



2022

# Our Year of Hospitality

## Stella Newsletter

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### **Principal Update**

**Open Evening** 



On Wednesday, Stella opened its doors to prospective students and their parents. It was wonderful to see our Stella girls so proudly showing students around their school. The staff had prepared displays and activities for viewing and packages for the prospective students to take home. It was a wonderful night.

In this, our Year of Hospitality, Joan Chittister reminds us, 'Guests bring the world in, place it at our feet and dare us to be how and what we say we are'. (Joan Chittister OSB The Monastery of the Heart). We hope these new families were able to



feel connected to our Stella Maris College community.

Thank you to the Marketing Team and all the staff who helped with the



evening's events. Special thanks to the many girls who were involved in the evening as tour ambassadors, speakers, participants and performers.

### **Broken Bay Diocesan Mass**

At last week's Diocesan Mass, we celebrated Michelle Fisher's 35 Years of Service in Catholic Schools.

Congratulations Michelle on reaching this significant milestone.



Elizabeth

**Elizabeth Carnegie** Principal

### **Highlights**

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Dear God

May we remember the gift of salvation in this season.

May we walk through this season intentionally, removing distractions that take our gaze away from your glory.

May we simplify where we have been stressed, may we surrender what has been burdensome.

May we see your goodness and your glory in new ways throughout this season of Lent.

May we know the depths of your love for us more fully.

Draw us closer to your heart, that we might know you better and understand you more completely. May our actions reflect our hearts, and may we worship you through all that we say and do throughout the weeks to come.

We ask these prayers in Jesus' name

**AMEN** 



# Open Evening Jiani Chen

It was an exciting evening on Wednesday as we finally opened our grounds to prospective and current families after more than two years.

We had an overwhelming atttendance. Our P & F kindly looked after families by offering a sausage sizzle. We had staff and students available to answer questions and students serving gelato tubs or cones. Whilst we can create a welcoming environment, the ones who best demonstrate and express our school DNA are these young women - our student Tour Ambassadors.

Thank you to these girls who volunteered their time. Each girl was polite, proud, confident and able to respond to parent questions. There was a number of high praise and accolades for our Tour Ambasadors.

To our Student Tour Ambassadors - thank you. You are the ones who best represent our school being innovative, inspiring and inclusive.

### Term 1

**MARCH** 

24 - 25 Year 8 Retreat

**Important Dates** 

30

Year 7 Parent Welcome

#### **APRIL**

Student Learning 07 Conference (Year 12 only)

08 End of Term 1

**27** Term 2 commences







### **School Terms**

TERM 1

Mon 31 Jan to Fri 08 Apr

TERM 2

Wed 27 Apr to Fri 24 Jun

TERM 3

Tue 19 Jul to Fri 23 Sep

TERM 4

Mon 10 Oct to Fri 02 Dec

















#### MON 21 MAR

Jackie Reimer Kendall Traversio Amanda Thomas Lindie McKay

#### **TUE 22 MAR**

Meaghan Wellings Riany Turner Heather Lawson Kim Singleton

#### WED 23 MAR

Amanda McNally Jude Furniss

\*\*2 OR MORE **HELPERS NEEDED\*\*** 

#### **THU 24 MAR**

Daniella Hazell Monique Franks Lesha Evans

\*\*1 OR MORE **HELPERS NEEDED\*\*** 

#### FRI 25 MAR

Alison Kelly Brooke Bennett Karen Peterson Katie Spillane Kylie Church Louise Moore

### Lost property at **Mona Vale Bus Depot**

We have been contacted by Keolis Downer - operators the the Northern Beaches bus service advising a bag has been handed in.

If you recently lost your uniform and believe these may be your belongings, please call Keolis Downer on 8914 4050 and quote reference number: F2203004571.

### P & F Update

Kate Lovelace & Andrea Hogan - P & F Presidents e pandf@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

#### **Open Evening**

Thank you to all volunteers who came along to help with the BBQ at Open Evening on Wednesday. It was a terrific evening with an impressive number of prospective families coming along. While barbecuing, we were treated to a truly wonderful concert, being right next to the music, and all commented on what a talented bunch of girls we have at Stella. Well done girls!



#### WhatsApp Groups

If you are new to the school you may not yet have joined up to your Year Group's WhatsApp Group. These groups are set up by the

P & F to help you connect with other parents in your daughter's year group. They are used to organise social events and are very handy for asking questions.

Here are the links to join:

Administrator: Kelly Hindman

https://chat.whatsapp.com/ DTV8mc1S1RgDu8Bw2WEzce

Administrator: Belinda Hay

https://chat.whatsapp.com/ Ld26FUW8TDsD2xRTICaVUW

#### Year 9

#### \*\*Administrator needed\*\*

https://chat.whatsapp.com/ HHMUa6P9oXM1Q6QSqcPrwF

Administrator: Molly McKenzie

https://chat.whatsapp.com/ HxFeVIPxrqW15dqno44mEG

Administrator: Janet Sajowitz

https://chat.whatsapp.com/ InVnTvMt9NFAkoR99H2bxC

#### Year 12

Administrator: Carrie Hobday

https://chat.whatsapp.com/ F9pAVos1No0AS1DFa3oteC

Many thanks to Carrie Hobday and Kelly Hindman for stepping up to be Administrators for Year 12 and Year 7 WhatsApp groups. We now just need someone for Year 9. If you would be interested please let us know at pandf@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au.

### **REMINDER -** Peace Eggs on sale

from the Canteen - \$4.00 each







THIS SUNDAY 20 March @ 6pm



All Night Adoration on Friday 25th - 26th March

The Feast of the Annunciation

Manly Freshwater Parish Young Adults group have organized an All-Night Adoration.

Any questions please contact manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com

All are invited to come along.

The program is as follows:

- . 8:00pm 9:00pm: Mass at St Mary's Manly

- 9:00pm 7:45am: All Night Adoration 7:45am 8:00am: Benediction 8:00am 8.30am: Saturday morning Mass
- 8:30am 9:30am: Breakfast & Youth Group in Parish Centre

There will be a sign-on roster at the back of the Church at Manly for those who wish to assist on ensuring all times are covered.





### **Modern History** Selina Han

On Tuesday 15 March, Year 11 Modern History students attended the Sydney Jewish Museum as part of their studies into the Holocaust and the Construction of Modern Histories.

The students developed their skills in source analysis, grappled with historiography and built a better understanding of the Holocaust within a wider historical context through their participation in a one hour guided tour of the museum, a one-hour workshop with a museum educator and a one hour talk from Holocaust survivor Joe Symon.

The girls enjoyed the excursion, agreeing that listening to Mr. Symon's experiences and his message for young people that "it can be done" was something truly special.

It was interesting to hear and engage with someone who experienced the Holocaust. It was great to ask questions and hear a very personal story.

#### Bella B

The survivor's story really helped me to put together a lot of the information learnt across the day, whilst also helping me to understand a perspective of a survivor and his experience. It made me consider how this can be connected to/differ to those stories we studied in class.

The Source Analysis component reinforced that often you can come across two different sources that contradict each other but instead of regarding one as wrong you can put them together to find even more information.

#### Amy S

My favourite activity of the excursion was the tour of the museum and getting to see the artefacts, while having the guide explain to us what was significant about each. This was my favourite because it provided an experience we cannot get at school and allowed me to gain a better understanding of what actually happened.





## **Uniform Shop**

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**Alumni Enquiries** 

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9976 1825

Canteen Manager Bernie\_McGrath@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au College Fee Enquiries

fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

**Uniform & Text Books** 

uniform\_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

**Operating Hours** Tue | Wed | Thu 8:00am - 4:30pm

#### **Current conditions**

- One student per visit - Mask mandatory
- Hands to be sanitised

#### **Online Ordering**

There are orders awaiting collection. Please ask your daughter to come and collect either before school, during Recess or Lunch.

Visit our Online Store to order your uniform needs.

Please remember to order using your daughter's name.

Orders can be collected during recess or the next trading day.

» SHOP now

## **Uniforms, Fittings & Books**

Gail Hickey

#### Winter Uniforms

Year 7 and Year 10 can now purchase their winter uniforms. Both years' parents have been emailed details. Other girls who are new to the school or current girls who need additional items can also purchase.

Tracksuits are available online. Please refer to the sizing guides.

#### Year 7 Appointments

There has been a high number of missed winter uniform appointments. As there are limited timeslots, we ask parent to advise if you are unable to attend so that these spots can be offered to other families.

#### Junior skirts

The backorder has been delivered. For those girls' skirts on backorder, please come to collect. These have been paid for.

#### **Hospitality Uniforms**

There are many uniforms not yet collected. You will not be able to participate in practical lessons until you collect your uniform. Cost is \$89.

#### Looking for Alabrandi

Looking for Alibandi was out of stock when Year 11 ordered their English texts. These are now at the Uniform Shop. The girls have been emailed and can collect from the Uniform Shop.



## **Opening Night @ Belvoir Theatre**

Mitchell Smit

This week, all of Stella Drama from Year 9 to Year 12 were welcomed back to the theatre for the first time in over two years! It was a day to celebrate being immersed in the performing arts at Belvoir Street Theatre. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to see live theatre once again and we all walked away inspired by the culture only a live theatre can offer!



"I loved this experience and found it very beneficial to my understanding of what being an actor entails. Not only was the show extremely enjoyable to watch, but the Q&A afterwards gave us a great insight into the making of a play. The aspect of the play that I enjoyed most was the set, and how the lighting, sound and special effects help the set adapt to the scene."

Review from Hannah R

Week 3 | Janice

Sarah Metcalfe

**Social Justice** 

A Wagilak woman, **Janice** is a traditional dancer who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive.

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» **LEARN** more about Janice

» **READ** the Social Justice Newsletter





### Did you know...

can provide computer skills for two arts workers at the Djilpin Arts Centre in the Northern Territory.

#### \$250

can support 4 young men to harvest dijeridu timber in the Northern Territory.

#### \$5,000

can employ and train four arts workers to run the Djilpin Arts Centre in the Northern Territory. When we arrived in the theatre, we sat front and centre and had a great view of the stage.

The stage is a unique setup which allows the cast to immerse the audience into the world of the play.

The play started out strong and gave a sense that there were minimal characters and set. This was used to the show's advantage as it made the audience focus on the characters as individuals and their perspective in the situation.

The play was about a middleaged actress named Myrtle who is struggling with some life choices and is just days away from performing in a play.

The night before opening, a car kills one of her fans who is chasing her limousine in a desperate attempt to gain her attention.

Myrtle internalises the accident and goes on a journey but fails to find the answers she desires. As opening night approaches, she must find a way to deal with her own issues. As an audience, we begin to learn all about Myrtle's flaws and dive deeper into her mentality and fragility as a middle-aged actor. During the play there is a purposeful blur of reality to show a first-hand perspective of the the way Myrtle sees the world.

This was an amazing aspect of the play and gave the whole play a very surreal feeling.

Overall it was an amazing experience and I would definitely recommend this to other students. Thank you to Mr Smith and Mr Wood for taking us to a great production!

Review from Milla C





# Beach2Beach Walk

Year 10 – Year 12 beaches hike will be held from **Sat 26 March through to Tue 29 March** 

Students will be walking for two to four days, depending on their Award Level. Please make sure to read all the hike information carefully and keep up-to-date with your emails to know when the training sessions for the hike will be held.

All participants on this hike will be joining the Beach2Beach charity fun run as part of the highly successful Stella Maris College team. We encourage all Stella families to join our team.

All money raised from the Beach2Beach is donated to The Happy Days Charity run by local icon Mike Pawley and helps raise vital funds for a local village school in Siem Reap Cambodia that our Gold girls have the opportunity to visit in Year 12.

» CLICK to register and join our more about the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

## **National Day against Bullying and Violence**

Kylie Andrew

Friday 18 March is National Day against Bullying & Violence. We recently asked students to participate by creating a poster promoting positive relationships and anti-bullying behaviour.

We are pleased to congratulate two winners - Ruby A and Roisin O for their amazing posters. These posters will be displayed around the school grounds and each student receives a \$20 School Canteen voucher. Well done to you both.





## **CSDA Public Speaking Results**

Alexander Mascarenhas

This term we have had eight students participate in the Catholic School Debating Association's Public Speaking competition. The competition was held online via Zoom and included over 20 Catholic schools from across Sydney.

Our students presented on a range of powerful contemporary issues including feminism, education, Indigenous injustice and climate change!

Well done to Macey S, Hannah R, Ava N, Ruby K and Isla R for their enthusiastic participation in the competition!

Congratulations to Audrey R and CJ W who made it to the Zone Finals, and to Sami W who was a Grand Finalist with her speech about achieving equality for women through 'small' actions.

A reminder to all students who are interested in developing their public speaking, influencing skills and debating skills to come to Debating Club meetings Tuesdays Day 7 at lunchtime in G207 – all are welcome!



### Job of the Week

Lisa Walsh

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### Meteorologist

#### What do Meteorologists do?

Meteorologists are weather specialists, using science and algorithms to predict weather patterns and events. They track local weather, measuring things such as rain levels and wind, as well as larger weather events, such as heat waves and cyclones. They also provide advice and forecasting before and during natural disasters. If you have a passion for science and maths, are a great problem solver, and want a job that can be unpredictable and varied, becoming a Meteorologist could be right up your alley.

## How do you become a Meteorologist?

»CLICK to learn more

**» VISIT** our Stella Maris College Careers website for all your career needs, plus our regular weekly careers newsletters **here** 

w www.stellacareers.com

### **College Fees**

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Thank you to our families who have paid their 2022 fees.

We have had a non-traceable fee deposit made on 2 February.

If you received a payment reminder email with your statement attached and the balance owing looks incorrect, please contact the Fees Department as this non-traceable fee deposit could be yours.

For those families who do not have a Direct Debit Arrangement in place, payment of the account must be paid in three equal installments.

One third of the total invoice was due:

15 February 2022

And the other 2 installments are due:

- 15 May 2022
- 15 August 2022

Please remember to use your CRN number on the statement when you make any deposits.

If you would like to make any changes to your current arrangements, please contact a member of our Fees Team.

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- » EMAIL Fees Team
- » VIEW 2022 College Fees
- » CLICK to access Direct Debit Authority Form

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). Please email any enrolment changes to the registrar@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au as soon as you are aware the enrolment may change to ensure a notice fee is not incurred.

#### **EDSTART**

Families may like to consider Edstart as a flexible payment provider. Edstart assists families to manage their school fees and education costs. Feedback from Stella families is that the application process is easy and seamless.

To learn more about Edstart:

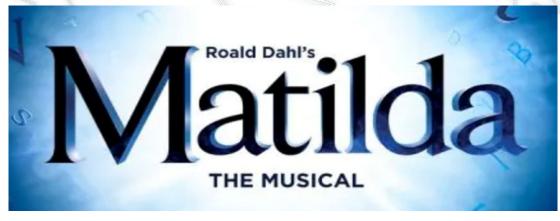
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» VISIT Edstart

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#### Mitchell Smith

Hi Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who took part in both our rehearsal of The Chockey Chant as well as participating in our open rehearsal for Open Night! The feedback from the general public on the night was overwhelmingly positive and both the prospective parents and students were amazed with the great work they have seen.

Please find below the rehearsal schedule for next week.

#### Just a reminder that everyone is required at every rehearsal

### **Upcoming Rehearsals**

### NOTE

If you are feeling unwell or are away, please ensure to stay home and look after yourself.

### **Email Mr Smith**

the morning of rehearsal day if you will be absent

#### Monday - 21 Mar

3:30pm - 5:30pm Matilda Drama Rehearsal -Theatre-

\*\*Everyone required\*\*

Pgs 42 - 44 Matilda, Escapeologist, Mrs Phelps, Acrobat's Sister & Miss Honey

and

Pgs 36 - 41 Mrs & Mrs Wormwood, Miss Honey, Rudolpho & Ensemble

#### Tuesday - 22 Mar

7:30am - 8:30am Matilda Vocal Ensemble -Theatre-

\*\*All Acting Ensemble & Lead Principals\*\*

### Wednesday - 23 Mar

3:30pm - 5:30pm Matilda Drama Rehearsal -Drama Studio-

Pgs 45 - 51

Matilda, Trunchbull, Miss Honey, Bruce, Little Kids, Big Kids







### **Term 1 Sport Carnivals**

#### March

BBSSSA Swimming Championships

21 - 22 NSW All Schools Tennis

BBSSSA Netball trials Pennant Hills

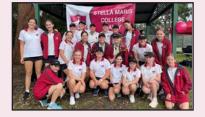
25 IGSA Swimming Championships - SOPAC

BBSSSA U13 Touch – Nolan's Reserve

#### April

29

Cross Country Carnival













### **Sports Update**

Jenny Wickham

#### **Tildesley Tennis**

Congratulations to our Tennis squad for their outstanding performance at the Tildesley Tennis Championships.

Tildesley was held over two days, Sunday 13 and Monday 14 March at Pennant Hills Park. The Stella squad was made up of 25 students from Year 7 to Year 12. The group has trained twice a week since Term 4 last year. **The results this year were amazing!** There was such a huge improvement from all the Stella girls from the Tildesley Tennis Tournament in 2021.

A big congratulations to Bella C and Sunny E who had great wins in Round 1, and progressed through to very tough matches in Round 2. Other students who had success in winning a number of games were Taylor J (our Tildesley captain), who had a very tough match and was unlucky to lose 8-6. Hannah G had a fantastic match, narrowly losing 8-7 after a tie break. Holly W played in a nailbiting close match, just going down 8-6. Our top seeded doubles, Stella G and Imelda R also had a great game, and were very unlucky to lose 8-5. Milly R, Annabelle C, Ruby C and Sara T also won 3 games in their doubles matches! A special mention also goes to Jess O. who won the Stella Tidleslev Tennis cake competition (one of the highlights of the tournament!)

Overall, our results were much improved on last year and the girls were absolutely amazing, both in their tennis and in their support for the team. The whole squad needs to be congratulated for their hard work, great results and Stella team spirit!

#### Stella Swimming Team

Unfortunately, the rain caused the cancellation of our swimming carnival award presentation this week. Our Age Champions, Special Award winners and overall winning house will be presented at assembly next week.

The Stella swim team will compete at the BBSSSA Swimming Championships on Monday 21st March and the IGSA Swimming Championships on Friday 25th March at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to the girls who have been selected into the Stella teams:
Andie M, Anna C, Annabel L, Ashton R, Camille H, Charlotte S, CJ W, Elisha C, Grace E, Holly W, Jemima P, Jess H, Jess O, Karissa E, Katie E, Katie F, Keira M, Lara M, Laura B, Laura T, Lucy C, Mia L, Mila McG, Sky B, Sophie L, Sophie L, Tilda B, Tilla G, Zara D, Zoe B.

#### Water Polo

Good luck to Annabel L who will play at the NSWCCC selections on Monday 21 March.

The Open Water Polo competition kicks off on Friday 18 March. Games are played on Friday evenings at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. We are still looking for more players to join the team. Anyone in Year 10 to Year 12 who would like to play water polo in Terms 1 and 2, please email Ms Wickham.

Our Year 7 teams are enjoying the Term 1 competition, which is played on Friday nights at Manly Pool. Year 8 and Year 9 will commence their competition in Term 2, on Monday nights at the Warringah Aquatic Centre.

#### **Cross Country & Run Club**

The Stella cross country will be held on Monday 4 April. Students in Year 7 to Year 12 are invited to take part. A link has been sent to all students to sign up for this event (link can also been found on SEQTA sport notices).

The distances for the Stella event: 12 and 13 years: 3km 14 – 18 years: 4km (please note that 18 years will run 6km at the interschool events)

The **Stella Run Club** is held on Monday mornings. All students are invited to attend. It is a great training and suitable for runners of all levels. Jack from Sydney Running Academy will lead the group, with other athletics coaches there to assist.

Interested students should sign up through the run club link that was emailed to all students (also available on SEQTA). Training will be on again on Monday. Meet at the Scholastica gates (Eurobin Ave) at 7:15am. What could be better way to start the week than a run along our beautiful beachfront!

#### Netball

Stella will be entering teams into the Peninsula Cup Netball Competition in term 2. We already have nearly 100 students signed up to play. Anyone who hasn't signed up should register on the link that has been emailed to all students (also on Seqta). Grading for our year 7 and 8 teams will be held in the final 2 weeks of term. Good luck to the following students who are trialling for the BBSSSA Open and U15 netball teams this week at Pennant Hills: Ava SC, Sophie B, Ashton R, Chloe H.