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Our Year of Hospitality

Stella Newsletter

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From the Principal



Welcome back!

After our refreshing Easter break, we welcome all back to the Stella Community. We welcome Sue Homann who joins us as our Community Engagement Manager, ready to work with the Marketing, Community Development and Alumni staff to

strategically plan our approach to community engagement.

With the College's 100th year in 2031, it is important to establish this role to develop engagement strategies with our present school, the wider community and our past students in readiness for the centenary.

The Maintenance Team has been working to finish the security fencing, create a new change room block and relocate lockers. Thank you to Ava, Michael, Jase, Frank and Richard for all that has been done over the break for the community.

On Tuesday the staff had a presentation from Equi Energy Youth's Dr Stephen Spencer who outlined some of the challenges faced by adolescents, including mental health conditions, that affect their ability to learn.

Dr Spencer outlined his program TA3R for responding to acute events.

- Trigger and Context (What led to this situation? Is there a trigger that can be eliminated/mitigated?)
- Actions (coping and help-seeking strategies exhibited by the young
- Respond (speak calmly, acknowledge their pain, seek permission to assist/sit with the young person)
- Reaction (from the young person)
- Resolve

The staff were keen to reflect on Dr Spencer's work and will follow up in Pastoral Teams and Departmental Teams, to establish how this approach might be effective in supporting students.

During the afternoon, Dr Carmel Patterson continued our work on the Learning Thinking Scope program, examining how we can provide opportunities for feedback along the learning journey through peer scaffolded feedback and effective teacher feedback. These ideas will be explored further using data analysis in our Professional Learning Sessions

Next week we have our second Student Learning Conference on MS Teams. We hope the information shared between student, parents and staff provides a guide for the girls regarding what more that they can do, and the College can do, to support them in achieving their learning and wellbeing goals.

Please remind your daughters that they have many supports such as the Afterschool Stella Tutors, Stellamatics, Writing Clubs for Year 7-10, Book Clubs, Science Club and Inclusive Learning Support available to help them. The important thing to remind ourselves is that the girls need to step up, recognise their learning needs and actively respond to what is offered.

Elizabeth Carnegie

Principal

Highlights

Mother's Day Breakfast

RSVPs to our Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 6 May close on Monday. Don't miss out!

READ MORE

Welcome International Students

Finally, after almost two years, we welcome our newest International Students. We wish Gloria and Kyra all the best for their time at Stella.

READ MORE

Athletics Carnival Information

Our annual Athletics Carnival is fast approaching. **READ MORE**



Dear God

We thank you for making all things new. Renew our hearts, minds, and lives, for the days ahead.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word.

Give us listening ears That we may hear your voice in the voices of others Especially the poor and vulnerable Open our hearts to your call We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son.

AMEN

https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/easter-prayers-celebrate-resurrection-day-victory.html



Important Dates

Term 2

MAY

02

06

09

Student Learning
Conference

04 - 06 Year 10 Retreat

Mother's Day Breakfast

Winter Uniforms to be

10 Student Learning Conference

10 - 12 NAPLAN Online Testing

18 Student Learning Conference

27 Stella Day

JUNE

10 Pupil Free Day

15 - 17 Matilda - The Musical Performance

2022 School Terms

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

NAPLAN 2022

Louise Yeates - Assistant Principal, Learning & Teaching

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

At the end of Term 1, students in Years 7 and 9 participated in NAPLAN practice. The sessions were organised to replicate the conditions and protocols required and to test our systems and equipment. Students were also able to practise the use of NAPLAN online tools.

All students would benefit from visiting the 'Public Demonstration Site' (link below) to refresh their skills before May 10. Students who were absent for the practice sessions are especially encouraged to visit the site to become familiar with NAPLAN online.

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 Co-ordinator

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:

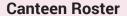
- · Public demonstration site
- · NESA NAPLAN website
- · NAPLAN parent/carer support page
- · Watch a video that explains tailored testing

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

Reminder - Early Departure

Parents are reminded that to allow for the Student Learning Conferences, students will finish after period 4 on **Monday 2 May** and **Wednesday 18 May.** Students will be required to make their own way home.





MONDAY 02 MAY

Hollie Seibold Cathy Shanahan Tracey Fowler Jacqueline Randall

TUESDAY 03 MAY

Belinda Vumbaca Nicole Sheather Kate Lovelace Claudine Guterres

WEDNESDAY 04 MAY

Francene Scali Janine Silva Kirsten Wenbourne Julie Martin Karlee Fox

THURSDAY 05 MAY

Jane Egan Danielle Van Dijk-Humel

** 2 or more helpers needed please**

FRIDAY 06 MAY

Jeremy Stubbs Diana Panuccio Margie Mort Tara Edgtton Simone Selinas

Student Learning Conference Dates

SLC Conference YEARS 7 - 12

Mon 2 May

2:30pm - 7:00pm

SLC Conference YEAR 7 - 12

Tue 10 May

4:00pm - 8:00pm

SLC Conference YEAR 7 - 12

Wed 18 May

2:30pm - 7:00pm

Mother's Day Breakfast

RSVPs close Monday - don't miss out!

The College invites all Stella mothers, grandmothers or mother figures to join us at our Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 6 May. A special invitation is extended to our second, third and fourth generation Stella families to join our Stella first generation families.

We appreciate how much value multi-generational families bring to this community and would like to celebrate your commitment to Stella with breakfast and a small gift.

Your stories and special connection to the College are an inspiration to first generation families and an important part of our College history.

We look forward to celebrating with you over breakfast. Please advise on the Mother's Day breakfast TryBooking link if you are a multi-generational family.



Student Services - change of email address

Please be advised the email address to report student absences, attendance or general student enquiries has changed. The new email address is:

studentservices@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

If you wish to speak to a member of our Student Services team, please call **9976 1817 or 9976 1885**.

We ask our parents and carers to update contact records.

College Fees

We remind our families 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: 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.

Click here to learn more about Edstart.

Disclaimer.

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





Kate Lovelace & Andrea Hogan P&F Presidents

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Stella Buy Swap Sell Uniform Page

With uniform about to change from summer to winter, many might be turning to our new Buy Sell Swap Uniform Facebook group. When requesting to join, please don't forget to answer the question (Are you a parent/guardian of a Stella Maris student?) and agree to the group rules. It is a requirement of the school that we adhere to correct practices to keep our group safe and free from spam, and therefore it is essential to answer the admin question and agree to the group rules. There are currently 38 membership requests that can't be approved until this is done, so if you have requested to join and haven't been approved, please go back and tick the boxes so we can approve your application and welcome you to the group.

joining the group,

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email our P&F Presidents at:

Have you joined the Parent

WhatsApp Group?

If you have any problem

pandf@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Year 7

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

Year 8

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

Year 9

Administrator: Holly MacKenzie https://chat.whatsapp.com/ HHMUa6P9oXM1Q6QSqcPrwF

Year 10

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

Year 11

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

Year 12

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

Mother's Day Breakfast

We are looking forward to the Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 6 May, and thank Elizabeth Carnegie and all staff involved for organising this wonderful morning for Mums, Grandmas and other mother figures to spend some quality time together.

The P & F will be holding a raffle on the morning to raise money for The Manly Women's Shelter. There will be two prizes – a bottle of Veuve Clicquot Champagne and a Sydney Harbour Kayaks voucher for two hours of kayak rental for a family of four. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Next P&F Meeting

Our next P & F meeting will be on Thursday 19 May at 7.30pm. We'd love to see you there.



Friday 6 May @ 7:30pm, Harbord Diggers

If you have a daughter in Year 9 don't miss this opportunity to catch up with other mums in your year. Thank you to Holly MacKenzie, WhatsApp Administrator for Year 9, for organising.Please don't forget to RSVP.



Comedy Evening

Please save Friday
29 July for this
year's Comedy for a
Cause Event. All are
welcome, so feel free
to bring friends even
if they don't have a
daughter at Stella.

Job of the Week

Lisa Walsh - Careers and Pathways Adviser lisa_walsh@stellamaris.nsw.edu

Statistician

What does a statistician do?

Statisticians use their extensive knowledge and statistical theory to organise and interpret large sets of numbers and data. They can use the information

extrapolated from this data in a variety of ways to assist with decision-making and policy in a huge number of areas, from government to health, business to education.

If you're great with numbers, have an analytical and quick-thinking mind, and want a job that can take you to nearly any industry, you might like to consider becoming a Statistician.

How do you become a Statistician?

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

Please visit our very own **Stella Careers Website** for all your career needs. PLUS, visit our regular weekly careers newsletters **here.**





Congratulations Sami!

Finalist - Northern Beaches Young Script Writing Festival

Sami was chosen as a Top Ten script writing finalist in the Northern Beaches Young Script Writing Festival. Her piece 'Sisters' was shortlisted as one of six to be performed at the Glen Street Theatre on Monday 11 April.

In addition to winning the right to be performed, Sami's script also took out the People's Choice Award. She was presented by Northern Beaches Mayor, Michael Regan on the evening.

Congratulations to Sami for writing such a compelling and engaging script that translated so well to the stage!



Operating Hours

Uniform Shop

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

Current conditions

Two students per visit. Mask mandatory. Hands to be sanitised

Winter Uniforms Click here for uniform prices.

Appointments are no longer required. Please ask your daughter to come before or after school or at lunchtime. Payment is required at time of fitting.

Some winter items are available

online

Year 11 need to purchase the senior pink blouse. These can be ordered online or purchased in store.

Black socks are to be worn with the tailored pants. You can wear any you have at home, or purchase from the Uniform Shop.

Uniform Change Over

The first two weeks of Term 2 are a transition time for the uniform when Summer or Winter uniform can be worn.

When wearing Winter uniform, stockings (if wearing a skirt) and blazer are compulsory. Short white socks should be worn under trousers.

Winter uniform can be purchased during the first two weeks.

From Monday 9 May, all girls are to be in Winter uniform.

Welcome new International Students

By Jiani Chen, Marketing and Interational Student Program Lead

During the Easter school holidays, we welcomed two new international students from China, Gloria and Kyra (Year 10 students). They are the first international students to join our Stella community since the pandemic began in 2020. We are extremely excited to have them here with us on campus after overcoming many obstacles.

"We were quite anxious with Gloria travelling alone to Australia during this unusual time, especially with random flight cancellations and the additional international travel requirements imposed by destination countries around COVID-19. However, we knew we must push forward with her study plans as we have been waiting for two years," Gloria's father said.

Ms Chen Facetimed both families before their departure to communicate arrangements for their arrival. Our homestay parents also joined the online discussion to meet the students and their parents for the first time.



Gloria's homestay mum welcomed her at Sydney Airport with a big smile.

Both the College and students' parents are grateful that both girls arrived safely and on time. As they slowly find their feet in their new country, we will guide them along their study abroad journey in Australia.



Ms Wilson conducted the orientation program with our new International Students.



Ms Chen visited Gloria after her arrival and delivered a Welcome Pack to her.



Get in Touch

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Student Absences & Enquiries

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Student Enrolments & Exits

registrar@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

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



Mitchell Smith

A massive welcome back to the cast and crew to Term 2!

We have come out of the blocks on Day 1 with a rehearsal and it has been so great to see everyone after two weeks of holidays. The focus and drive of everyone in the cast is evident to see and I am looking forward to the next phase of rehearsals as we take it up a gear.

Tickets

Tickets for the show will be ON SALE from Friday 6 May so stay tuned to the newsletter next week to purchase your tickets to the show!

Performance Opportunities

We have a number of opportunities for our principal and ensemble roles to perform at Year Meetings, Assemblies and our upcoming Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 6 May. Come on down to the College for a nice breakfast and see some of our talented cast perform some songs.

Reminder - Upcoming Rehearsals

There are THREE Sunday rehearsals that we will be requiring all cast and crew members to take part in:

Sunday 15 May: 10:00am - 4:00pm Sunday 29 May: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday 12 June: 10:00am - 4:00pm (Sunday of the long weekend)

Here are the details of the rehearsals for next week:

Monday 2 May

Drama Rehearsal 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Main Stage

When I Grow Up

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Matilda, Escapologist, Miss Honey, Trunchbull, Bruce & Lavendar

Tuesday 3 May

Vocal Ensemble 7.30am - 8.30am

All Acting Ensemble & Lead Principals

Wednesday 4 May

Drama Rehearsal 3.30pm - 5.30pm

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Trunchbull, All Kids, Matilda, Miss Honey & Dancers



We have the wonderful Jazz Musicians John Morrison and Jackie Cooper coming to Stella for a day of Music Workshops on Tuesday 3 May.

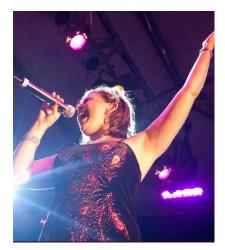
In periods 1 and 2, Year 9 and 11 Elective Music Classes will work with Jackie and John exploring jazz improvisation and developing performance skills.

In periods 3 and 4, Year 12 Music Students will work on performance skills for their HSC repertoire.

In period 5 the Performance Band and Vocal Ensemble will have a workshop aiming to refine and develop their ensemble skills and explore some jazz improvisation.

We look forward to welcoming John and Jackie to Stella.





Athletics Carnival Information

Date: Thursday 19 May, 2022

Venue: Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen **Time**: PC will be held at school at 8.40am.

Buses depart Stella from 8.45am and will return by 3.20pm.

Buses will be provided to transport all students to and from the carnival.

The carnival is a compulsory school day. Parents/guardians should follow regular absentee procedures if their daughter is unwell.

- The format will be the same as the swimming carnival in that there will be Championship and Non-championship events. Students have been sent the link to the survey to enter all championship events. Students may enter the non-championship 100m, 200, 400m and 800m on the day.
- Please note that all field events (throws and jumps) are championship events. If your daughter would like to compete in a throw or jump event, she will need to enter by completing the survey.
- Javelin will be held on the morning of the carnival. Students competing in javelin will need to catch an early bus to the carnival.
- There are no finals for any event. Overall placings will be calculated on times.
- All students should try to enter at least two events.
- Please bring sun cream and hat.
- There will be NO CANTEEN at the carnival. Students will need to pack ALL FOOD AND DRINK for the day.

The Athletics Carnival will be a fun day. We encourage all students to get involved in all of the fun events and cheering!





Good luck!

Best of luck to the Stella netballers who will be representing BBSSSA at the NSWCCC netball selections on Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 May:

- Open team: Chloe H
- U15 team: Sophie B and Ashton R

Good luck also to Annabel L who will be travelling to Wagga to participate in the NSWCCC AFL trials on 2 - 3 May.

Good luck to our intermediate and open soccer teams who will play at the BBSSSA Soccer Championships on Friday 29 April and Tuesday 3 May.

Sports Update

Jenny Wickham

NSWCCC Sports

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent NSWCCC in touch and rugby 7s:

- NSWCCC U15 Touch: Sophie B and Annabel L
- NSWCCC Rugby 7s: Piper S and Grace F

This is a fantastic achievement to be selected into the NSWCCC teams. They will now go onto compete at the NSW All Schools events later this term. Well done girls!

Rowing

Congratulations to Phillipa Y and Grace B who have both been selected into the Rowing NSW Pathway eights teams. Pip will compete in the U17 team and Grace in the U19 team at the Interstate Schools Regatta this weekend! Congratulations and well done girls!

Water Polo

The NSSWPA Year 8 and 9 water polo competition will commence soon. There is still space in the teams for any interested students.

Games will be played on Monday evenings at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. Training will be either Tuesday mornings or Friday evenings.

If any student in Year 8 or 9 who like to play, but has not yet signed up, please email Mrs Jenny Wickham as soon as possible.

Snow Sports

Stella will be entering teams into the Northern NSW Interschool Championships this year. This event will be held in the school holidays at Thredbo on July 4-8. Students who compete at this event will travel and stay with their own families for this event. A link to register interest has been sent to all students. Any student who would like to receive information on this event should complete the expression of interest survey by Friday 6 May.

Cross Country

The Stella Cross country team will compete at the BBSSSA Championships on May 9 and the IGSA championships on May 13. All members of the team are encouraged to attend Run Club on Monday mornings at 7.15am in preparation for these events.

Netball

The Peninsula Cup netball competition will commence next Tuesday 3 May. Games are held at Curl Curl every Tuesday afternoon. The wet weather has made it very difficult to finalise teams, but all 14 Stella teams will be ready to go when the season kicks off on Tuesday. Good luck to all teams!

NSWCCC Sport registrations

A reminder that students who wish to trial for NSWCCC sports, parents must register their child through the CSNSW website. Registrations for hockey will close soon on 19 May.