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Stella Newsletter

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Principal Update

Harmony Week

This week we held our first assembly under the fig trees with the whole Stella community present. Harmony Day (21 March) is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values (<https://www.aaeesa.org.au/event/harmony-day-2022/>).

day-2022/).

What should Harmony Week look like at Stella?

As a Catholic community, we seek guidance from the gospels when considering inclusion and respect. We are called, as followers of Jesus, 'to be with and for those who live on the margins, who are excluded from or denied the fullness of life that God intends for all' (GSE Discussion Paper: Prophetic Voices, 2022).



As St Paul writes, 'There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus' (Galatians 3:28).

At Stella, we live this mission out when we look out for one another, invite someone new into our group of friends or

make amends with someone we have hurt. It is how we continue to build a community that can be stronger through its diversity and connectivity.

Stella is a warm and welcoming community but we need to be mindful to ensure that everyone feels welcome and everyone has a place.

St Benedict, in his monastic communities, was mindful that each and every member had a role and each role was important to the integrity and on-going existence of the monastery. He insisted on obedience and respect but each member of the community was to be valued and recognised as a worthy member of the community. St Benedict's Rule continues to give guidance to Benedictine communities around the world.

At the assembly, I thanked the students and staff for continuing to make Stella such an amazing community. This was evident on Open Evening when staff and students welcomed prospective students into our school, during the recent flooding around the school when students were respectful and cooperative with staff as we arranged their exit from the campus and evident in Year 7's resilience during their difficult camp experience when the rain was torrential and unrelenting.

I am always very grateful for the amazing sense of community felt at Stella.

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Carnegie
Principal

Highlights

NAPLAN 2022

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Year 7 Visual Arts

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Prayer

God of Mercy,

I feel my heart overflowing with your
tenderness.

I sense your loving touch deep within my
soul.

I ask for your help in my weakness
that I might be faithful to your word
and I am so grateful
that your mercy for my failings
is as strong as your unbounded love for
me.

AMEN



Important Dates

Term 1

MARCH

24 - 25 Year 8 Retreat

30 Year 7 Parent Welcome Dinner

APRIL

07 Student Learning 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

Vox Episcopi - the Voice of the Bishop

Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The war in Ukraine has entered its fourth week and while world-wide condemnation of the Russian attacks grow, so does the death toll. Men, women and children. Hundreds of thousands of people are trapped in besieged cities decimated by missiles, ten million have fled their homes and more than three million have fled to neighbouring countries. This is an humanitarian crisis.

What can we do? Many have very generously donated to various appeals to help relief organisations on the ground in Ukraine with medical and food supplies.

We can also pray.

I urge the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay to join their prayers with Catholics around the world, and with those of Pope Francis, when he consecrates Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary this Friday, 25 March on the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

The act of consecration places the warring countries under the protection of Mary, the Mother of Christ, trusting in the power of her intercession. Such an act looks towards God, the source of all peace, and seeks God's peace through Mary. This renewal of the consecration that took place in Fatima more than 100 years ago, will occur on 25 March at 5pm Rome time, Saturday at 3am in Sydney.

However during the day on Friday, I encourage you to devote yourself to prayer – attend Mass, pray with your family or friends. Take opportunities in silent prayer at a local parish or chapel or in whatever way you can. I also invite my clergy to look for opportunities for people to gather, in person or virtually, so we may be united in prayer at this troubling time. It is my hope that many of our parishes will provide opportunities for people to come together locally in pastorally creative ways to join in solidarity at this time. It may be that a parish has a special Mass intention for its celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, or a special version of the Stations of the Cross, or a Rosary or recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet either in the parish church or online.

We must pray earnestly for a swift end to the crisis in Ukraine. This war has already brought immense suffering for many thousands of people,

deaths and homelessness, and will continue to have lasting and devastating effects on the Ukraine economy. Pray for peace and the freedom of people to live in peace. Nothing can be gained by war.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has made available the following prayer for use at this time:

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

*God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
Protect them in this time of mortal peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.
You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord.*

AMEN

I will also join you in prayer on Friday with a special video message, along with the provision of other resources, on our Diocese of Broken Bay website www.bbcatholic.org.au

Please share this with your family and friends.

With my prayers and blessing.



Year 11 Drama Play

Mitchell Smith and Philip Wood

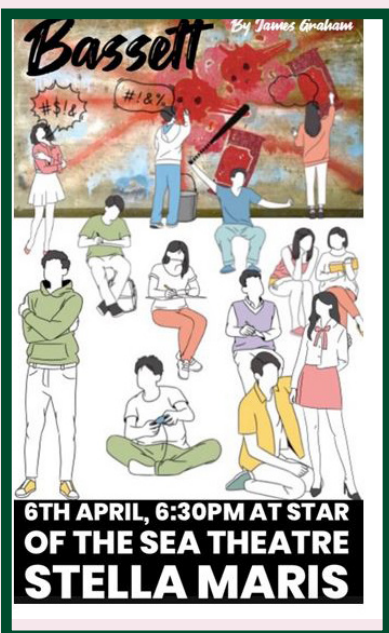
Year 11 Drama have been working collaboratively on their Term 1 performance assessment task.

The play is called Bassett by James Graham, and Year 11 would like to warmly invite you to the show!

As well as acting on stage, each student has been tasked with a production role. This means they have been in charge of sourcing or creating their own costumes, sound effects, lighting states, set design, poster and program design, and directorial concepts.

Bookings will be available from next week.

This play contains themes suitable for Senior students (Year 10 to Year 12) and adults.



NAPLAN 2022

Louise Yeates

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2022. Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between 10 and 20 May 2022.

In preparation for NAPLAN, our school will be participating in practice tests in the last week of term. The practice tests give students an opportunity to become familiar with the test format, functions and tools of the online tests in a test environment. The practice tests are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not recommended. Students do not need to be able to touch type to complete NAPLAN as the tests are not about keyboard skills (just as the paper test is not about handwriting skills). Students can use the public demonstration site to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in NAPLAN.

Students who receive special provisions during examinations will also receive them for NAPLAN. Our Head of Inclusive Learning, Cath Douglas, will supervise those students.

Please follow the links below to learn more.

[CLICK](#) to read information for **Parents and Carers**

A link to Information for students is also provided below:

[CLICK](#) to read information for **Years 7 and 9**

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact Scott Mellis our NAPLAN Coordinator scott_mellis@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

If you choose to withdraw your daughter from NAPLAN testing please follow the link to the parent/carer consent form and follow the instructions.

[CLICK](#) to read information on Parent/Carer consent form for exemption or withdrawal.

Additional resources:

- [Public demonstration site](#)
- [NESA NAPLAN website](#)
- [NAP parent/carer support page](#)
- [Watch a video that explains tailored testing](#)

We wish our Year 7 and 9 students well for the NAPLAN tests.

Canteen Roster

MON 28 MAR

Gabrielle Cook
Milu Rich
Erica Bilton
Emma Cousins
Amy Tingcombe

TUE 29 MAR

Paula Curley
Alison Vaubell
Lilian Henley
****1 or more
helpers needed****

WED 30 MAR

Claire Shropshire
Learne Farquhar
****2 or more
helpers needed****

THU 31 MAR

Taemar Handes
Jodie Franks
****2 or more
helpers needed****

FRI 01 APR

Diana Panuccio
Margie Mort
Tara Edgton
Alyson Perry
Simone Selinas

Canteen

Bernie McGrath and Cheryl Young
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Popular menu items

Sushi is back for online ordering - remember to get your sushi order in by 8:00am each day. Peace Eggs have been very popular and are selling fast.

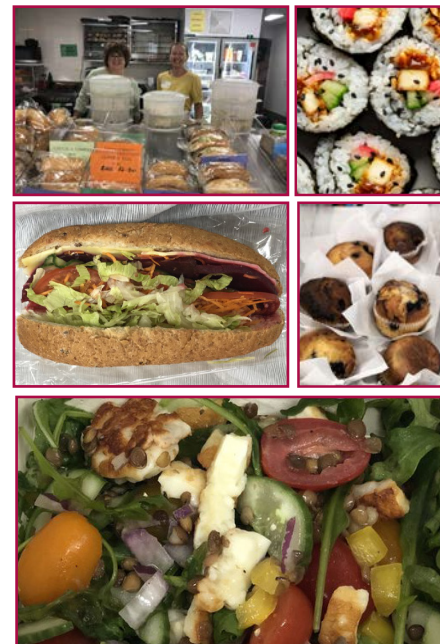
We have a range of freshly made salad rolls and meals such as spaghetti bolognaise, lasagne, greek salad, pesto pasta, dim sims, etc. If you feel like a wrap, this can be ordered over the counter at recess, ready for collection at lunch.

Parents - do you have some time to spare?

We could always use your help. We have vacancies for the following days. If you can help, please give Bernie a call on 9976 1826 or email canteen@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

5th Tuesday
3rd Wednesday
4th Wednesday
5th Wednesday

1st Thursday
4th Thursday
5th Thursday
4th Friday



Year 7 Parent Welcome Dinner - RSVPs close tonight

The Leadership Team and Pastoral Care Team
invite you to attend the Stella Maris College

Year 7 Welcome Dinner

Wednesday 30 March

6:00-8:00pm

The Deck, Main Campus

The Year 7 Dinner is an excellent opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet their daughter's Year 7 Pastoral Care Team, teachers and other Year 7 parents/caregivers within the Stella Maris Community.

Numbers are limited to the student
and two parents/caregivers.



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RSVP by Friday 25 March
Via <https://www.trybooking.com/BXXUR>



Student Learning Conferences Year 7 to Year 11

Get in Touch

General Enquiries & Feedback

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Student Absences & Enquiries

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9976 1817 or 9976 1885

Student Enrolments & Exits

registrar@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Alumni Enquiries

Donna_Stimson@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
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

Uniform Shop

Operating Hours

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

Current conditions

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

Online Ordering

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

Student Learning Conferences (SLC's) are an opportunity for parents, teachers and students to meet and discuss progress so far in 2022, and to identify learning goals and strategies to achieve these.

MS Teams

This year SLC's will again be conducted through MS Teams. In preparation, your daughter(s) will be instructed as to how it will work.

Dates

There will be **3 dates available** to book. Each interview timeslot will be for 6 minutes.

Mon 2 May	2:30pm – 7:00pm	6 min interviews
Tue 10 May	4:00pm – 8:00pm	6 min interviews
Wed 18 May	2:30pm – 7:00pm	6 min interviews

Login instructions

- Interviews are booked online through an external provider, PTO.
- Please do not attempt to use login details for PTO from a previous year or your Stella Online login, as neither will work.
- Instructions for obtaining login details will be emailed the day before bookings open. Please look out for this email. If you do not receive it, contact College Reception.

Bookings for Years 7-11 open on **Wednesday 27th April at 9:00am**.

We highly recommend that you leave a gap between interviews (i.e. do not make bookings back-to-back).

Use a computer to access PTO
not a phone or tablet.

One set of interviews

Both parent/carer emails have been set up in PTO, but please only make **ONE set of interviews per daughter** unless it is necessary for you to attend separately.

You will receive an email from your daughter's Head of Year with more information.

Parent/Student Reminders

Student Services

e studentreception@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Swimming Carnival

We have a number of belongings left behind at the Swimming Carnival located at Lost Property (towels, costumes etc). We ask students to stop by and check items.

Labelling personal belongings

We remind students and parents to **label uniforms and belongings** so that lost property can be returned to you (e.g. toiletry bags, pencil cases, devices, lunch boxes, drink bottles, etc).

Inter-Faith Excursion (Religion)

Mitchell Smith

Year 9 students had the opportunity to spend the day at the Prince Henry Hall of Education in Little Bay, with students their own age from different secular schools. The different schools included Pymble Ladies College, Moriah College and Granville Boys High School. Some of the different topics explored throughout the day were religious beliefs, racism and differences in cultural backgrounds. The students represented themselves, and the College, with the highest honours of respect and we are proud of how they took part in the day. Eva L and Amelie C share their insights.



On the 23rd of March around twenty Year 9 representatives from Stella Maris College attended the Inter-Faith excursion.

This is an event where we were able to converse with student representatives from schools with diverse religious backgrounds such as Judaism and Hindu. We learnt so much about culture and religion, making new friends along the way

-Eva L-

On Wednesday 23 March a group of twenty Year 9 students went on a excursion to the annual Inter-Faith dialogue. We were split into mixed groups with the other schools. After we sat down in our mixed groups, a representative from each school had to speak about their school, its history and core values. After lunch we had an important conversation about racism in Sydney. We created posters about racism and presented them to each of the groups.

To finish the day each school was required to do a musical presentation. We performed the song - Go Make A Difference. To conclude the experience was incredible and I would recommend it to every Year 9 student. I have made friends there that I will have for life.

-Amelie C-

Education Perfect Language Championships

Jennifer Murray

Languages students in Year 8s to 11 recently competed in the annual worldwide Education Perfect Languages Championships. Students earned points for learning vocabulary and completing reading and listening comprehensions.

Stella Maris College achieved impressive results in the category of schools with 1 – 50 Languages students per language per Year!

3rd in NSW out of **162** schools
9th in Australia out of **495** schools
15th overall out of **852** schools
115th overall in NSW out of **502** schools
711th overall globally out of **2,824** schools
 Japanese **2nd** in NSW out of **40** schools

Credit Certificates were awarded to:

Katherine E	Year 8 Japanese
Maya R	Year 8 Japanese
Molly S	Year 11 French Beginners and Chinese and Literature



Well done to all students who participated.

P&F Update

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

Comedy Evening

We are delighted to announce that, following the success of last year's Comedy Night we will be holding another one this year. Save the date in your diary **Friday 29 July**. More details to follow.



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.

Many thanks to **Holly MacKenzie** for volunteering to be Admin for Year 9 WhatsApp group and filling the last of the vacant positions.

A few people have had trouble with the links but we have been able to remedy this by emailing them through. The links should now be working. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at pandf@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au if you have any problems joining your WhatsApp Group.

Have a great week.

Year 7

Administrator: Kelly Hindman
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DTV8mc1S1RgDu8Bw2WEzce>

Year 10

Administrator: Molly McKenzie
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HxFeVIPxrqW15dqno44mEG>

Year 8

Administrator: Belinda Hay
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ld26FUW8TDsD2xRTICaVUW>

Year 11

Administrator: Janet Sajowitz
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/InVnTvMt9NFAkoR99H2bxC>

Year 9

Holly MacKenzie
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HHMuA6P9oXM1Q6QScPrwF>

Year 12

Administrator: Carrie Hobday
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/F9pAVos1No0AS1DFa3oteC>

Job of the Week

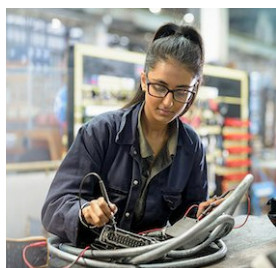
Lisa Walsh
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Electrician

What do Electricians do?

Electricians are responsible for installing, repairing, and maintaining electrical systems in a variety of settings, including domestic, commercial, and industrial. Electricians can work in a huge number of environments depending on their specialisation. Because you will be working with live electricity, knowledge of safety procedures and equipment is essential.

If you like to be physically and mentally stimulated, want a job with lots of variety, and don't mind working on your feet, becoming an Electrician could be ideal.



How do you become an Electrician?

» [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

Social Justice

Sarah Metcalfe

Week 4 | Rosalie

Rosalie's Story is about a childhood cut short by war and violence and the forced conscription to become a soldier in the DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo). After Rosalie finished her work as a soldier, she found it hard to break free from violence and poverty.

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» [LEARN](#) more about Rosalie

» [READ](#) the Social Justice Newsletter



Whilst the Beach2Beach event has been postponed to August, **the Years 10 - 12 Duke of Edinburgh hike will continue 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.

Winter Uniforms

Gail Hickey

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

Please come before 31 March to allow time for delivery if you require a blazer.

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 and collect your pre-ordered skirts. These have been paid for.

Year 7 Visual Arts

Marisa Quick

As part of the Year 7 Visual Art program, our young Stella artists had the chance to engage with a small menagerie of animals down at the Benedict Campus. This activity links in with the Animals Alive unit which requires students to draw, paint and sculpt a range of different animals to make their first Body of Work. Here is a quick review by one of our students:



Last Thursday, Year 7 went to a Kindy Farm to stretch their creativity and to take photos of all the animals.

After taking the photos, Year 7 drew the animals in different ways on black paper, on white paper with charcoal and with pencils in our VAPD. Then we got to brush, pat and cuddle the animals which was a lot of fun.

-Evelyn W-



Mitchell Smith

SCOOTERS!!

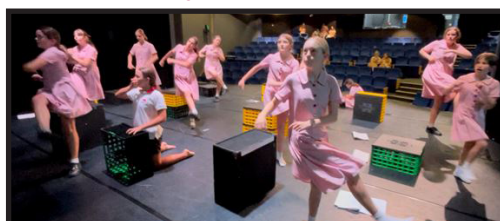
Do you have a scooter that we could borrow for the show? We are looking for 12 scooters like the one shown below. So, if you think you have a spare scooter or 12 laying around the house, we would love to take them off your hands and safely store them at school for the duration of rehearsals and the show. Please email Mr Smith and bring them in from Monday next week!



We are fast approaching the end of Act 1, which is amazing! Well done on your continued hard work in rehearsals and a very special mention to Eva Loyez as our amazingly talented dancer, Rudolpho, who dances up a storm with Mrs Wormwood! We are now proud to announce our second Rudolpho is Josie Stubbs. As we start to come to end of Term 1, now is the time to continue learning all your lines as we would like to come back from holidays with our scripts down.

As we move forward in the rehearsal schedule and toward the end of Term 1, we understand that there are many commitments required of our cast members, both in the show and in College life. We encourage everyone to bring some homework or assessment work so that you can utilise the time off stage to complete your work.

Now to the really FUN part...WE NEED



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

Upcoming Rehearsals

Everyone is required at every rehearsal

Monday - 28 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 - 29 Mar

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

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

Wednesday - 30 Mar

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

Pgs 45 - 51

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

Sports Update

Jenny Wickham

Term 1 Sport Carnivals

March

25 IGSA Swimming Championships - SOPAC

29 BBSSSA U13 Touch – Nolan's Reserve

April

4 Cross Country Carnival

BBSSSA Swimming

Congratulations to the Stella Swimming team on the outstanding results at the BBSSSA Swimming Championships, which were held at Sydney Olympic Park on Monday 21 March. The Stella girls swam amazingly all day, and we finished with some outstanding results! Lots of the Stella swimmers finished in the top 3 in their events with many of them swimming PB times on the day!

A huge congratulations to **Kiera M** who was awarded BBSSSA 14 years Age Champion!

Five Stella students have now qualified to swim at the NSWCCC Championships in April: Lara M, Jess O, Zara D, Andie M and Kiera M. Well done and good luck girls.

The Swim team is also competing at the IGSA Swimming Championships on Friday 25 March. Results will be reported in next week's newsletter.

Netball

Congratulations to the girls who trialled for the BBSSSA netball team on Wednesday 23 March. Chloe H, Ava SC, Sophie B and Ashton R attended the trials, with Jemma K attending as the umpire for the day. The standard of netball was extremely high. Well done to Chloe, Sophie and Ashton who were selected in the BBSSSA teams. They will now play at the CCC selections in May.

Stella will be playing in the Term 2 Peninsula Cup competition in term 2. Games are played on Tuesday afternoons at Curl Curl. Students have been emailed the link to register their interest in playing for Stella. Registrations will close on Tuesday 29 March. Grading trials will be held in the final week of term.

Cross Country

The Stella Cross Country will take place on Monday 4 April at lunch and Period 5 at Queenscliff Lagoon. Students have been emailed the link to register. This is a fun event and we encourage students of all running abilities to take part. Registrations will close on Thursday 31 March.

All students may also join the Stella Run Club. This is held on Monday mornings at 7:15am. Interested students may come on Monday. Please meet at 7:15am at the Scholastica gates.

Soccer

Stella will be entering teams in the BBSSSA Soccer Championships in term 2. Trials for these teams will be held in the final week of Term 1 and early in Term 2. Students have been emailed the link to register interest.

Good luck

Stella has a number of students competing at National events next week!

Good luck to some of our athletes who are competing at Australian Juniors Athletics:

Phillipa Q
Lyla R
Maddi R
Elisabeth P
Erin H

Best of luck to
Pip Y
Grace B
Catherine W

who are competing at National Rowing.



BBSSSA Swimming Highlights

