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Our Year of  
*Hospitality*

# Stella Newsletter

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## From the Principal



### Congratulations

Congratulations to our new College Student Leaders who were commissioned this week at our Assembly. Thank you to Father Dave Austen from St Kieran's who blessed the badges and spoke with the girls about the importance of servant leadership.

**Captain:** Pippa Ravenscroft

**Vice Captain:** Isabella King

**Vice Captain:** Holly Wickham

**Liturgy Prefect:** Iona Hearn

**Liturgy Prefect:** Lauren Bran

**Social Justice Prefect:** Molly Burns

**Social Justice Prefect:** Macey Sajowitz

**Wellbeing Prefect:** Claudia Vumbaca

**Wellbeing Prefect:** Mya Imgraben

**Duke of Edinburgh Prefect:** Hannah Morris

**Stewardship Prefect:** Maddy Lawson

**Stewardship Prefect:** Charlotte Keating

**Creative and Performing Arts Prefect:** Alexandra Stacey

**Student Representative Council Prefect:** Eva Travierso

**Student Representative Council Prefect:** Anastasia Colahan

**Academic Prefect:** Emily Grimes

**Sports Prefect:** Grace Shanahan

Congratulations also to Gabby F, Emma M, Kiera M and Sara T for their recent success at the Australian Future Problem Solvers finals in Melbourne. Over 500 teams entered, and Stella Maris achieved a top six place, just missing out on an award. Thank you to Cath Douglas and Karen Dennison for travelling with and coaching the girls. A great result.

Congratulations to the girls who participated in the Philosophy Competition during the term break investigating ethical and philosophical questions in the context of 'communities of inquiry'. Congratulations to Ava W, Catherine B, Gabby F and Emma M for their engagement in this challenging competition.

### A Female Majority on the Australian High Court

This week was a historic one for the High Court of Australia. Justice Jayne Jagot (appointed as the 56th Justice of the High Court of Australia) commenced her position with the court on Monday 17 October 2022. She is the seventh woman to be appointed and it will be the first time in the history that women make up the majority on the High Court.

Joanne van der Plaats, President of the Law Society of NSW, congratulated Justice Jayne Jagot on her elevation to the High Court via Twitter. "Her Honour's appointment recognises an outstanding career as lawyer and jurist and marks the beginning of an era for a majority female bench," she tweeted.

President of the Law Council of Australia Tass Liveris also praised the appointment, describing Jagot as a "dedicated and respected" judge. "The Law Council recognises diversity as an essential feature in ensuring a responsive and well-informed judiciary," said Liveris. (Source: LSJ Online September 30 2022).

The reality is that women outnumber men in the ranks of law graduates and the rise in the number of female appointments to the High Court is welcome, according to Federal Court Justice Anna Katzmann (SMH, September 30, 2022).

For our Stella students working hard on their academic studies across a range of subjects, it is a clear reminder to reach for the stars.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal

## Highlights

### Under the Trees

Gather your friends for an evening 'Under the Trees' - brought to you by the Stella P&F. [READ MORE](#)

### NAPLAN 2022

Our Director of Innovative Learning reports on 2022 NAPLAN Results. [READ MORE](#)

## 2023 Student Leaders





Stella Maris College P&F invites  
parents to an evening

# Under the Trees

Friday 18 November

6.30pm – 10.00pm  
On the Deck at Main Campus  
Only \$40 per person

**TICKETS ON  
SALE NOW!**

## Important Dates

### Term 4

#### NOVEMBER

**30** Presentation Day

#### DECEMBER

**01** Presentation Day

**02** End of Term 4  
(Half day)

## Notices

### Canteen Messages

There are many unclaimed water bottles (quite expensive ones) and lunch boxes left outside the canteen. Please ask your daughters to call by and check if they are missing any. They will be thrown out next week if they are not claimed.

If any parents have received an invitation to our Volunteers' Dinner, please RSVP by Monday 24 October (for catering purposes). Thank you!

### Sisters of the Good Samaritan eMagazine

Please [click here](#) for this month's edition of the *Sisters of the Good Samaritan eMagazine* - full of inspirational women making a transformational difference in our world!

### Term 4 Extra-curricular Timetable

Please [click here](#) for the Term 4 Extra-curricular Timetable.

## NAPLAN 2022

### Scott Mellis - Director of Innovative Learning

Students in Year 7 and Year 9 will bring home their NAPLAN results on Friday 21 October and we encourage families to openly discuss their daughter's achievement across numeracy, reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and writing.

The College has analysed our 2022 NAPLAN data compared with state averages and Statistically Similar School Groups (SSSG). This analysis has revealed some fantastic outcomes which suggest our programs around literacy and numeracy are having a positive impact. However, the data suggests there is still work to do around spelling and grammar, reflecting a nationwide decrease in these skills and perhaps the influence of casual modes of communication this age group engages in whilst texting and using social media.

**Year 9:** Year 9 NAPLAN reflects the learning that occurred through Stage 4, Years 7 and 8. For this particular cohort, a portion of Stage 4 was via remote learning due to Covid-19.

Fortunately, our students start Year 7 with their own laptops and when lockdowns occurred, the College immediately implemented Microsoft Teams for remote teaching, learning and even assessment. This successful switch to remote learning provided these students with continuity in their education and it has yielded good results, including the following impressive gains:

- In Writing, Year 9 outperformed the state and SSSG across bands 8, 9 and 10 with 70% of the cohort achieving in these bands
- In Numeracy, Year 9 has improved markedly over previous cohorts with 26% in band 9 and 10, outperforming the state average that is made up of both boys and girls.
- In Numeracy, Year 9 have no students in lower bands showing the effectiveness of our Mathematics and Inclusive Learning teams' engagement with students who find Mathematics challenging.

The Year 9 cohort did not sit NAPLAN in 2020 so the College can only ascertain the learning growth from internal assessment data that suggests they have seen a significant increase and have shown fantastic resilience throughout a difficult two years of schooling.

**Year 7:** Year 7 NAPLAN reflects the learning that occurred through Stage 3, Years 5 and 6. This was a difficult time for primary school-age students who had to deal with lockdowns and remote learning solutions that were not always ideal. The findings from the Year 7 data shows:

- Strong performance in Writing with big ideas clearly expressed and our students narrowly outperforming the state and SSSG in bands 7, 8 and 9.
- Grammar, punctuation, spelling and numeracy achievement is strong around the middle bands.

As a College, we will continue to focus on improving these basic skills in class and with supplementary programs such as Renaissance Reading along with the many other excellent strategies that have improved our results for Year 9. In addition, with NAPLAN testing now online, the College is also looking to develop the skills around this form of testing.

The Australian Education Research Organisation (AERO) is Australia's independent education evidence body. They have analysed more than 10 million NAPLAN writing results, spanning 2011 to 2021, and 366 samples of students' NAPLAN writing and produced a report indicating students' writing skills are on the decline. The ABC's Cassie McCullagh spoke to Dr Jenny Donovan, CEO of the AERO about the findings and the 12 minute interview is well worth a listen:



**LISTEN**  
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## Prayer for Compassion

God in our midst, source of justice and love,  
we give thanks as you continually welcome us with gentleness and love  
Open our eyes to the needs of the community we serve.  
Open our ears to the call for justice and equality.  
Open our minds to the reality of exclusion and disadvantage.  
Open our hearts to love and forgiveness.  
May the God of all compassion bless us and the work we will achieve together.

## Get in Touch

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## Inclusive Learning News

Cath Douglas - Head of Inclusive Learning

### Philosophy Competition

On Saturday 24 September, a team of four Stella Maris students participate in a philosophy competition (Philosothon) at North Sydney Girls High School. The Philosothon is an event that encourages school students to investigate ethical and philosophical questions in the context of 'communities of inquiry'. Participating in the Philosothon helps students to develop higher order thinking and communication skills through a series of discussions with students from other schools. The Philosothon also develops skills in inquiry-based learning, ethical reasoning, higher-order reflective thinking and a search for meaning through dialogue about open questions and contestable concepts.

The students preparing and trained for this event under the guidance of Dr Carmel Patterson. They did very well against an experienced competition from eight other schools.

Congratulations to the participating students:

- Ava W (Year 7)
- Catherine B (Year 9)
- Gabriella F (Year 9)
- Emma M (Year 9)

### Future Problem Solvers

Congratulations to the Year 9 Future Problem Solvers team who participated in the Future Problem Solvers national finals in Melbourne last weekend.

To make it into these finals was an incredible achievement as over 500 teams in Australia were competing in this division. Only the top 24 teams are invited to the finals.

For the finals in the Melbourne the focus was on future problems in 'Mining' and how they can be solved. In Melbourne, the Year 9 team made it into the finals for their 'Action Plan'. This meant that they were in the top six teams in Australia for this category. The girls performed their action plan in front of a large audience and a panel of judges. They did very well but just missed out on an overall final place.

Congratulations to these students:

- Gabby F
- Emma M
- Kiera M
- Sara T

A big thank you to Karen Dennison who accompanied me to this event in Melbourne.

From Gabriella F: 'The FPS competition was an amazing experience and challenged my problem solving skills. The whole experience was surreal and I enjoyed every minute of it with my friends and teachers. Seeing students from other schools that were in the same situation as me was very enlightening and I hope to be able to go again next year.'



## Social Justice News

Sarah Metcalfe - Teacher of History and Social Justice Program Coordinator

### Thank you!

A big thank you to the students and families for supporting Body Kind Week and particularly in regards to Friday's Mufti Day with all proceeds raised going to the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Outreach Centre in Bacolod, the Philippines.

Bacolod is the site of the SGS Kinder School and we are able to support the children and their families through our fundraising which enables the children to receive an education and also a nutritious and nourishing meal during their school day. Recently, during the pandemic the Outreach Centre has instigated The Street Feeding program where the families of the children and other local Bacolod inhabitants have been able to also receive a decent nutritious meal. This has been life-changing as many of the people have been facing starvation.

Thank you so much for your support of the Sisters' work in Bacolod.



### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Christmas Hampers

Week 3 marks the beginning of the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal and again we will be supporting this appeal by organising Christmas Hampers from each Pastoral Care class.

The Christmas Hampers will require set items to be collected and as much as Vinnies appreciates any donated food products that are in good quality, they are seeking set items to make up a Christmas themed hamper for families and others-in-need this Christmas season.

This year we have seen the cost of living rise significantly, this is because of the way the pandemic and other natural disasters have impacted the availability of goods and services.

Your support of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal this year via donation of hamper items means we can help individuals and families who are struggling with livings costs to experience a bit more joy, dignity and hope.

Items to be considered for donation to your daughter's PC Christmas Hamper are displayed to the right.



## Duke of Edinburgh News

Linda Silburn - Teacher of Visual Arts & Coordinator of Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to the girls who were awarded their bronze awards at our school assembly this week.

A friendly reminder that deposits are due next Thursday for the 2023 Cambodia Tour. Places on this tour are offered to Years 11 and 12 students and are limited to 25 students. Students have been emailed the details of this amazing tour.

### How to Complete your Bronze Award

1. Complete logging your hours on your online record book. Please remember only one hour a week is counted, be descriptive and clear about what you have done - don't just write one word, add as many photos as possible and log hours from your start date.
2. Once all your hours are logged, send to your assessor for approval. This link only lasts two weeks so it is polite to let them know by sending a message or email.
3. Complete your qualifying hike report (the template has been emailed) and attach to the files tab on your logbook. Make sure all the highlighted areas are complete or the award office will send it back to complete again.
4. Once you have checked everything is complete send to Ms Silburn (your award leader) for approval.

Once approved you are ready to register for your silver award.



## Canteen Roster

### Term 4

#### MONDAY 24 OCTOBER

Gabrielle Cook  
Milu Rich  
Emma Cousins  
Kendall Traverso

#### TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER

Riary Tanner  
Heather Lawson  
Kim Singleton  
Nicole Sheather

#### WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER

Peta Alpen  
Jude Furniss  
Nell Laime  
Nicole O'Sullivan

#### THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER

Daniella Hazell  
Monique Franks  
Helene Delhaas  
**HELP NEEDED PLEASE!**

#### FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER

Alison Kelly  
Katie Spillane  
Kate Lovelace  
Kristen Laird

## Job of the Week

Lisa Walsh - Careers and Pathways Adviser  
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### Astrophysicist

#### What do Astrophysicists do?

Astrophysicists study a variety of forces and phenomena, including matter, space, time and energy, to try and understand how they interact with each other and physical objects (such as planets and stars). They try to explain things we don't yet understand, and work with other scientists to develop new technologies.

If you have a mind for maths, are curious about the world around us, and want to answer questions about the universe, this could be the job for you.

#### How do you become an Astrophysicist?

[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, our regular weekly careers newsletters can be read [here](#).



## P&F Update

Kate Lovelace & Andrea Hogan - P&F Presidents  
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It's hard to believe we are already on the home stretch for the year with Term 4 being short and lots to fit in.

### 'Under the Trees' Parent Event

This is going to be a fabulous evening of good company, drinks, food and entertainment. Please be quick to book your tickets by the early bird date of November 4 to go in the draw to win a bottle of Verve. Thank you to those who have jumped on and booked their tickets already! Tickets are available now on the link below. This event has been subsidised by the P&F to make it an affordable evening for all.

[Click here](#) to get your tickets. See you there!



### P&F Meeting

At last night's P&F meeting we heard from our Principal Liz Carnegie that the Year 12s had a wonderful formal and are now calmly tackling the HSC exams. We discussed logistics for our upcoming *Under The Trees* event and heard that 2023 key dates for Year 12 are already locked in.

### P&F Vacancies

At the end of the year we will be resigning from our positions as joint P&F Presidents after two years in the role. Our wonderful P&F Secretary, Nadine Fagan, and Treasurer, Nicole Bruin will stay on. This leaves the P&F President role vacant. This role could be taken up by one person, perhaps with a Vice President, or as a joint role between two. If you have some time to spare please consider volunteering for this role, which involves building our wonderful school community by organising one or two social events for the year, with not much onus on fundraising. We have found it to be very rewarding. Please contact us on the above email address if interested.

## Uniform Shop

### Volunteers Required!

We are seeking volunteers to help fit Year 6 students in summer uniform.

- November 1 – 24, 2022
- Tuesdays to Thursdays, 8.00am to 10.30am
- Wednesdays, 2.00 to 4.00pm
- Must have Working with Children Certificate

Please [email](#) if you are able to assist.

### Summer Uniform

From next week all girls are to be in summer uniform. Jumpers are available for purchase. Tracktops are not to be worn with the summer uniform, only for sport.

Year 9 can now purchase the senior dress (for Year 10). Purchase during November (at recess and lunchtime only) before the Uniform Shop closes for the year.

Year 11 and 12 can purchase the short sleeve pink blouse to be worn with the tailored shorts, which are an alternative to the dress.

Junior dresses are available for purchase online.

White crew style socks are available for \$9.

### Online Order Collections

There are many uncollected orders. Please ask your daughter to collect these next Tuesday. Orders can be collected from Recess. Please note that collection notices are not sent.

**Update:** Current parents can now find the Online Store on the 'Welcome to SEQTA Engage' page.

Online orders can only be placed for current students. New students for 2023 will have their initial fitting in store to ensure correct sizing of uniforms.

### Stationery items

The Uniform Shop stocks a large range of stationery items that can be purchased in store. Please go to the Stationery section of SEQTA Engage page to see what items can be purchased online.

### 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.

## Sports News

Jenny Wickham - Sports Co-ordinator and Teacher of PDHPE

### BBSSSA AFL

Congratulations to the Stella AFL teams who competed at the BBSSSA AFL Gala Day at Bateau Bay on Thursday 13 October. This is the first time that this event has gone ahead since 2019. It was great to see the Stella AFL teams playing again, after so much disruption from Covid and wet weather.

The Stella teams were outstanding! Both teams played very well all day, with our Year 7/8 team claiming the junior division with a win against Mater Maria. The Year 9/10 team finished third in the intermediate division.

Well done to all players in both teams:

Junior: Charlotte B, Summer B, Avalon C, Indie C, Amali E, Giselle G, Leila H, Olive M, Freya M, Lara M, Molly R, Ava R, Georgia R, Eva R, Josie S, Ruby T, Macey T, Harriet W, Kaylee Z

Intermediate: Bonny A, Grace A, Ava C, Bella C, Elisa C, Elisha C, Grace F, Chloe K, Jolie L, Lily-Rose M, Jemima M, Tara N, Charlotte S, CJ W



### BBSSSA Water Polo

The Stella representative water polo team competed at the BBSSSA Water Polo Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on Monday 17 October. The Stella team played amazingly all day, and made it through to the grand final against Brigidine. It was a tough game against a much older team. Brigidine ended up with the win 8 – 4. Well done to the Stella team – silver medallists:

Bonnie B, Elisha C, Zara D, Katie E, Jess H, Sophie L, Keira M, Leili M, Jess O, Charlotte S, CJ W



## Good Luck!

There are many representative sports carnival next week! Good luck to all of the Stella teams who are competing at the following events:

**BBSSSA U13 Touch:**  
Monday 24 October

**NSW Athletics Schools Challenge:**  
Wednesday 26 October

**NSWCCC Water Polo:**  
Friday 28 October

**IGSA Gymnastics:**  
Friday 28 October