

STELLA MARIS NEWSLETTER

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Prayer on the Feast of St Monica

Lord Jesus,
you were moved by the prayers and tears
of St. Monica
and you gave the grace of conversion to
St. Augustine, her son.
Touch our hearts and convert us from
fear to love,
from sickness to health and from conflict
to peace of mind.
May our lives draw others to love you.



P & F Meeting – this Wednesday, 1st September, 7.30pm – INCLUDES WELLBEING TALK!

IMPORTANT: Please email fleur_tichelaar@ stellamaris.nsw.edu.au to register your interest so you can receive a link to join the meeting next week.

All are welcome and we encourage you to join us to listen to Amy Smith, Assistant Principal Wellbeing and Kylie Andrew, College Counsellor, who 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, with the topic of wellbeing for our teenagers particularly relevant right now.

Comedy for a Cause

Anyone who purchased Comedy For A Cause tickets for the old July date, these will automatically be transferred to the new date of Friday, 10th November. We sincerely hope that by this time we will be able to go ahead. Tickets can be purchased here: comedyforacause.net/SMC

Stay safe everyone. Kate and Lovelace and Andrea Hogan P & F Presidents

Dear Stella Community

Congratulations

This week Lily Bergqvist's audition for the Voice was aired on television. Well done to Lily for turning Jess Mauboy's chair and getting through to the next stage. Congratulations Lily for a great performance!

Year 12 Trials

Our Year 12 continue, and we are so proud of the girls for putting their best efforts into their work. Hearing from staff in other schools it is clear that our Stella girls are doing well with the support offered by the staff and the use of MS Teams and Seqta.

Examining the Impact of COVID-19

A report from the Melbourne Graduate School of Education on the impact of COVID-19 on teaching and learning surveyed all education sectors and found some interesting results of which we need to be mindful.

- Approximately 50% of teachers reported that all their students had access to devices.
- Just over 50% of teachers reported that students completed their work most of the time.
- 74% of secondary teachers in independent schools agreed that students were well prepared to engage in learning online.
- Teachers indicated that the better the support at home, the more positive the educational outcome for students.
- Families of students who continued to foster social networks and nurtured the emotional wellbeing of their children were an important factor in supporting young people.
- 2/3 of teachers indicated they were working more hours than usual every week.

You may wish to <u>read the Report Summary</u> in full. It is important that families, students and staff work collaboratively during this time to support both the learning and wellbeing of the young people in our care. I thank you for working with us to support your daughters.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal

Youth Mass

Manly Freshwater Parish will be live streaming our first Youth Mass with music by Simon Hyland and youth readers in the next few weeks — date and time to be confirmed next weekend.

Follow Manly/Freshwater Parish on Facebook

What's New This Week?

Lockdown Marathon

Congratulations to the students and staff who have already completed the Stella Lockdown Marathon. It is a great achievement to finish the 42.2km. Well done to those who have finished it so quickly. Our first 10 student finishers were (in no particular order):

Saoirse Ford, Liv Rolfe, Camille Hirose, Samantha Wareham, Holly Wickham, Tilla Garrett, Jade Guichon, Katy Hodges, Katie Bates, Mackenzie Taylor.

Everyone still has time to complete the challenge! Fill in the km tally sheet and email it back to Mrs Jenny Wickham by Monday night (30th August).

More challenges and exercise ideas will be sent out next week once the marathon is finished!

Jenny Wickham, Head of Sport

Keeping Physically Active in Lockdown

As the lockdown continues it can be very hard to stay motivated to keep physically active. However, there has never been a more important time for us to make exercise part of our daily routine. Physical activity helps our mind and body in so many ways, including:

- releasing chemicals such as endorphins in our brain, which are great at improving our mood
- leading to better sleep and will give you more energy
- making us feel like we have achieved something in our day
- loosening the muscles in our shoulders and neck, which might be sore from sitting at our desks or tight from stress and anxiety
- · giving us a break from sitting in front of a screen
- · being great for our immune system

Careers

Job of the Week: Paramedic

What do Paramedics do?



Paramedics respond swiftly to medical emergencies, assess the condition of and attend to injured people, and provide transport to medical facilities if necessary. They work in high-pressure situations

and are required to use their medical knowledge and training to make important decisions to save people's lives.

If you work well under pressure, are a confident and quick decision maker, and want a career that will help you save lives, you might want to consider becoming a Paramedic.

How do you become a Paramedic?

Click HERE to learn more about this job and pathways to get there.

Stella Careers Website

Please visit our very own Stella Careers website at www.stellacareers.com for all your career needs, PLUS, see our regular weekly Careers newsletters HERE

Lisa Walsh, Careers & Pathways Advisor

PS. Rowena Meredith, Stella's Olympic Bronzemedallist rower, is headed for a career in Paramedicine, studying at ACU.





Keep your exercise gear in view – you are more likely to pick it up and use it if you can see it!

Try to do 5
mins of
physical
activity in
the break
between
each lesson

Take every opportunity to be active: such as doing sit ups when watching TV!





Change your work position every 20 mins: sit, stand, walk. Take a break from sitting all day!



Workout at home Try an online workout

Or do some JUST DANCE



Take your exercise outdoors. Play games in the backyard, head to the beach or go to the park to do your exercise in different locations

Explore our local area: we live in one of the best places in the world. Use this time to discover the area near you!

What's New This Week?

A Star in the Making

Lily was a powerful presence on Channel 7's *The Voice* this week. Jess Mauboy surely made a huge mistake by not taking her through! With years ahead of her we are excited for Lily's long-term future and look forward to hearing her share her amazing gift with the College on many more occasions to come. Congratulations to the second youngest singer on The Voice 2021 (she's in Year 9!) who more than held her own against many older and more seasoned performers.

Watch her blind audition HERE.



New Eyes / New Dress

Year 9 Textiles have been getting creative and creating fashion silhouette designs with colours and textures around their home and garden.

This activity gives our students cause to look at the world around them with fresh eyes then use that

perspective in novel and interesting ways, in this case, as fabric designs. Physically creating and cutting out the silhouette and using it as a lens to capture and make decisions about fabric design is, in every way, a very different experience to Googling!

Elyse Connolly, Technology Teacher



















Reminders Don't let things fall off your 'To Do' list!

- 1. The **Stella Marathon** finishes on Monday. Students: Even if you haven't started yet you can still get it done! (10.5km a day walking or running is achievable!) Record your kms on the tally sheet (emailed to you) and email it back to Ms Wickham by Monday night.
- **2. Fees Help and Advice:** Contact the College by emailing fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au if you would like to discuss school fees. An information page can be found towards the end of this newsletter.
- 3. Stella Sleepout is tonight! Make a donation over the weekend at https://www.trybooking.com/au/donate/stellasleepoutathome



1 Sept P&F Meeting

5 Sept Happy Father's Day!

10 Sept Body of Works Virtual

13 Sept Year 12 Graduation Week

17 Sept End of Term 3

4 Oct Labour Day long weekend

5 Oct Start of Term 4 12 Oct HSC begins

15 Nov Year 10 Advancement Program begins

19 Nov Comedy for a Cause P&F Event

1 Dec Presentation Night

2 Dec End of Term 4 for students (half day)

Sleepout Fun Tonight

Comps/kahoots / quizzes / Zumba / guess which staff member's pet / prizes to be won / spotlighting wildlife / campfire damper & marshmallow recipes...

Leaving Stella? Providing a Term's 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 on 17th September.

Thank you for your cooperation. It is much appreciated.

Enrolments

Do you have a daughter who has not yet started her Stella story? Do you know someone else thinking about enrolling their daughter? Stella is enrolling now for Year 7 2024. Now is the time to start the enrolment process!



ENROLLING NOW YEAR 7 2024

Enrolments open until Monday 13th September 2021







Wellbeing Reminder

Resourcing Parents

For Parents

Find a parenting program near you.

There is a Parenting Program to navigate the way ahead through smooth seas or choppy waters.

Tuning Into Teens

There are a few online Tuning into Teens programs coming up soon. Find more information here

FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS -SUPPORT HEALTHY BODY IMAGE IN **YOUR CHILD**

01 SEPT 2021 (FREE) 7PM - 8.15PM VIA ZOOM

Live - No recording available

09 SEPT 2021 (FREE) 7PM - 8.15PM VIA ZOOM

Live - No recording available

BOOK NOW

Links not working? Copy and paste into your browser: https://events.butterfy.org.au/portal

LET'S TALK BODY CONFIDENT CHILDREN AND TEENS

and secondary age children provides practical tips to help you better understand and promote positive body image in the home and healthy eating and exercise behaviours. **Learn about:** the power of positive role modelling; reducing toxic body talk; developing resilience to social media pressures; and what to do if you are concerned. For a full session outline visit: www.butterfly.org.au

LET'S TALK BODY IMAGE IN BOYS

explores the challenges young males are facing and practical strategies to support the development of a healthy body image in boys. **Learn about:** the common concerns for boys and who is at higher risk; how stereotypes, social media and the sport and fitness industry drive appearance pressures; common signs that training, exercise and eating may be problematic; and what to do if you are concerned.

These webinars are offered as part of Butterfly's Body Families initiative designed to help parents support their teen's body image. Register for either webinar and gain automatic access to additional Body **End** Families resources – videos, factsheets, family activities and audio materials. For more information: www.butterfly.org.au/bodykindfamilies

Contact:

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#gettingthroughcovidtogether

Fees Help Update

Thank you to those families who have paid their third instalment.

The College understands that the pandemic has brought with it unexpected hardships for many of our families. We kindly urge you to contact the Finance Office if you have any concerns about school fees now or in the future.

There are options so please email fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au and we will contact you to talk about how we can best support you during this time.

One option that we have had very good feedback about from some Stella families is Edstart, with some families even using it to manage payments across multiple schools. There is a flyer on the last page of this newsletter. Again, please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Disclaimer: Stella Maris College do not provide any recommendations, brokering or advice services, nor do we receive referral fees, commissions or other remuneration from Edstart.



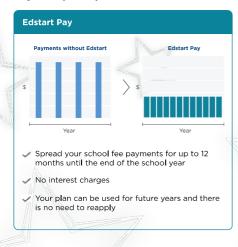


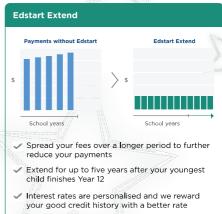
Flexible payment options

Edstart is providing flexible payment plans to help you manage your fees at Stella Maris College.

- ✓ Pay in weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments
- Include school fees and other costs like uniforms, laptops, excursions and extracurricular activities
- Change or cancel your plan at any time with no additional cost

Payment plan options





How to get started

Calculate your plan and apply online at edstart.com.au/stellamaris

You can apply at any time during the year and we will tailor a plan to meet your needs based on your remaining





📞 1300 139 445 🛭 Contact@edstart.com.au 🌐 edstart.com.au/stellamaris





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 domestiviolence situtations, financial hardship and thos struggling with mental health and drug/alcohol addiction.

In our Stella Year of Peace & Justice



Join our Stella community in supporting the most vulnerable

The Vinnies Winter Appeal

ANSWERING TOUGH QUESTIONS:



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



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



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

Who is our neighbour?

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

Nappy pack / formula tin / or item of warm clothing (scarf, mittens, slipper

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.

Without justice there can be no peace

It's easy to be M.A.D.

Art & Craft/Bake Sale

- This sale will be full of sweet
- who love to knit, crochet, paint, bake or be creative can donate
- We will send out free patterns and templates to support your





Our Local Community

Advertising Policy: The College newsletter is usually not open to advertising for commercial businesses; however, at this point in time we are supporting our Stella families in any way we can. If you are a business owned and operated by a Stella family feel free to send your advertisement to administration@stellamaris. nsw.edu.au. Under normal circumstances, we are sure you understand the practical nature of our decision not to accept advertising. Within limits, we promote events run by the local council and by registered not-for-profit organisations working in the local area. Thank you for your understanding.



HEALTH PLANS & PROGRAMS

WHOLEFOOD MAMA

Agnesa Simcic is a clinical nutritionist, food coach and yoga teacher. She uses whole foods to improve nutrition and health outcomes for women and families, specialising in managing stress, mood and digestive issues, naturally.

NUTRITION CONSULTATIONS



ONLINE YOGA MEMBERSHIPS

25% OFF All Nutrition

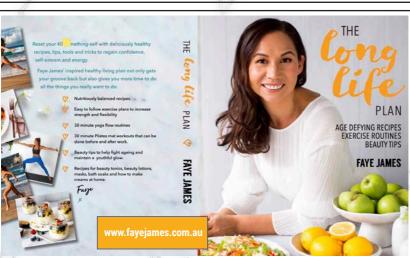
All Nutrition Consultations, Meal Plans & Health Programs



USE CODE: STELLA25OR mention Stella when booking

www.wholefoodmama.com.au P: 0418 213 265





Looking to get healthy during lockdown? Get 10% off Faye James' books and nutrition coaching services PLUS buy The Long Life Plan book and get 3 ebooks (vegan, vegetarian and low carb) worth \$17 for free.





Time to live your dream of being a Yoga Australia certified teacher.



Do you own a business and would like to advertise it in our Newsletter for the next month? Send your advertisement to

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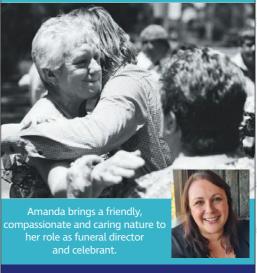




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Beautiful Funerals

Helping community honour, mourn, celebrate, heal and rejuvenate



For more information call Amanda Bisset on 0416 009 129

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