





# Stella Newsletter

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# From the Principal



#### Mother's Day Breakfast

Thank you in advance to all the mothers, grandmothers and mother figures who are joining our community for breakfast tomorrow. It is sure to be a beautiful celebration. Thank you to the student leaders for their support of this event. Our thanks too to the Canteen staff and other staff who will assist with the service of food.

#### **Celebrating our Benedictine Good Samaritan Charism**

We have completed a project to express our connection to the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Benedictine Rule that underpins the lived experience of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and Mary, Star of the Sea (Stella Maris).

We have created a gallery-walk on the ground floor of the Convent that features these aspects that define our community. There are print images of Benedict as a young and old man with key references from the Rule. Images of the Good Samaritan by James He, Justin O'Brien and Olga Bakhtina, as well as Van Gogh, visually express the parable. Finally, images of Mary Star of the Sea, including an artwork commissioned from Jennifer Primosh, are hung on the opposite wall.

Our hope is that these images remind the community of the richness of our heritage as a Good Samaritan school.



Our College is impelled by the Parable of the Good Samaritan, guided by the Rule of St Benedict and inspired by the work of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan.

Elizabeth Carnegie

**Elizabeth Carnegie** Principal







# **Notices**

### **Early Departure**

To faciliate Student Learning Conferences, please note that students will be dismissed from school at 1.30pm on **Monday 15 May**.

#### **School Photos**

2023 School Photos will take place on **Wednesday 7 June**. Further information regarding times, uniform requirements, and sibling photos will be communicated to parents via email.

Please refer to the flyer at the back of this newsletter for instructions on how to order photos.

#### **Bear Cottage Fundraiser**

A big thank you to the Stella community for their huge support of the Bear Cottage fundraiser. On Friday 5 May, Stella held a mufti day and cake stall to raise money for our local children's hospice. The support and generosity shown by all the students and staff was amazing. Stella managed to raise just under \$5000. What a wonderful community we have here at Stella!





#### **Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival**

The Performance Band is performing at the Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival at Pittwater High.

#### Stella will perform on Friday 2 June in the 7.10pm session.

All students need to make their own way to and from the performance. Please wear full winter school uniform and bring instruments and music.

Please meet at Pittwater High School at 6.40pm in the warm-up rooms.

If your daughter is unable to attend, please **email me** as soon as possible.

Students will be required to remain for the duration of the performance (from 7.10pm - 8.50pm) to support all the musicians performing.

Parents are encouraged to stay, listen and support music on the Northern Beaches.

Jessica Maker - Head of Performing Arts

## **Change of Date - Staff Spirituality Day**

Please note that the Staff Spirituality Day (a pupil-free day), will be held on Monday 9 October and not Friday 9 June as listed in the Student Diary. Friday 9 June will be a regular school day.

# Mother's Day Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's.

Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their children, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in your name. Amen.

https://www.dow.org.au/a-mothers-day-prayer/

# **Notices (cont)**

#### **Student Success**

Congratulations to Sara T, Alana R and Sam B whose work has been selected for the Art is Therapy Expo. The Expo will be held at the Narrabeen Tramshed Community Centre from 20 - 21 May (11.00am - 4.00pm). It aims to shine a light on the power of expressive arts in positively supporting mental health and wellbeing for young people. Congratulations girls!







Sara T

Sam B

#### **Student Learning Conferences**

The final Student Learning Conference will be held on Monday 15 May (2.30pm - 7.00pm). Please note the early departure of students at 1.30pm on that day to allow conferences to take place.

#### **Connecting to Meetings on the Night**

This year's SLCs will again be conducted through MS Teams. In preparation, your daughter(s) have been shown how to connect to each meeting via SEQTA Learn.

As a parent, if you are connecting separately, please refer to the following instructions that show you how to connect to your daughter's meetings via SEQTA Engage.

Parent Quick View - SLC Parent Quick View.pdf

Three-minute video walk-through - SLC Video - Parent.mp4

#### **Login Instructions**

- Interviews are booked online through an external provider, Parent Teacher Online (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 have been emailed. If you did not receive it, please contact College Reception.
- Bookings for Years 7 11 opened on **Tuesday 25 April at 9.00am**.
- We highly recommend that you leave a gap between interviews (i.e. do not make bookings back-to-back).
- Please 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.

#### **Duke of Edinburgh Silent Auction**

Thank you for supporting the 2023 Duke of Edinburgh Cambodia Silent Auction. Congratulations to the Year 11 and 12 students for organising such a successful fundraiser. We are thrilled to announce that we doubled our goal to purchase 30 bikes for students at Happy Days Village School. Items can be collected from Ms Silburn on Friday this week. All vouchers will be emailed to the successful bidders once final payment has been made.

# **Important Dates**

#### Term 2

#### May

Mother's Day Breakfast

7.30am - 8.30am Student Learning 15

Conferences 4 NOTE: Students dismissed at 1.30pm.

#### June

07 School Photos

Year 7 Study Skills 08 (5.45pm - 7.15pm)

> Year 9 Study Skills (7.30pm - 8.30pm)

23 Term 2 concludes









On Wednesday 3 May and Thursday 4 May, all Year 7 History students attended the incursion hosted by the Department of History and Archaeology from Macquarie University.

The students participated in four workshops that involved investigating a history mystery and the profession of an archaeologist through a mini archaeological dig and re-creation of the mummification process from Ancient Egypt.

It was a great opportunity for the girls to consolidate their knowledge of Ancient Egyptian religious beliefs and practices and in addition gave the girls hands-on access to artefacts and archaeological skills. The incursion was useful for strengthening the students' understanding of the topic and to also help them manage their current research assessment task.

"The history incursion was fun and interactive! We learnt about the mummification process as demonstrated on Dolly Moses, investigated a history mystery, and undertook activities to find out the age, gender, and social status of skeletal remains from Pharoah Thutmose 4th from Ancient Egyptian times." Luella M - 7.1



**Get in Touch** 

2023 Term Dates

Term 2

Term 3

Term 4

Wednesday 26 April -Friday 23 June

Tuesday 18 July -

Friday 22 September

Tuesday 10 October -

Friday 1 December

General Enquiries & Feedback

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College Fee Enquiries

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**Uniform & Text Books** 

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"The history incursion was an immersive experience where we put ourselves into the role of an archaeologist. Our main topic, Ancient Egypt, took the form of activities like mummification on Dolly Moses, analysing artefacts like canopic jars, jewellery, and magical amulets like the heart scarab to protect the mummies journey into the Afterlife. We even got to view a real site of a dig and learnt a lot from Elizabeth, an actual Archaeologist. Overall, the incursion was a great experience". Sienna S - 7.1

"This history incursion was amazing because we dived further into the practices of Ancient Egypt from how they lived and evolved, to recreating rituals and practices (fake of course). We learnt how to analyse and discover artifacts, and what objects correlate with which social hierarchy such as decorative pottery indicating that the person probably was from a wealthy social class to be able to afford this fancy pottery." Sophia S - 7.1





# Job of the Week

Lisa Walsh - Careers and Pathways Adviser e lisa\_walsh@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

**Teacher's Aide** 

What do Teacher's Aides do?

Teacher's Aides work in classrooms supporting teachers to deliver lessons by preparing resources; supervising; looking after students' wellbeing; helping them work towards their learning goals; as well as carrying out a variety of other general tasks.

If you enjoy working with children, are patient, organised and fun-loving, this career could be a great fit for you.

How do you become a Teacher's Aide?

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

Visit our very own **Stella Careers Website** for all your career needs (now on the students' SEQTA landing page). PLUS, our regular weekly careers newsletters can be read **here**.







Year level WhatsApp 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 note that these are not platforms to air complaints or grievances. As a school committed to relationships, the College always prefers that you talk directly to your daughter's PC teacher or Head of Year if you have any concerns or feedback.

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. Here are the links to join.

#### Stella Gentlemen

Administrators: Nick and Brendan

https://chat.whatsapp.com/ KHHVDH2ziSE3ZNilaxXwmz

#### Year 7

Administrator. Emma Flett

https://chat.whatsapp.com/ DTV8mc1S1RgDu8Bw2WEzce

#### Year 8

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

#### Year 9

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

#### Year 10

Administrator: Holly MacKenzie

https://chat.whatsapp.com/ HHMUa6P9oXM1Q6QSqcPrwF

#### Year 11

Administrator. Molly McKenzie

https://chat.whatsapp.com/ HxFeVIPxrqW15dqno44mEG

#### Year 12

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

# **P&F Update**

Clare Cahill and Gayle Connor (P&F Presidents)

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#### Trivia Night - tickets sold out!

Unfortunately, the P&F Trivia Night sold out super fast! We are very sorry if you missed out on tickets. To help us plan for a bigger venue, please let us know if you missed out by completing the poll in your year-level WhatsApp groups.

There will be more events planned throughout the second half of the year. To help us plan, watch out for the P&F Survey next week. We want to design a series of events that reflect what the Stella Parent and Carer community wants. So, take five minutes, grab your beverage of choice, and give us your feedback!



#### Stella Gentlemen - Nomad Brewery & Pub Trivia - Saturday 21 May

Details on the promised incentive for a gathering in Brookvale for a delightful beverage are here!

Stella Gentlemen Nomad Brewery & Pub Trivia will take place at Nomad Brewery, 5 Sydenham Road, Brookvale at 3.30pm on Sunday 21 May. This is a free event to join - please click here to register. Booking is essential.



Don't forget to join the *WhatsApp Stella Gentlemen* channel for details about events for male carers or dads, or public events the parents are invited to attend. To join, **click here**.

#### P&F General Meeting Invite - Save the date - Thursday 18 May

With so much happening since the new P&F was elected, do you want to learn more about our plans? Why not come along to the next P&F general meeting to be held in the Old Library on Thursday 18 May at 7:30 pm. To register your interest, email the P&F, and we will ensure you receive any documents as a pre-read.

#### Mother's Day P&F Raffle

This year we are very excited to have had many fabulous donations from the Stella parent community. Our thanks to the following parents/businesses for their kind donations.



- Kate Schlipalius at The Healthy Mummy kate@thehealthymummy.com who donated a THM Skin & Wellness Pack and Smoothie & Wellness Pack valued at \$300 each.
- Carey Jackson at LUXE Yoga and Fitness www.luxeyogafitness.com.au who donated a one month membership to LUXE Yoga and Fitness - valued at \$225.
- · Victoria Volpe who donated women's fragrances by Paco Rabanne valued at \$180.
- Karen Joseph at First National Manly kjoseph@firstnationalmanly.com.au who donated a Hugos Manly Voucher - valued at \$150
- Deb Ristuccia at Body Balance Natural Therapies bodybalanceoz@icloud.com who donated a 60 minute remedial massage - valued at \$125.
- Emmalee Pepar at From Here to Next hello@fromheretonext.com who donated an EFT tapping coaching session - valued at \$125.
- Tracey Fowler at SOS Aesthetics <u>tracerella@yahoo.com.au</u> who donoated two Hydrolux Facials valued at \$120.
- Janet Sajowitz Residential Sales Di Jones Northern Beaches, who donated a bottle of Veuve Clicquot - valued at \$90.



on the day). You don't have to attend the breakfast to purchase tickets. Click here to purchase your tickets in the Mother's Day P&F Raffle.



# Stella Day 2023

Our 2023 Stella Day will be held on *Friday 26 May*. See the graphics below to find out ways you can support the day or get involved?

## **Connect with Us!**

A very warm invitation to connect with us on social media. Click on the icons below to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.











# **Uniform Shop**

#### **Trading Hours**

The Uniform Shop is open 8.00am – 4.30pm, Tuesdays to Thursdays during term.

#### Student Cards

Please ensure your child's student card has sufficient funds on it for purchases.

#### Year 7 Art Semester 2

Year 7 doing Art in Terms 3 and 4 are required to purchase the Art Pack online before the end of this term. Please **click here** to place an order.

#### **Online Orders**

- · Junior and senior skirts are available in selected sizes.
- Gloves and stockings are available. We now have small size stockings.

Orders can be collected from **recess** after the order has been placed.

Please use your child's name on the order.

## **Canteen Roster**

#### Monday 15 May

Jacki Reimer Agnes Villanyi Lindie McKay Dani Clark

#### **Tuesday 16 May**

Theresa Buchanan Louise Stedman Amy Keary Sarah Olofinsky Rachel Bijl

#### Wednesday 17 May

Julie Martin Rachel Blenkinsop Michelle Ohle Kim Clemesha

#### Thursday 18 May

Orla Neville Joanne Bright Diana Panuccio

#### Friday 19 May

Justine McKee Duncan Barnett Lisa McGregor Marie Watson Nicole Covich Sarah Chirgwin













# **Sports News**

Jenny Wickham - Sports Coordinator and Teacher of PDHPE

#### Soccer

Congratulations to the Stella Open Soccer team who played at the Broken Bay Open Championships at Cromer Park on Thursday 4 May. The Stella team was a very young team, with students in Years 8 – 11 making up the group. However, the youth of our team certainly did not disadvantage us! The Stella team played well all day, winning so many games against much older opponents.

The team played extremely well throughout the round games and progressed through to the semi final against St Leo's. Despite looking like the stronger team, Stella was unlucky to lose 1-0 in the semi, after St Leo's scored an early goal in the short game. Well done to all members of the team on playing so well all day and finishing third in the Broken Bay Championships.

A special mention goes to the Stella players who were selected into the Broken Bay Open Soccer team: Bonny A, Emma B, Ellie E and Amber K. These students will now play at the NSWCCC event later this month.

Well done also to Charlotte C who was selected in the possible and probable match as a goal keeper.

Congratulations to all members of the team:

Bonny A, Eliza A, Emma B, Charlotte C, Indie C, Ellie E, Cassie G, Niamh G, Charley H, Amber K, Sophie L, Sienna L, Holly M, Tara N and Eadie P.

Best of luck to the U15 team who will play at Broken Bay next week.

#### **Cross Country**

The Broken Bay Cross Country was held at St Ives Showground on Tuesday 9 May. It was a cold day, but perfect conditions for running a cross country race!

The Stella team was amazing! We had so many top 10 finishes in all age groups, with many students finishing with medals and progressing onto the NSWCCC Championships in June.

Congratulations to the age groups that placed first in their teams event:

12 years: Charli S, Siena A and Zoe V  $\,$ 

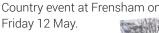
13 years: Lyla R, April U and Izzy C  $\,$ 

14 years: Pip Q, Amber K and Emma B

Well done also to the 15, 16 and 18 year teams who finished third in their team events.

Full results and students who progressed through to NSWCCC will be published in next week's Newsletter.

Good luck to the Stella team who are competing at the IGSA Cross









# School photo ordering details

# **SCHOOL PHOTOS - COMING UP**













Please note: Traditional, Composite or High-Resolution Virtual Group format is chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

## how to order

#### order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code:

#### **KY8 HAC 97W**

in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



#### STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available







#### cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope which your daughter can collect from Student Services.

#### STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

#### STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided

#### STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned approximately 6 weeks after the day of photography. Please note this delivery timeframe is dependant on proofing and additional photography days at your school.

#### IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact







# 28th MAY 2023 EMBRACE KIDS

SI Northern Beaches invites you to join us at the viewing of Australian of the Year 2023, Taryn Brumfitt's new film **'EMBRACE: KIDS',** aimed at 9-14-year-old children and adults alike. This uplifting film presents a vibrant collection of stories from young people and famous friends, who share their experiences about body image, bullying, gender identity, advocacy, representation and more.

This event is raising funds for Dippers, an award-nominated collaboration between Autism Swim and local Surf Life Saving Clubs, offering a modified nippers program to children and young adults with unique needs.

Find out more here:

www.facebook.com/watch/?v=261686188221264





SUNDAY, MAY 28 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM

BALGOWLAH RSL THE SEAFORTH FUNCTION ROOM

> ADULTS \$20 KIDS \$15

**TICKETS & TRAILER** 

www.trybooking.com/CHOKJ

