

STELLA MARIS **NEWSLETTER**

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Prayer

Creator God,

Creator God, breath of life in all creation Thank you for living and loving in us and through us May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings

May our selfishness and blindness be transformed that we will learn to live sustainably and compassionately with all creation

Create in us a thirst for justice and hearts stretched out in compassion as we respond the cry of those made poor

Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world

Send us forth to be beacons of hope and compassion as we work to bring about the reign of God in our school.

AMEN

COMEDY FOR A CAUSE COMING SOON! BOOK HERE TODAY

19th November, Star of the Sea Theatre

Get away from the kids for this 'Adults Only' night out with the ABC's Peter Berner and other top form comedians in our very own Star of the Sea Theatre. An hilarious line-up of comedians will be live on stage and drinks will be available prior to the show. It's all Covid safe so bring your Proof of Vaccination and slide into this great opportunity to laugh your sides off (and support Stella of course). Tickets are limited and only \$35 so do yourself a big favour and...

BOOK HERE TODAY

ALERT: Fees Payment

We have had a **non-traceable fees deposit** made at the Westpac Dee Why branch in the week of 20-26 September.

If you or a relative made a deposit in person at the Westpac Dee Why branch, kindly contact the Finance Office letting us know the date and amount of the deposit so we can identify you.

fees@ stellamaris.nsw.edu.au or call 9976 1812 / 9976 1813

Dear Stella Community

Welcome Back to Stella

This week we welcomed everyone back to Stella for face-to-face learning. The Wellbeing Team and Support Staff prepared and presented the girls with a small gift of a muffin and a treat and were there at the gates in the morning to show them how happy we were to see them. Welcome back to everyone!

I am very proud of all our girls. Our Year 12s continue to work on their learning preparation for the HSC with workshops this week. We paused on Wednesday for a Spring Carnival Ladies Lunch to celebrate their last days at school. It has been a difficult year but the girls have been courageous and moved forward together. We will hold final year meetings with Year 12 to recognise and celebrate their achievements on Monday.



Year 11 have been working on the transition to Year 12 and now Years 7 to 11 are all back in class, school is finally returning to normal. Please encourage your daughter to be fully engaged in learning between now and the end of term.

Parents and Friends

This week the meeting of the Parents and Friends saw Brett Foster give the families an insight into using SEQTA (our Learning Management System) as well as the use of MS Teams and online exams. This was great information for the parents who were most grateful for the presentation. Brett also updated the parents and carers on some of the changes in education over the past few years including the need to foster higher order thinking and improve writing skills.

Don't forget the P&F are organising a Comedy Night on 19th November in the Star of the Sea Theatre. Make sure you book your tickets for a great night's entertainment and a chance to get to know other Stella parents.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal



1 Nov Year 12 Graduation

8 Nov HSC begins

15 Nov Year 10 Advancement Program begins19 Nov Comedy for a Cause P&F Event

1 Dec Presentation Night (format tba)2 Dec End of Term 4 for students (half day)

What's New This Week?

Sport Report

It is with much excitement that we are planning our 'return to sport' at Stella. School sport will be able to recommence as of Monday 1st November. There will still be a number of restrictions that we will need to follow to ensure a safe return to sport. For this reason, we will be offering a modified sporting schedule for the coming weeks. Please see below for the Sport Schedule for Week 5.

Over the coming weeks we will be holding training clinics for various sports. Our first clinics will be for basketball and touch next week. Next week these clinics will be for our junior Year groups. Any student is welcome to attend on their Year's specific day. We will have a number of fully vaccinated coaches available to coach students of any ability level.

Students have been sent the links to sign up for these clinics (the links are also below for students to sign up). Full details of the clinics will be sent to students who sign up. There is no cost for these clinics.

Tildesley Tennis

The Tildesley Tennis Squad will commence training in Week 6. This squad is open to all students who would like to trial for the Tildesley Tennis team that will play in March 2022. This is a great squad training where the students have lessons and match play. It is a fantastic team event with students from Years 7 – 12. This group will train once or twice a week at Keirle Park Tennis.

Students have been emailed the link to express interest in joining the squad. At this stage, training will be Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7am.

Tildesley Expression of Interest Survey

Basketball Competition 2022

Stella will be entering teams into the 2022 Manly Warringah Basketball competition. We will be sending out details and expressions of interest next week. Students will need to sign up this term and trials/gradings will happen in the coming weeks. Training and games will commence very early in Term 1.

Basketball Survey

Basektball Clinics Week 5 Schedule

Year 7: Wednesday 3rd Nov, 7.15am to 8.15am Year 8: Thursday 4th Nov, 7.15am to 8.15am Year 9: Friday 5th Nov, 7.15am to 8.15am

Touch Football

Touch Clinics Week 5 Schedule

Years 7 and 8: Thursday, 3.30pm to 4.30pm, Keirle Park Touch Football Survey

Careers

Job of the Week: Public Relations Officer

What does a Public Relations Officer do?

Public Relations Officers use their communication skills to build relationships between businesses and organisations and the public. They implement marketing strategies that help people understand what businesses and organisations do and sell, and help maintain a business or organisation's good reputation.

If you're a skilled communicator, confident with public speaking, and want a job that can take you almost anywhere in the world, becoming a Public Relations Officer could be perfect for you.

How do you become a Public Relations Officer? 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

From the P & F

Thank you

A big thank you to guest speaker at this week's P & F Meeting, Brett Foster, Director of Innovative Learning, who gave a fantastic presentation on learning at Stella and gave us some valuable insights into the way our teenagers learn, which is so very different to the way we were all taught. He also gave us a tour of SEQTA Engage and revealed resources that most of us had never discovered! It's well worth having a good look around the SEQTA app and be sure to check out the "Parent Hub" (towards the end of the main menu) and the "Wellbeing Hub" which is inside it.

The next P & F meeting will take place in Term 1, 2022.

Comedy Night

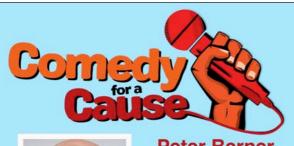
Did you see the ad on the first page for our upcoming Comedy for a Cause Adults Only Night Out?

Last time this event was run it was a huge hit with everyone who attended and the line up for this year is looking equally impressive. Take a good look at the poster on the next page!

We can't urge you enough to get out of the house and into the Star of the Sea Theatre to support the College and have a stress-releasing, belly-achingly funny night out.

Have you bought your tickets yet for our one and only social event for the year?

BOOK <u>HERE</u> TODAY



In Support of:

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Peter Berner

- Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala
- Host of the BackBerner and The Einstein Factor on ABC TV
- The Peter Berner Experiment on Triple M
- As seen on Good News Week, Rove, The Footy Show

"exactly what stand up should be" "hysterically funny" - Chortle



Andrew Barnett

- Sydney & Perth Comedy Festival
- Performer and writer for 'Sunday Nights with Matty Johns',
- 'The Professor's Late Hit' & 'The Night Watchmen' Fox Sports.
- Winner ANZ Blue Rooms Comedy Prize 2016
- NSW RAW Comedy Finalist

"Warm, personable and hilarious" - Akmal Saleh



Bruce Griffiths

- Triple J Comic of the Year Winner
- Triple-M, Live At Jongleurs (UK)
- Aria Award winning writer for Good News Week & The Glasshouse
- Gold Medal in the New York Festival Film & TV Awards

"The best one-liner comic in the business"



Laura Hughes

- 'The Comedy Zone' Melbourne International Comedy Festival's top five best new comedians.
- 'The Detour' TBS in the U.S.A.
- 'At Home Alone Together' ABC

"irreverently hilarious" - Herald Sun

Friday 19th November 2021 Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm Star of The Sea Theatre Stella Maris College, 52 Eurobin Ave, Manly

NOW!

BOOK

Tickets: \$35 at comedyforacause.net/SMC (18+ Only)

What's New This Week?

On Monday we couldn't mask our excitement at seeing the girls pouring through the gates after more than a term away. Muffins and smiles for everyone! We loved seeing a full playground again.























Canteen and Uniform Shop

Canteen

Here is the roster for next week. A reminder that the canteen will **NOT** be open at recess - girls have been asked to please bring their recess. All lunch orders are to be made **online only** on the Portal via My Student account. The canteen will not be open for walk ins. This will be the process for next week at this stage. If you cannot make your day, please let the Canteen know on 9976 1826 and leave a message or ring Bernie on 0414519108. Please bring a mask and proof of vaccination. Look forward to seeing our parents back!

Monday 1 November

Cathy Shanahan HELP NEEDED PLEASE

Tuesday 2 November

Nicole Sheather HELP NEEDED PLEASE

Wednesday 3 November

Kirsten Wenbourne Janine Silva Francene Scali

Thursday 4 November

Justine McKee Taemar Handes

Friday 5 November

Jo Lynskey-Smith Jeremy Stubbs Lisa Thorpe-Apps

I have also sent emails to our current volunteers asking if you can come in for the remainder of this term and ALSO your plans for next year.

If you haven't already, I need you to let me know ASAP if you would like to stay on your day, change to another day or not come back at all. I will be preparing next year's roster soon but I can't assume that because you are on the roster now, that you will be doing the same next year.

We will have responses back soon from next year's new parents with their preferences, so if I haven't heard back from our current volunteers, I can't guarantee you will get your preferred day.

> Thank you Bernie and Cheryl

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Open 8.00am to 4.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Limit one student at a time; mask and sanitising essential.

Uniform Supplies

Factory closures due to Covid have delayed the shipment of dresses and sports uniforms. Stock is currently very low. If your daughter desperately needs a new item, please email the Uniform Shop and I will check availability.

2022 Booklists

These are now available for online ordering at <u>www.</u> <u>campion.com.au</u> Use code KV6K to access.

StellaBay

Some Year 7 and 8 textbooks can be sold to Year 7 2022. Details are on StellaBay. ONLY those books listed can be sold. Please post now as the new parents will soon be looking for second hand textbooks. Make the exchange after the exams. All years have been emailed the list of books that can be sold second hand. These are also shown on StellaBay.

Disposable Face Masks \$2

All girls should be bringing their own face masks. On the odd occasion it is forgotten, masks can be purchased from the Uniform Shop Tuesdays to Thursdays and Student Services on Mondays and Fridays. Cost is \$2.

Parents On Site

Currently Stella Maris is not encouraging parents on site. Your daughter can pay by Student Card or with credit card details.

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 see link below to access our online store. This link can also be found on the portal and College website. If you have any queries, please email us.

Some sizes may show as "Out of Stock". This may be because stock is low in that size. Please check with the Uniform Shop.

There is a 1pm cut-off for placement of orders for same day collection Tuesday to Thursday.

ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP

Please collect orders shortly after the 'Ready for Collection' notice is sent.

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.

Gail Hickey 9976 1819 uniform_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Reminders



Your school in focus

Our school is using the Perspectives: Your school in focus suite of surveys developed by AISNSW to support our school improvement endeavours. The information gathered will assist in furthering the growth and development of our school community. We will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

These surveys are specifically designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of stakeholders' perceptions of five important areas: School Environment, Teaching and Learning, Student Wellbeing, Leadership and Community. All staff, students, parents/guardians, leaders and Board members are invited to participate.

The surveys will be available from 1 November to 14 November and are conducted online, taking approximately 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

Your input and contribution are important to the success of our continuous school improvement process as we aspire to improve the learning experience for everyone at our school.

For any enquiries about the surveys please contact Courtney Pynsent wellbeing@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Virtual Vinnies High School Christmas Gathering Invitation



Invitation to the first Virtual Vinnies Christmas Gathering! Held on the Thursday 2nd December from 3.30pm-4.30pm, this will be a great opportunity for students to have lots of fun games and connect with other schools.

Registration closes on Monday 22nd November so please email Ms Metcalfe before then if you are interested. sarah_metcalfe@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Scholarship 2022 Senior Performing Arts

Applications close Monday

We are pleased to announce the opportunity for Year 10 students to apply for a Senior Performing Arts Scholarship.

The successful applicant will

- Have a proven ability as an outstanding, active, and committed member of the Performing Arts community at Stella Maris College.
- Select 2-unit Music and/or Dance and/or Drama as part of their HSC pattern of study.
- Be achieving outstanding academic results in all subject areas.
- Reflect and support the Benedictine values of our College.

The Scholarship covers the tuition fee component of the annual student fees for Year 11 2022 and Year 12 2023 and is subject to an annual review of

commitment and performance. The Scholarship does not cover the cost of resource fees or any other non-tuition fees.

Please complete this **APPLICATION FORM** if you are interested in applying for the Senior Performing Arts Scholarship.

Applications close 3.00pm 1st November. Auditions held week beginning 15th November.

Once applications are closed, a short list of successful applicants will be invited for an audition. Those successful in the audition will be called for an interview

With the fluid Covid restrictions at the moment we may require applicants to submit a video of their performance if we are unable to audition in person. Applicants will be informed of the audition process closer to the audition date.

Applicants are to prepare the following for their audition:

- Music an accompanied performance on their principal instrument. Backing tracks or live accompaniment are acceptable.
- Dance a prepared solo in preferred style.
- Drama a short monologue (no longer than 2 minutes).

Got a child learning to drive?

Supervisors of Learner Drivers Online Workshop



Wednesday, 3 November 2021 6:30pm to 7:45pm

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at this free online workshop. This online workshop will provide practical advice on a range of items including:

- · Changes to the Learner Driver Licensing Scheme
- Log book apps approved by the Roads and Maritime Services
- · Completing the learner driver log book
- Supervising learner drivers
- Understanding the benefits and safety aspects of supervised on-road driving experience
- Understanding the licence conditions for learners and provisional licence holder

Registration

Bookings are essential as there are limited spaces. Log in details for the zoom presentation will be emailed closer to the event. Learner drivers are also invited to attend.

Bookings - Supervisors of Learner Drivers

Contact Information:

Northern Beaches Council – Road Safety Officer roadsafety@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au or call 8495 6804

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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.

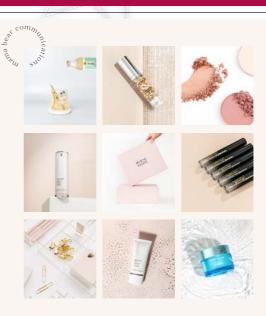
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The minimum number of children to attend is 6 with no maximum numbers (up to 50 can be catered for). The price is \$80 per child. The minimum age is 5 years and again no maximum as all ages enjoy the parties and they are designed for the age group booked.

The fun filled 1.5 hours includes the children hand tempering chocolate on marble and making a selection of chocolates – all of which they take home on the day in generous goody bags (so you do not have to create these yourself!). The children make chocolate bars, artwork lollypops, chocolate stars and freckles (this can be adjusted or changed on request).

You can choose to use organic milk, white or dark chocolate. You will need to make the selection before the event. All children get a certificate, celebrating the day. The birthday parties usually are hosted 2-3.30 on Saturdays and Sundays but other days and times can be booked if we have availability.



We offer a full high tea service after your party for an additional \$40pp. Please note our high tea is an outdoor event only.

Alternatively there is a lovely BBQ area that many parents have a party and cake at after. Please note the BBQ area is a public facility, so we recommend you get there early to try to get the space. Our front lawn is an excellent alternative to bring a picnic rug and watch the boats sail by on the harbour foreshore while enjoying your cake.

If you would like our balcony with tables and chairs and plates for the cake; this space can be leased for 1 hour for an additional \$150 per hour. This way you can have full access to our harbourside outdoor deck to celebrate with cake and snacks that you bring on the day.

Please note we are a fully licensed venue, so can serve adults sparkling wine and champagne at this time. For BYO we charge an overall \$25 corkage for the hour. Please advise us if you are bringing alcohol on the day.

HOW TO BOOK

We hope to welcome you in the future. All bookings are confirmed with a 50% deposit. You can book online, email rebecca@cocochocolate.com.au or phone 0414701477 to 1:00pm.

LOCATION

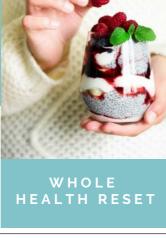
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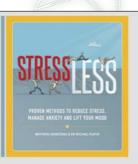














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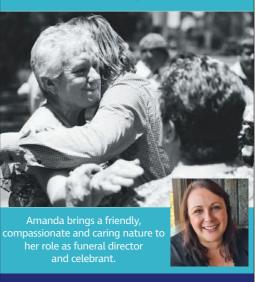
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