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STELLA MARIS NEW LETTER

Olympic Edition!

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Blessing for our Community

*May the God of all wonder who set the stars
in the sky,
bless you with relentless unsettledness – that
drives you to seek truth.*

*May the God of all justice who gave motion to
the rivers,
bless you with righteous anger – that drives
you to seek freedom for all.*

*May the God of all love who placed laughter in
the kookaburra,
bless you with the friendship – that looks like
the love where one lays down their life for
another.*

*May the God of all comfort who determined
the height of the mountains, bless you with
tears from shared pain and mourning – that
shows you hope.*

*Now with wonder, righteous anger, sacrifice,
and lament –
Go in truth, justice, love, and hope – to
Change The Heart of Australia.*

Amen

Brooke Prentis (Good Samaritan Education Term 3 2021 Resource -
The Year of Communion)

Please Read

Following tightening of restrictions in the face of persistent community transmissions of COVID-19, the pandemic is a daily challenge for everyone.

The College recognises that many of our families are continuing to experience unexpected hardships from the pandemic and that some may be worried about their ability to pay fees.

If your financial situation has changed short or long term and these changes have impacted your ability to keep up with your regular fees payment schedule, we encourage you to contact the Finance team fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au for confidential advice as to how we can best support you during this time.

PLUS

Do you own a business and would like to advertise it in our Newsletter for the next month? Send your advertisement to admin@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au #supportingeachotherthroughcovid

Dear Stella Community

Stella Stars at the Olympics

Today, Rowena Meredith (Class of 2012) competed in her heat of rowing (Quad Sculls) in Tokyo. On Saturday, Bronte Halligan (Class of 2014) will play her first game of water polo and Kiri Tontodonati (née English-Hawke) (Class of 2012) will compete (for Italy) in her first rowing heat (Pairs). We wish them the best of luck in the competitions.

Term 3

We have completed two weeks of remote learning and I am very proud of the girls' efforts in remaining engaged and connected to their learning. As a school that is well resourced with IT support and laptops for students and staff, the transition to online learning has been relatively smooth. MS Teams also has more capacity and features to assist the teachers and the students to remain connected. The Learning and Teaching Team (Louise Yeates, Brett Foster and Carmel Patterson) and the ILTs (Brett Foster, Scott Mellis, Jessica Willson and Rob Sutcliffe) have been working with the staff to ensure that the learning in the classroom is successful. I thank them for their efforts.

It is certainly a different campus without the presence of the students and we can't wait to have them back on site.

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 Stella Maris at the end of 2021, you have informed the Registrar by the end of Term 3.

Semester Break

As I mentioned last newsletter we have installed solar panels on the roof of the Theatre. There are 109 panels which will be producing 61.4 megawatt hours of power per year, avoiding approximately 55 tons of carbon every year. As a comparison this system would be able to power the equivalent of 11 Australian homes; take 19 cars off the road; and power over 307 school computers. We already have solar panels on the Scholastica wing and will plan for additional panels as part of our next masterplanning project. Thanks to Matt Edmonds from the IT Team for the beautiful 'bird's eye view' photos on the next page.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal

Our Olympians

Current girls, even though they are at home, had a 'Green and Gold' multi day today in support of our Olympic Team, especially our own Stella competitors. Fun fact: Did you know that the Stella school colours were originally green and gold right up to the late 90s?

Schedule: <https://olympics.com/tokyo-2020/olympic-games/en/results/rowing/olympic-schedule-and-results-date=2021-07-23.htm>

Watch live: <https://7plus.com.au/> (need to sign up for a free account)

Rowena's Repechages: Sunday, 11.50am AEST

Bronte's water polo games:

Game 1 vs Canada: Sat 24th July 5.30pm AEST

Game 2 vs Netherlands: Mon 26th July 8.20pm AEST

Game 3 vs Spain: Fri 30th July 9.50pm AEST

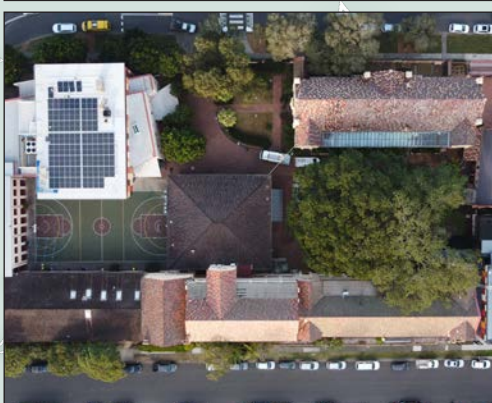
Game 4 vs South Africa: Sun 1st August 9.50pm AEST

Final series starts with Quarter finals on 3rd August.



Solar Panels

We are the first school on the Northern Beaches to take up the assistance offered by the collaboration between Solar My School and Northern Beaches Council. Well our school colour is **green** after all!



Parents & Friends

Comedy for a Cause

Postponed until Term 4 on Friday, 19th November, and will now be our parent Christmas/end of year event. Your tickets 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 for a refund.

*Kate Lovelace and Andrea Hogan
P & F Presidents*

Online tutoring

Are you confused with some online task/assessment ? Help is at hand!

- Book a tutor via email library_notices@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au or call the Library team to book a time on 9976 1840
- Times are between 3.20pm and 5.30pm
- The tutor will call you via MS Teams at the agreed time.

Monday

Rebecca Mackenzie = Tutor_01
My HSC subjects: Ancient History, Modern History, Biology, SOR and Advanced English
Also, Junior Science and Maths.

Ella McMahon = Tutor_02
My HSC subjects: English, Religion, Business, Design and Technology. Also, junior subjects English, RE, Geography, History.

Tuesday

Annabelle Gilbert = Tutor_03
My HSC subjects: Maths, Physics, Chemistry, 3 Unit Maths. Also, Junior Science and Junior Maths.

Annika Barton = Tutor_04
My HSC subjects: All levels English, History, Art, SOR, Legal Studies. Also, junior subjects: English, RE, Geography, History.

Wednesday

Jasmine Costello = Tutor_05
My HSC subjects: Advanced English, Standard Maths, Drama, Textiles, Technology. Also, Junior Maths and Science.

Holly Horswill = Tutor_06
My HSC subjects: Maths Advanced, English Advanced, Chemistry, Biology, SOR 2 Unit and Maths Ext. Also, junior subjects.

Thursday

Emma Dineen = Tutor_07
My HSC subjects: PDHPE, English, Maths, Science, Biology, Chemistry. Also, Junior Science and Maths.

Maggie Warner = Tutor_08
My HSC subjects: Modern and Ancient History, Advanced English, SOR 2 Unit, Drama. Also, junior subjects.

Select and Collect

Neither rain nor sleet nor pandemic can stop our books getting through...

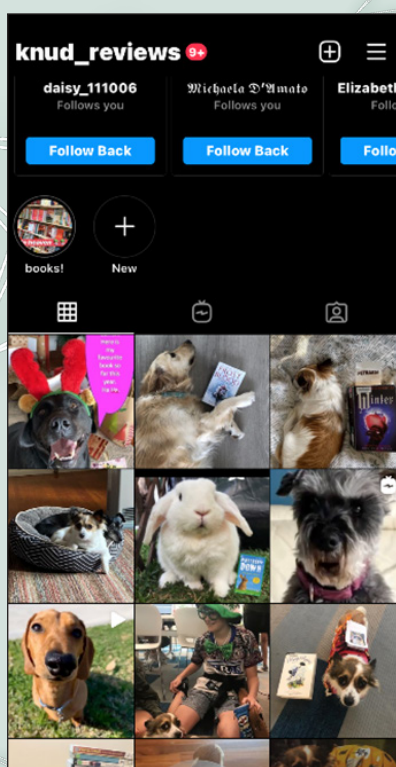
Remember this from 2020? Our contactless pickup service initiated during last year's lockdown, is being offered once again.

1. Find what you want in our catalogue: <https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/121205>
2. Email your request to library_notices@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au or call on 9976 1840. Let us know when you would like to pick them up.
3. We'll have them ready for you to pick up from the Eurobin Avenue Scholastica entrance.



Instagram knud_reviews

Share our four legged friend book recommendations. (Ask parental permission). Knud is a pup who just loves to read! Knud's latest obsession? Luna Chronicles.



Crops are in!

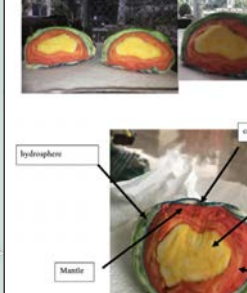
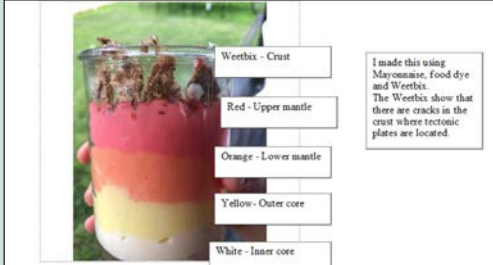
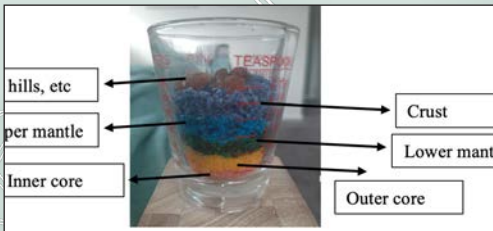
Our Year 7s normally have been busy planting herbs and seedlings for their Design and Technology unit of work this week. Sadly they can't be here at school to do so but we made sure the plants are in the Vegepods and growing happily. The students will be able to have weekly updates on their crops' growth and when they do return to school the crops will be ready for harvest.



Year 8 Science

Building a Better World?
Well, a tastier one!

One of the Year 8 Science classes completed a model the layers of the Earth at home. They had to come up with their own representation of the layers of the Earth and submit a photo. They are all thoughtful and creative expressions of 'what lies beneath'!



There's a lot of things 'not happening' right now but learning at Stella is always happening!

#learningisfunatstella

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[facebook.com/smcmanky](https://www.facebook.com/smcmanky)



Grants available to students with talent in six categories: technology and innovation, performing and visual arts, sport and physical wellbeing, social impact, entrepreneurship, and sustainability and environment.

Deadline extended to 31 July 2021

An exciting opportunity is now available for students to be recognised for their contributions and ambitions in an area they are passionate about. Nominations are open for the Edstart Achievement Awards Program, which acknowledges and rewards talented students across six award categories. Each winner will receive an award from Edstart as well as a \$1,500 grant towards a project, initiative or training in their area of interest.

For full details and to nominate, visit <https://edstart.com.au/award>

