURAGE ALL STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED IN ALL EVENTS!



Student Learning Conferences

Key points

1. SLCs will be via MS Teams.
2. Two dates remaining
3. One set of interviews per student.

1. MS Teams

The survey response to last year's online interviews was overwhelmingly positive: 84% of parents reported that they prefer to use Teams in 2021 and found the experience as good if not better than face to face interviews. As a result, this year's Student Learning Conferences will again be conducted through MS Teams. In preparation, your daughter(s) will be instructed as to how it will work.

2. Dates

Families from Years 7 to 12 may choose any one of the following dates according to your preference:

Monday 3 May 4.15pm - 8pm

Tuesday 18 May 2.30pm - 7.30pm (early dismissal)

Interviews are booked online through an external provider, PTO.

It is highly recommended that you leave at least a 6-minute gap between interviews (do not make bookings back-to-back).

3. One set of Interviews

Both Parent/Carer emails have been set-up in PTO, but please only make **ONE set of interviews per daughter** unless it is absolutely necessary for you to attend separately.

Jennifer Molloy
Director of Administration, Risk and Compliance

ATTENTION!!!

The Stella Library will be open Student Learning Conferences afternoons until 5.30.

NAPLAN

During May 2021, students in Years 7 and 9 will sit NAPLAN. The schedule for the tests is as follows:

Tuesday, 11 May

Language Conventions Test (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
Writing Test

Wednesday, 12 May

Reading Test

Thursday, 13 May

Numeracy Test

On Friday 14 May: A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test.

Students may be exempt from the NAPLAN test if they:

- are from a language background other than English, have arrived from overseas and have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the test; or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer after consultation with the Principal.

1. A parent or carer consent form must be signed.
2. Exemption from the tests must be discussed with the Principal.

All other students are expected to participate.

Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Alternative format test materials are available to meet the needs of individual students (e.g. Braille, large print, black and white test material or the electronic test). Access to disability adjustments can be discussed with the College Inclusive Learning Department via Ms Cath Douglas cathy.douglas@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

For further information about NAPLAN, visit [NESA's NAPLAN website](https://www.nesaustralia.edu.au).

Student Success

Tilli McMahon Has made it through to one of 10 finalists for Northern Composure Unplugged 2021. She will be performing 1 original and 1 cover on Friday 7 May in front of a live audience and panel of expert judges at Glen Street Theatre.

Thank you so much to the incredible Stella community for your wonderful support and for adding the links for voting in last weeks Newsletter. The voting was for "most views" and "audience choice" however the decisions for the top 10 was made by a panel of judges.

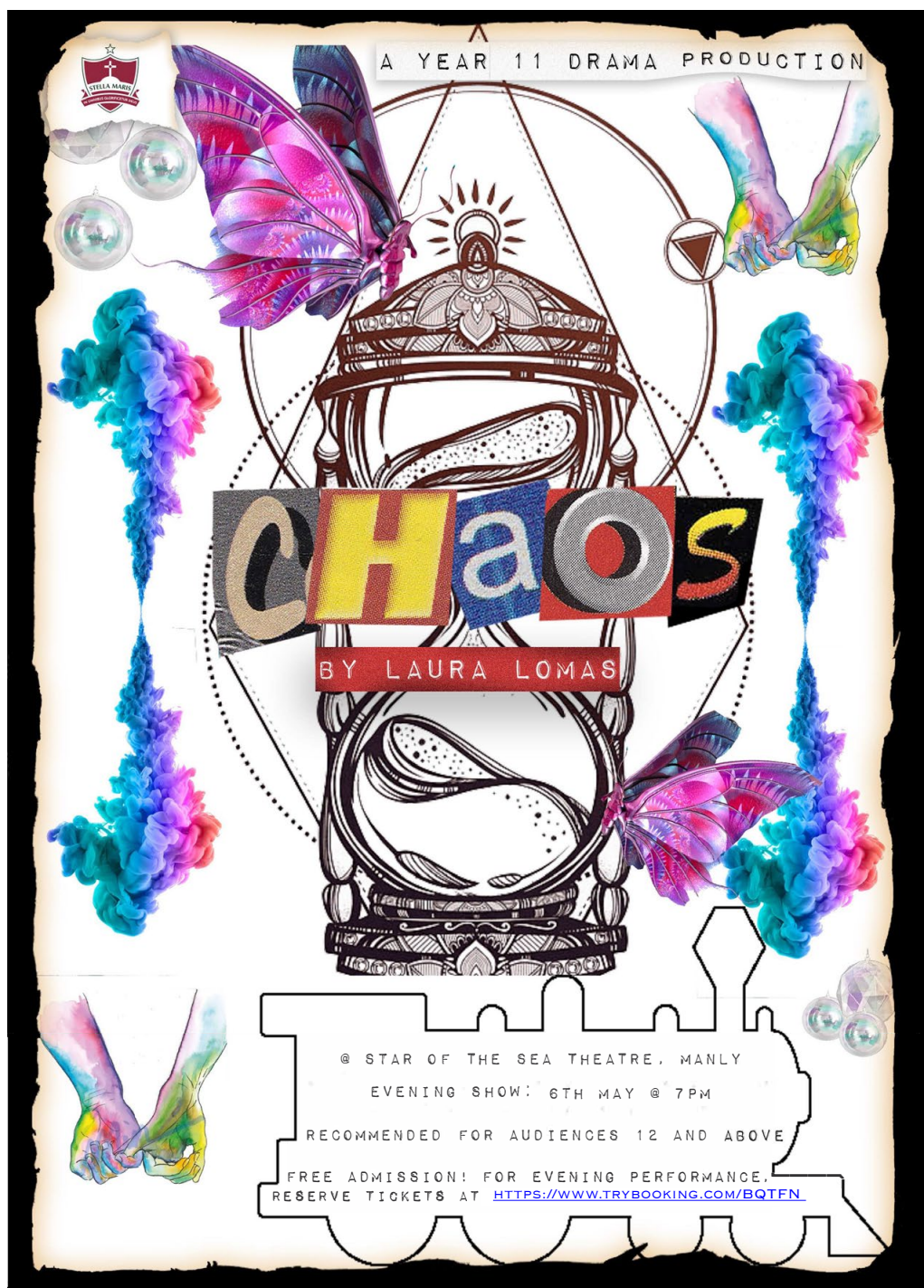
[Here](#) is the link to book tickets to support Tilli.

Duke of Edinburgh Update

Silver / preliminary gold adventurous journey 14 -16 May - Coastal Walk and Cockatoo island Year 11 and 12. Bronze Year 9 Adventurous Journey 23-24 May - Lane Cove. Training will be held on Wednesday lunch 12 and 19 May. Please remember to check the teams page for all notes and information on the award and equipment needed for the hike.

Thank you to all the Year 10 participants who have been finalising their bronze awards by completing the adventurous journey report from our recent Lane Cove/ Narrabeen hike. Please keep them coming!

Capes for kids community service will begin next Tuesday lunch with Ms Silburn and Ms Cav in the tech rooms at 1.30.



BBSSSA Soccer

Congratulations to the Stella intermediate soccer team who competed at the BBSSSA U15 Soccer Championships on Tuesday 27 April at Cromer Park. The Stella team played well all day, winning all pool games to progress through to the Finals series. The team faced a tough St Leo's team and were unlucky to lose 1 – 0. Congratulations to all members of the team on a fantastic day of soccer: **Bonny Adams, Kiara Briggs, Liv Enright, Chelsea Gallagher, Amelia Giardina, Jade Guichon, Audrey Hassan, Sarah King, Sienna Legaz, Isabelle Lewis, Tara Nesbitt, Sienna O'Connor, Eadie Picard, Lucia Rich and Sammy Winter.**

Good luck to our junior team who will play in the U13 BBSSSA Soccer Championships on Thursday 6 May.



Netball

The Peninsula Cup netball competition kicked off this week. Stella have an amazing 14 teams playing in this competition! All of our teams played extremely well and had lots of fun. A big thank you to all of our student coaches and umpires who are helping with our teams throughout the season.

A huge congratulations to Chloe Hatvany who was selected into the NSWCCC Open netball team. She will play at the NSW All Schools event later this term. Well done Chloe!



Athletics

A reminder that athletics squad training will commence this Friday. This is open to all students and will be held on Tuesday mornings (Keirle Park) and Friday afternoon (Narrabeen). Coaching will be available for all events. Notes are available on SEQTA.

Water Polo

The Year 8 and 9 competition will commence next week. Trials/training will be held this Friday 30 April 530 – 630pm at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. There is still room in the teams for any students in Year 8 and 9 who would like to play and have not yet signed up.

Hockey

We are calling for expressions of interest for Hockey. Stella is looking at entering teams into the IGSA hocket competition in Term 3. Games will be held on Saturday mornings at various venues around Sydney. Trainings will be held after school (day tbc). Students should go to the link on the hockey email they have been sent to express interest by next Thursday.

Tennis

Tennis lessons are continuing on Monday mornings this term. We have now commenced a tennis squad training on Friday mornings at Keirle Park. This squad is for players who have some tennis experience and is more focused on match play. This will allow our players to continue playing throughout the year in the lead up to Tildesley and other tournaments that will occur in Term 4. Notes are available on SEQTA.

Aerobics and Pilates

There are still places available in our Pilates and Aerobics classes. Pilates takes place on Thursday mornings and Aerobics is on Friday mornings. Both are held at school at 730am. Notes are available on SEQTA.

*Jenny Wickham
Head of Sport*

Still Life Painting Workshop for Teens



Saturday 15 May, 2-4pm

Join artist, TV presenter and previous Mosman Youth Art Prize winner, Dilara Niriella for a fun workshop exploring still life painting. Inspired by Dilara's painting, students will create their very own contemporary still life painting of everyday objects.

Open to 12-15 year olds

All materials provided

Cost: \$25

Book: www.trybooking.com/BOWFY

Image: Dilara Niriella, *What's for dinner*, 2019, oil on Canvas, 24 x 36 cm

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University - Early Entry

Many institutions have their own early offer schemes that run separately to the Schools Recommendation Schemes.

You need to apply directly to the institutions for these.

Download the summary from the UAC website at: <https://www.uac.edu.au/assets/documents/ug-fact-sheets/ug-fact-sheet-early-offer-schemes.pdf>

Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS):
This scheme is administered by UAC and you apply through UAC (after making your UAC application and submitting your course preferences). It is a scheme where institutions can make you an early offer for a course using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR. This is now open but applications close 19 September – plenty of time
<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/schools-recommendation-schemes>

Visit our Stella Careers Website
www.stellacareers.com

- 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 (30 April 2021 Career News) [here](#) and select the first dot point.

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Canteen Roster

Hours are 9.30am to 2.30pm

Monday May 03

Sonia Hatvany
Lidia Gherasimova
Elizabeth Fitzsimon
Nicole Covich

Tuesday May 04

Belinda Vumbaca
Julia Laaman
Stephanie Jones
Karen Joseph
Nicole Sheather

Wednesday May 05

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

No volunteers required thank you

Thursday May 06

Cindy Attanasio
Joanne Gruber
Lisa McGregor
Justine McKee
Nicole Reber
Rebecca Knights

Friday May 07

Lisa Thorpe-Apps
Jo McNamara
Joanna Lynsky-Smith
HELP NEEDED PLEASE

Can't make it or would like to volunteer?

Please call Bernie on 9976 1826 or 0414 519 108

CANTEEN NEWS

We would like to update you about what the canteen is doing (albeit very gradually) to make our world a better place. It was Earth Day last week and World Oceans Day is coming up on 8th June so it seems a good time to get rid of some things that are polluting our oceans and land fills.

No more straws – this happened last year but we have also eliminated some drink products which had straws attached that weren't environmentally friendly – around 40 a week

No more plastic water bottles – about 150 a week. Other plastic drink bottles will be phased out over time.

We have eliminated some bread products which were wrapped in a plastic bag, around 80 a week. This will also continue to be monitored.

No more 'soy sushi fish' - around 250 a week. (Instead our students can still have soy, but from one refillable bottle)

We will continue to look at other things to make the canteen more environmentally friendly and gradually introduce healthier food lines, whilst eliminating the less healthy ones.

Uniform Shop

1. Stella Pants: Please come to the Uniform Shop for sizing. The pants can be worn in Terms 2 and 3 by all Years. Cost \$65.

2. Monday Week 3 all girls are to be in winter uniform.

Open

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

At this time 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.

Scarves

These are now in stock. Cost is \$12.

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 collect her order the next day. We have been holding uncollected paid 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. If you have any queries please email us.

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

Disposable Face masks

Disposable masks are available from the Uniform Shop for \$1.

More Uniform Information

[Click here for full price list](#)

[Click here to go to the College Uniform webpage](#)

You can also contact Gail
9976 1819

uniforms_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Bernie & Cheryl