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Stella Newsletter

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From the Principal



Good Samaritan Sister Clare Condon receives honour

Good Samaritan Sister Clare Condon was recently awarded an honorary doctorate by the Australian Catholic University in recognition of her contribution to social justice and to the Catholic Church in Australia.

'I think women religious in this country do an enormous amount of compassionate support work on the ground with people in advocacy for those most in need, and particularly their work with asylum seekers and refugees', she said.

Sr Clare entered the Sisters of the Good Samaritan in 1969 and was professed in 1972. 'The mystery of their life fascinated me', Clare said of the Sisters who had been her teachers at school in Wollongong. Sr Clare started out teaching in primary school and after working in a boarding school in the 1980s, moved into a leadership position in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Clare's journey included being Congregational Leader from 2005-2017. In her twelve years in leadership, she supported the Sisters' humanitarian work in Australia, the Pacific and South East Asia. Clare helped establish an intercongregational Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee; a ministry to assist refugees and asylum seekers; an entity overseeing more than 150 hectares of ecologically sensitive land in Camden; and through the Good Sam Foundation, offered education, food and pastoral support to thousands of the poorest and most marginalised people in the Philippines and Kiribati. In 2013 Clare was awarded the Australian Human Rights Commission's Human Rights Medal.

Clare's life as one of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, is one that has changed lives here and overseas, empowering those on the margins.

What a wonderful role model Sr Clare is for our Stella community. I hope it encourages our students to change lives through collaborative and community effort.

Click here to read more in the Good Oil:

Dance Performance Evening

Congratulations to the students involved in the Semester 1 Dance Evening this week. It was wonderful to see girls from Year 7 through to Year 12 perform so well. Well done to the soloists who were confident and so well prepared. Thanks to Rochelle Jones and her choreographers for the amazing routines. The families were very impressed with the quality of the performances.

Elizabeth Carnegie

Principal

Prayer

God of truth and God of beauty, Seed in us, a knowledge of good and evil, so that knowing one from another, we may grow in passion for good and in awareness of evil.

Give us the mind to bring knowledge to others and the heart to say the truth under all circumstances.

Give us a love for the intellectual life and the stamina to pursue it so that, filled with your truth, we may never become enamored of anything less in life.

Amen

Joan Chittister OSB

Highlights

Learning and Teaching News

Study Skills sessions, subject forums and elective selections...important information not to miss.

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Last Chance for Matilda Tickets

It's showtime! Check out some of the photos taken at last Sunday's dress rehearsal.

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Sports News

It's been another great week for our Stella athletes. Read about their fantastic achievements.

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Louise Yeates - Assistant Principal Learning and Teaching

Important Dates

Term 2

JUNE

Matilda The Musical Performance

24 End of Term 2

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

Thank you to our Year 7 and 9 students and parents who attended the 'Achieving Your Personal Best' Study Skills Sessions on Thursday evening with Dr

Prue Salter (photos below). Both students and parents are now better equipped to navigate the world of assessment tasks and revision. The PowerPoint from the evening is available via the Study Skills Handbook tile on the SEQTA landing page.

The Year 10 Subject Forums concluded this week. Thanks to all parents and students who joined relevant Heads of Department for their presentations and Q&A forum. Year 10 students should continue to gather information so they are ready to select subjects early next term.

Year 10 students will begin interviews with their PC teachers to look at their overall planned pattern of

study for Year 11 next year. These one-on-one interviews will continue until the end of term and into Term 3.

The Year 8 Elective selection process has also commenced. To help better inform students and parents of the elective options, resources are available on SEQTA, including the PowerPoint presentation and Elective Handbook.

Year 12 students received their trial HSC timetables and versions of revision planners to cater for term time, holiday time and exam block time.

Year 11 students will be given wider access to ATOMI to assist in their revision. Up until now, students used ATOMI in Studies of Religion only but will be able to use it as a resource across many subjects, from the end of term. Happy holidays Year 11!







Information Centre

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Job of the Week

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

Actuary

What do Actuaries do?

Actuaries analyse a wide variety of data (including mathematical, statistical, demographic, economic, and more) in order to minimise risk when it comes to financial decision making. They can work inhouse providing advice for a business, or advise individual private clients on financial decisions.

If you love maths and stats, are a great problem-solver, and want a job that can provide fantastic opportunities and remuneration, becoming an Actuary could be perfect for you.

How do you become an Actuary?

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

Please visit our very own <u>Stella Careers Website</u> for all your career needs. PLUS, our regular weekly careers newsletters can be read **here**.





Operating Hours

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

Uniform Shop Closure

The Uniform Shop will be **closed on 22 and 23 June** for stocktake. No sales are possible on these days. Online orders placed after 2pm on June 21 can be collected on the first day of Term 3, from Recess. Orders placed prior to this cut-off time can be collected on these days.

Winter Uniforms

<u>Click here</u> for uniform prices. Some winter items are available <u>online</u>. Junior and senior skirts have now been added.

Year 7 Art (Sem 2)

Year 7 students doing Art in Semester 2 are to purchase the Art Pack before the end of this term. This is available at the Uniform Shop **Online Store**.

Online orders

Please collect these from Recess. There are many long-standing orders still to be collected.

Stationery items

The Uniform Shop stocks a large range of stationery items:

- · Calculators
- · Art supplies
- A3 and A4 Display folders
- · Pens, lead pencils, glue sticks, Bernina bobbins

Please go to the **Stationery** section online to see what items can be purchased.

Second Hand Uniforms

The Uniform Shop does not accept second hand uniforms. Please go to the **P&F's Facebook** page to buy and sell uniforms.

Positions Vacant

The Sisters of Good Samaritan have requested that we share with the Stella community the following two employment opportunities.

Administration Assistant - Chapter Planning Committee

Fixed Term Contract (June 2022 - August 2023) Closing date: Friday 17 June, 2022

Enquiries: hr@goodsams.org.au

Executive Assistant - Director of Operations and Finance and Business Manager

Full-time role

Closing date: 24 June, 2022

Enquiries: anthony@reachhr.com.au

These positions are currently advertised on Seek.com



Lost Property

We have a collection of lost waterbottles and lunch boxes waiting to be reunited with their owners. Students can find misplaced items outside the Canteen.

Get

Get in Touch

General Enquiries & Feedback

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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



Inclusive Learning News

Cath Douglas - Head of Inclusive Learning

da Vinci Decathlon Results

Congratulations to the Year 10 da Vinci Decathlon team. Out of 76 schools, our Stella Maris Year 10 team was awarded seventh place in Creative Producers and eleventh place in Ideation.

These results demonstrate their high skill level in creative thinking and problem solving.

Year 10 team:

Rachelle B Lauren K
Maegan D Ruby K
Bella H Hannah M
Madeline K Samantha W



TUESDAY 14 JUNE

Canteen Roster

Majella Brady Rebecca Kristensen Sharon Fountain Lilian Henley

WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE

Shea Whiteford Michelle Ohle Rachel Blenkinsop

THURSDAY 16 JUNE

Nicole O'Sullivan Sarah Bernie Orla Neville Nicole Holmes Stacey Kelly Rachel Robson

FRIDAY 17 JUNE

Justine McKee Lisa McGregor Duncan Barnett Marie Watson

Please note: We are phasing out plastic tomato sauce portions. Students may still be able to get the sauce from a bottle when they purchase their items. This will be complimentary.

Edstart Achievement Awards

The Edstart Achievement Awards Program acknowledges and rewards talented students in one of the following areas:

- technology and innovation
- performing and visual arts
- · sport and physical wellbeing
- social impact
- entrepreneurship
- sustainability and environoment

Last year, two Stella students were finalists. Nominations are now open for the 2022 Edstart Achievement Awards Program. Each winner will receive an award from Edstart as well as a \$1,500 grant towards a project, initiative or training in their area of interest. Nominations close on Friday 15 July, 2022. For full details and to nominate, visit https://edstart.com.au/award

Languages News

Mika Sennett - Teacher of Japanese

Year 8 Origami Workshop

The Year 8 Japanese students participated in an "Origami Workshop" on Tuesday 7 June. The Japanese Origami Artist, Midori Sensei taught the Year 8 Japanese students how to make an Origami decoration which could be used as a bookmark, earrings or attached to a phone or pencil case. Her presentation on the Origami artworks was very interesting. We also leant the history of Origami and how Origami skills and technique are used in medical settings and in space. The students loved making their own decorations. The time with Midori Sensei passed very quickly and we look forward to having her visit again.





P&F Update

Kate Lovelace & Andrea Hogan - P&F Presidents

e pandf@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Comedy for a Cause - Friday 29 July

Have you bought your tickets yet for Comedy for a Cause? This will be a fantastic evening so please don't forget to buy your tickets and invite your friends. There are drinks prior to the show, so plenty of time to mingle as well enjoying some fabulous comedy. The evening raises funds for the Stella P&F Association to go towards building our wonderful community.

Click here to book your tickets.

Diary Dates

Friday 28 July - Comedy for a Cause

Thursday 11 August at 7.30pm – Term 3 P&F Meeting. All welcome!

Friday 18 November – Parent End of Year Drinks (all year levels).

Stella Buy Sell Swap Facebook Page

A reminder, when requesting to join our Buy/Sell/Swap Uniform and Books Facebook Page, please don't forget to answer the admin question (are you a Parent/Guardian of a Stella Maris College student?) and agree to the rules - as otherwise your membership request can't be approved!



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. 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 so we can fix

Here are the links to join.

the problem.

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

College Fees

For those families not under a direct debit arrangement, this is a kind reminder that the second instalment of your 2022 College fees was payable by 15 May 2022.

If you feel your financial situation will change short or long term which has impacted your ability to keep up with your regular fees payment schedule, we kindly urge you to please contact the finance team **fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au** for confidential advice as to how we can best support you during this time.

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.



Mitchell Smith - Theatre Manager and Teacher of English, Drama & Entertainment

Get your tickets - final chance!

Please don't wait any longer to book your seats! Enjoy the photos from our dress rehearsal! **www.trybooking.com/BZHRA**

It's Showtime!

Next week marks the culmination of months of hard work for our company - rehearsing, dancing and line learning. They are ready to present our production of Matilda! We have been on an amazing journey with this show and we look forward to bringing it to you!

Please find below the following dates and times for both final rehearsals and performance dates:

Final Rehearsals

Sunday 12 June: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Dress and Tech Rehearsal (all cast, crew and orchestra required)

Tuesday 14 June: 7.30am - 3.20pm

Final Dress Rehearsal with vocal ensemble in the morning (all cast, crew and orchestra required)

Performance Dates

Wednesday 15 June: 6.30pm Thursday 16 June: 6.30pm Friday 17 June: 6.30pm Saturday 18 June: 1.30pm Saturday 18 June: 6.30pm

Face masks and Daily RAHT Testing

We are asking all cast, crew, orchestra and staff to wear a face mask whilst at school, in all rehearsals and backstage during the run. We also require everyone to complete a daily RAHT test before coming and advise Mr Smith via email if positive (you must also follow current College procedure and inform the College).









Sports News

Jenny Wickham - Sports Co-ordinator and Teacher of PDHPE

NSWCCC Cross Country

Congratulations to the Stella girls who competed at the NSWCCC Cross Country on Tuesday 7 June. The conditions were tough – it was a very cold day at Eastern Creek and the course was very hilly! Despite the difficult racing conditions, the Stella girls performed amazingly well!

A huge congratulations to Lyla R, Pip Q and Maddi R who all won medals in their events! Lyla won **GOLD** in the 12 years 3km, Pip won **GOLD** in the 13 years 3km and Maddi won **SILVER** in the 12 years 3km. This is an outstanding achievement to win at this extremely high level of competition.



Stella had four students in the 12 years team that won first place in the teams event: Lyla, Maddi, April U and Lara M. Pip was also part of the 13 years gold medal winning team. A big congratulations to all of our runners who competed on the day:

12 years: Lyla 1st, Maddi 2nd, April 6th and Lara 31st

13 years: Pip 1st

16 years: Lauren K 31st

17 years: Holly W 12th, Tilla G 14th, Ruby B 19th

Well done to Lyla, Maddi, April and Pip who have now qualified to run at the NSW All Schools event in July.

Basketball

The Semester 1 basketball competition is coming to an end. Stella had 12 teams this semester who all have had a fantastic season. More than half of the Stella teams have progressed through to the finals series that will be played over the next two weeks! Congratulations to the following teams who made semis:

Year 7 Green Year 8 Green Year 7 Red Year 9 Red Year 7 White Year 10 White

Year 8 Red







Registrations for Semester 2 basketball will close tomorrow, with grading being held next week. Students have been sent the link to register for the competition. Full details will be sent to those who register on the link (link is also available on SEQTA, but is for student access only).

Expressions of interest forms have also been sent out to Years 7 – 10 for the BBSSSA basketball gala day. Students interested in being considered for this team should complete this form by Tuesday 14 June.

Rugby League

Congratulations to Piper S (Year 11) who has been selected into the NSW Schoolgirls Rugby League team. This is the first ever NSW Schoolgirls Rugby League team! Piper will play at the Australian Championships in Queensland in the July holidays. Well done Piper on this amazing achievement!



Touch Football

A huge congratulations to Sophie B (Year 10) who has been selected into the NSW All Schools touch team! Sophie represented NSWCCC at the All Schools Touch Football Trials at Narrabeen last weekend. Sophie played well all weekend and was successful in her selection into the team. Sophie will now play at the national event in Wagga in August. Well done Soph!

Best of luck to our touch football teams who will be playing at the Sydney regional gala day at Penrith next Wednesday and Thursday.

Equestrian

Congratulations to the Stella students who represented Stella at the Northwest Equestrian Inter schools Championships in Coonabarabran from 2-7 July: Amelia D, Grace C, Lulu R, Maeve R and Sara M.

The Stella team performed so well, and the team had a fantastic time at this event.

A huge congratulations to Amelia who finished the event with a number of awards! Amelia was named 16 years Reserve Age Champion, Hack Champion and Novice 16 years Reserve Champion. Amazing results - well done Amelia!





Term 3 Sports

Registration for all Term 3 sport development programs will be open next week, including sports such as group fitness and tennis lessons. A reminder that students are emailed the link to register (also on SEOTA). Access to these forms is for students only. Details will be sent to students and parents of those students who express interest by completing the form.

Netball

The Term 2 Peninsula Cup Netball Competition is coming to an end. Stella had 12 teams playing in this competition. The competition has had some challenges this term, with illness making it difficult to field full teams on many occasions. Congratulations and good luck to the teams who will be playing in the semi-finals next week.

A reminder to students who are interested in trialling for the Stella teams to play at the BBSSSA gala day next term to complete the expression of interest form that has been emailed to all students. Trials for the junior and intermediate team will be held next Friday 17 June.

Athletics

Athletics squad training will commence next Thursday 16 June. Information will be available on SEQTA on Tuesday. Stella will train once a week and will compete in the IGSA twilight carnivals in Term 3. All students who are interested are invited to join the squad and are welcome to compete at the Term 3 Friday night carnivals.

Soccer

A reminder that registrations for the Term 3 soccer competition are closing. Any student who would like to play in the Term 3 Peninsula Cup Competition should complete the registration on the link that has been emailed to all students.

Snow Sports

This is a final call for any student who would like to compete at the Northern NSW Interschool Snow Sport event in the holidays. Registration forms are due NOW! If you would like to take part and have not yet returned your note, please email **Mrs Jenny Wickham**.