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STELLA MARIS NEWSLETTER

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Prayer for Communio

Communio is the web of relationships which constitutes the actual life of Good Samaritan Education, underpinning the participation of all members in community and the sharing of responsibility for its shared mission. Communio shapes our collective identity and communal seeking of God and is incarnated in "bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ep4:2b-3)."

*God of humility and service,
Open our hearts to listen and see your way
As we name your presence among us
Called to courage and steadfast love.*

*May our actions today and always echo your
name*

*One in Christ and one on mission together
We desire your faithful embrace*

*Enfold us in your patient and loving presence
this day.*

Amen

Good Samaritan Education Resources

Dear Stella Community

Our Olympians

It has been great to watch Bronte Halligan (Water Polo), Rowena Meredith and Kiri Tontodonati (Rowing) compete in the Tokyo Olympics. We cheer on our Stella Olympians!

Rowena Meredith was awarded a Bronze medal in the final of the Women's Quadruple Sculls on Wednesday. When Rowena's dad, Chris, was contacted by Ms Smith to congratulate the family, he responded saying, *'It's a story of never giving up. She's been knocked back so many times but she never gives up. Each time, she's got back in the boat and rowed harder. They failed in the original Olympic qualification. She got chucked out of the elite National Training Centre. She's recovered from injury. She just doesn't know how to fail.'* Stella congratulates Rowena on her achievement.

Seven Sports commentator, Jon Harker, gave a **'SHOUT OUT TO STELLA MARIS'** in his coverage of Bronte's second water polo competition game, which the Stingers won against the Netherlands, 15-12. Bronte competes again tonight at 8.50pm.

Kiri, competing for Italy in the Women's Pairs, made it to the semifinals and into the B Final. It has been so exciting to watch the success of our Stella alumnae and we are very proud of their efforts.

Thank you to Ms Jenny Wickham for the Olympic 'events' happening at Stella with competitions for the best mascot, Olympic themed artwork and even a planking competition! It is wonderful to see the ways in which we can continue to support each other, despite the lockdown.

Term 3 Online Learning Continues

With the announcement of the extension of the Greater Sydney lockdown we prepare for what will be learning online for four more weeks. Ms Yeates and the Teaching and Learning Team will be reviewing our current approach to ensure that we are providing an optimal experience for our students and preparing a Covidsafe plan for the return of Year 12 on 16th August.

The Wellbeing Team remains 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. I encourage all students from Years 7 to 12 to take advantage of the free tutoring. Inclusive Learning staff are also available to the girls for support in their virtual classrooms and after school. Contact Ms Douglas cathy.douglas@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au for support.

In speaking with principals of other schools, it is clear to me that Stella staff and students are working hard to make the 'learning from home' experience work. With staff running demonstrations for Food Technology and Science from their home kitchens, I truly appreciate the dedication of our staff. I also

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

am proud of the resilience that students are exhibiting, recognising that they can only control how they respond, not their current circumstances.

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 (please note that 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 the end of Term 3.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal

Olympics update

Bronte's water polo games:

Game 3 vs Spain: Fri 30th July 8.50pm AEST

Game 4 vs South Africa: Sun 1st August 8.50pm AEST

Final series starts with Quarter finals on 3rd August.

We're loving all the enthusiasm being shown through supportive messages and post Likes. All three girls are following our Facebook updates.

Join the celebration at

<https://www.facebook.com/smcmanly>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stellaexstudents>

Year 12 Mums

Calling all mothers and grandmothers of our current Year 12 students! An email went home last week to parents and carers but just in case you didn't see it...

Are you an ex-Stella girl? We'd love to hear from you so you can be included in the Year 12 Graduation presentation. This is something we do every year and it is a lovely way to acknowledge our second, third and fourth generation Stella families. Please email donna.stimson@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au with your name and the year you finished at Stella. If you have a photo of you in your uniform that you can attach to your email, that would be much appreciated too. We hope to make Graduation Week a very special time for our girls.

Thank you to those who have already responded.

Ex-Stella Girls

Time to join SMESA!

Stella Maris Ex-students' Association

Email exstudents@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au with your full name and maiden name. You'll go into our database and be notified of upcoming events as well as receiving IOGD - the SMESA bi-annual newsletter commencing very soon. (You can opt out at any time.)

Also, join our [Facebook group](#) to connect with over 1800 friends, classmates and other former students.

*Donna Stimson
SMESA Coordinator*

Parents & Friends

Comedy Night

With at least another month of lockdown stretching before us it's good to have something to look forward to!

Don't forget to book your tickets for our Comedy Night, re-scheduled to Friday, 19th November, which will now be our parent Christmas/end of year event.

Thank you to all those who have already purchased tickets. By now you should have received an email from Comedy for a Cause confirming that your tickets have been automatically moved to the new date. For anyone who has purchased tickets and can't make the new date, please either reply to this email or contact us at PandF@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au and we will organise a refund for you.

Next P & F Meeting

Wednesday, 1st September, 7.30pm

Our P & F meeting for Term 3, originally scheduled for Week 1, will now take place on Wednesday, 1st 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 don't forget to save the date in your diaries!

We look forward to organising some social events for all Year groups as soon as restrictions allow and in the meantime, stay safe everyone!

*Kate Lovelace and Andrea Hogan
P & F Presidents*



Comedy for a Cause

FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2021

Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm / No students

Featuring comedians from
Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festivals

comedyforacause.net/SMC

Star of The Sea Theatre
Stella Maris College,
52 Eurobin Ave,
Manly

BOOK NOW!
\$35

BOOK ONLINE

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Stella Maris College

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.

Ebooks and Audio

Online Ebooks and Audio books are available anywhere any time and linked to our Renaissance Reading program.

Log in on your laptop: <https://stella.wheelers.co/>

Sign in = firstname_surname

Password = Library1

Or

Download the Wheeler app to your smart phone and listen to a book - whilst taking your daily exercise perhaps!

Select and Collect

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

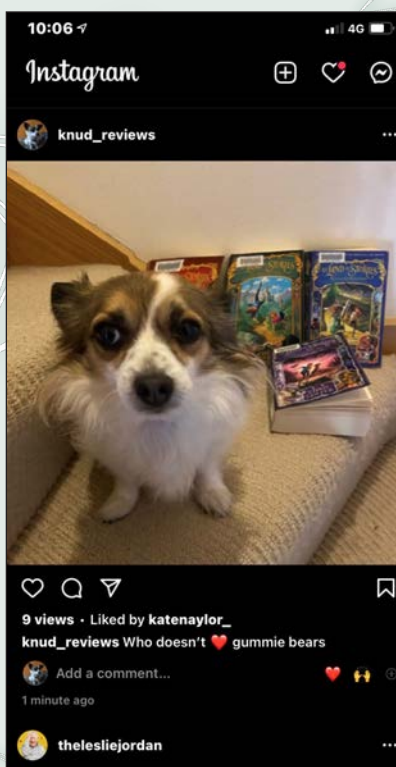
Remember this from 2020? Our contactless pickup service initiated during last year's lockdown, is being offered once again.

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) and follow knud_reviews on Insta. Knud is a pup who just loves to read! This week's obsession? The Land of Stories by Chris Colfer.



Stella Sleepout

Who is our neighbour?

WE ARE SLEEPING OUT AT OUR HOMES THIS YEAR TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE GOOD SAM KINDER SCHOOL IN THE PHILIPPINES, VINNIES WINTER APPEAL & NBWS DRIVE

2021 ANNUAL SLEEP OUT @HOME

1. SIGN UP/ REGISTER FOR THE SLEEP OUT @ HOME ON **MOODLE** & RAISE UP TO \$50 OR MORE!
2. MAKE YOUR **REGISTRATION ENTRY PAYMENT** & SUBSEQUENT **SPONSORSHIP PLEDGE DONATIONS** HERE:

Please register on Moodle

<https://www.trybooking.com.au/donate/stellasleepoutathome>

Information about the SleepOut @Home

*We are running the **Stella SleepOut @Home** this year **Friday 27th August (week 7)** to empathise with rough sleepers and raise money for the Vinnies Winter Appeal, Northern Beaches Women's Shelter & the Kinder School in the Philippines*

\$100 CAN PROVIDE FOOD FOR 1 STUDENT @ THE KINDER SCHOOL FOR A WHOLE YEAR

THANK YOU!!!!

We are sleeping out @home to empathise with rough sleepers in Australia & abroad

In our Stella Year of Peace & Justice



WHO ARE THE KINDER SCHOOL FROM BACOLOD?



We are fundraising for the Good Samaritan ministry of the Bacolod Kinder School in the Philippines.

This ministry provides sustainable support for these vulnerable children who are impoverished. The feeding program set up by the Sisters enables the children to have a nutritious meal and milk

We encourage students to start asking people to sponsor them for the SleepOut @ Home

MAKE A DONATION

<https://www.trybooking.com/au/donate/stellasleepoutathome>

Information about the SleepOut @Home

- This is a voluntary event for only Stella students
- You will need to register on Moodle. **By registering you are committed to raising the minimum of \$50 with your initial entry fee.**
- You are required to raise sponsorship for the event

Without justice there can be no peace

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR WHAT THIS EVENT MAY LOOK LIKE @HOME...

Post Pics to the Live Stream in Teams 7.30 to 9.30

IDEA 1

Have a backyard campfire / fire pit & chat about the issues facing people doing it tough

IDEA 2

Pitch a tent / sleepout on your trampoline or in your garage for part of or for the WHOLE night

IDEA 3

Tune into the TEAMS LIVE STREAM for fun games / trivia / dance off's / shared stories photos & posts

IDEA 4

Sit outside in your garden on some newspaper / cardboard for a part of the night & chat about the experience

IDEA 5

Have some hot soup / hot chocs/ toasted marshmallows/ Smore's & chat about the experience

Winter Appeal

The Northern Beaches Women's Shelter supports homeless women and their children, allowing them to rebuild their lives.

The Shelter accommodates women in domestic violence situations, financial hardship and those struggling with mental health and drug/alcohol addiction.



The Vinnies Winter Appeal

Aims to break down the cycle of poverty that contributes to homelessness

ANSWERING TOUGH QUESTIONS:



When someone doesn't have a home, they have no place to sleep, eat or to permanently keep their belongings



Not everyone has friends or family who can help them right now, so they have to find different places to sleep each night.



Not everyone has enough money to own or rent a home, because these things are very expensive. They might not be able to work right now, or maybe their job doesn't pay them enough money for them to afford a house.

**Join our Stella community
in supporting the most
vulnerable**

These items will be packed into Care Packs for people doing it tough in our community

**Please hold onto your
items at home until
Lockdown is over.**

year 8

Care Pack Bags:

eg: canvas shopping bags / suitcases/ back packs (pre-loved is ok but in good condition)

year 9

Wellbeing items:

eg: deodorant / lipgloss / handcream

year 10

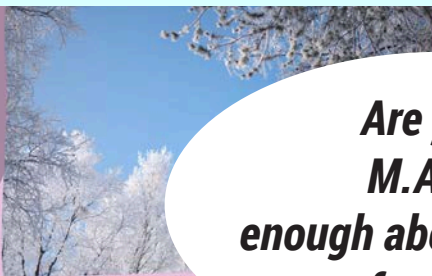
Sanitary products or Hygiene products

year 11 and 12

Nappy pack / formula tin / or item of warm clothing (scarf, mittens, slippers, socks)

The Bake / Art & Craft Mini Market will happen once we have returned to school...

- **MAD** have been working hard creating beanies for the homeless.
- To create a stronger impact Stella will be **holding a Bake & Art/Craft sale** to raise funds for those doing it tough this winter.
- Money raised, donated items & the MAD beanies will go into care packs to be distributed to the women's shelter & Vinnies Winter Appeal



**Are you
M.A.D.
enough about justice
for all?**

Art & Craft/Bake Sale

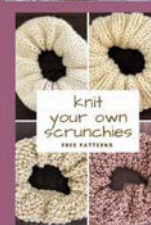
- This sale will be full of sweet treats & talented arts and crafts!
- those students and teachers who love to knit, crochet, paint, bake or be creative can donate items to be sold at the sale.
- We will send out free patterns and templates to support your ideas ...



Crochet Bee
Free Crochet Patterns



Crochet Bee Pattern



knit
your own
scrunchies
FREE PATTERNS



Sydney Harbour Kayaks

Stella-Paddlers

All Stella families are invited to come down and rent a kayak with us (for 'fitness' of course!)

Paddle with us in a double deluxe sea-kayak for 2 hours
Usual price \$90.00 but...

Stella Family Price for August \$50.00

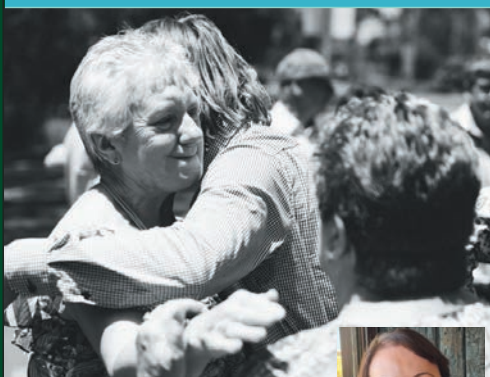
Save another \$25.00 with your NSW 'Discover Voucher'

Bookings are a must: 02 9969 4590
Location: The Spit Bridge, Mosman.

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