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From the Principal



Winter Break

I encourage our school community to use the winter break to rest up, to reflect on Semester One's learning and set new goals for the second half of the year. It is important to take on board recent reports and feedback from Student Learning Conferences and to put in place strategies that will help students achieve to the best of their ability.

Some holiday activities to enjoy:

- Make a visit to the Art Gallery to see Millie H's entry in the Young Archies.
- Read for pleasure.
- Rest up if you have been unwell.
- Catch up with a friend that you know might feel lonely during the holidays.
- Consider doing a good deed for a relative or friend.
- Review your own spaces at home and declutter and reuse or rehome items.
- Year 12: Take advantage of the offerings at school such as the Library and subject seminars offered by your Year 12 teachers. You need to know this generous support of your learning doesn't happen at every school.

We hope all goes well for our Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey students on their way to Cambodia and our students on the Red Earth Immersion to the Northern Territory with St Augustine's. Thanks to all the staff supporting them in these ventures.

Performing Arts

Drama Night was held this week featuring works from our Year 7/8 and Years 9-11 Ensembles as well as Year 9 and 12 Drama classes. It was exciting to see the juniors engaged in well-thought-out improvisations and scripted pieces and I can't wait to see the second episode of Murder in the Dark.

A 'shout out' to Maddison L and Gracie T who performed their Year 12 monologues to the encouraging audience. I look forward to seeing how these pieces will present for your Trial Assessments. Thanks to Mr Woods, Mr Smith and Paul Caesar for the preparation of the students.

Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN Results

We are anticipating the release of the 2023 NAPLAN results during the school holidays - no official date has been provided. Results will be sent out to families next term with further information about how to interpret the report.

Please be aware that the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has changed the way NAPLAN results are communicated, reflecting a new, more rigorous national standard. There are now four levels of achievement, replacing the previous 10-band structure.

These standards are:

Exceeding > demonstrating proficiency
Strong

Developing > has not yet met proficiency
Needs additional support

Mr Scott Mellis (Director of Innovative Learning) will provide families with this information in Term 3.

Elizabeth Carnegie
Principal

Photo Gallery Drama Night



Important Dates

Term 2

June

23

Term 2 concludes

Term 3

July

18

Term 3 commences
(Tuesday)

2023 Term Dates

Term 3

Tuesday 18 July -
Friday 22 September

Term 4

Tuesday 10 October -
Friday 1 December

Notices

Year 7 2026 - Enrolling Now!

Applications for Year 7 2026 opened on Monday 12 June. If you have a daughter currently in Year 4, please ensure you submit a formal Enrolment Application. Visit the College [website](#) for further details.

Australian Army Cadets Information Night

The Australian Army Cadets and 201 ACU Dee Why is hosting an information evening next Wednesday 28 June from 6.00pm - 9.00pm at 40 South Creek Road, Collaroy. Cadet units are open to students from Year 7.

Student Success

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Kendie C who recently competed as part of a women's level 6 trio for acrobatics. Kendie came third overall in the NSW State Acrobatics Championships and second overall in the National Championships.



Neighbourly Reminder

A reminder to all families, staff and students to be mindful of the needs of our neighbours here in Manly. Please ensure that you are using the two Kiss and Drop Zones provided by Council to allow the safe arrival and pick-up of the students at school. One of the zones is in Iluka Avenue and one is in Eurobin Avenue. We ask that you refrain from pulling across driveways as these incidents inconvenience our neighbours.

We also ask our e-bike riders to ensure they are wearing helmets, follow all rules and keep a watch out for pedestrians on the shared paths and cars in driveways.

Duke of Edinburgh News

Melanie Bradstreet, on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh team

Early bird
registration
closes 27 June!

Beach2Beach Fun Run

A reminder that early bird registrations close on Tuesday 27 June. Join the Stella team to help us enter the largest school team in 2023.

Date: Sunday, 27 August

Distance:

- 3km (Mona Vale - Newport Beach)
- 6km (Warriewood - Newport Beach)

N.B. The Duke of Edinburgh students will be entered automatically into the 6km event (they do NOT need to register themselves).

- 13km (Dee Why - Newport Beach)

[Click here](#) and type in the verification code **SMC2023** to register.

Alternatively, you can make an [online donation](#) to Linda Silburn's fundraising page to show your support for Happy Days:

Thank you for your involvement and support of this Duke of Edinburgh initiative.

Check out the great write-up of Stella's long-term involvement in the Beach2Beach Fun Run on their website.

**Australia's Most
Beautiful Fun Run
SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2023**

Beach2Beach
Charity Fun Run & Festival



Stella Maris College students are busily preparing for their eighth Beach2Beach Fun Run.

The students are rallying their peers, teachers and families to register for the event, forming the school team.

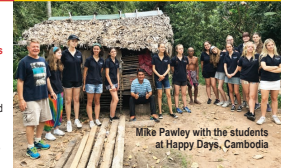
The students are part of the Duke of Edinburgh program. They will showcase their athletic abilities while raising much needed funds for the charity 'Happy Days'. They are determined to make an even greater impact by registering the largest number of participants in their school team in this year's race!

"The Beach2Beach Fun Run has become a highly anticipated event in our community," said teacher and team administrator Melanie Bradstreet.

The funds go to 'Happy Days', an initiative founded and run by local legends Mike and Suzanne Pawley. It supports impoverished students in a Cambodian rice farming community.

The funds have purchased educational supplies, uniforms, bicycles, and food, providing students with essential resources that empower them to overcome the challenges they face daily.

The Stella Maris College students have a unique opportunity, through the Duke of Edinburgh program, to travel to Cambodia, where they engage with the village community. Their activities involve teaching English at the local school and personally



delivering the funds raised to the 'Happy Days' charity. This hands-on experience has allowed the students to witness the impact of their efforts firsthand and forge lasting connections with the beneficiaries.

"The team will demonstrate their unwavering support for the Beach2Beach event, Rotary, and the 'Happy Days' charity," Melanie said.

"The students understand that their collective effort can bring about meaningful change, and they are committed to creating a brighter future for the students in the Cambodian rice farming community."

**Register today, visit
www.beach2beach.com.au**

Rotary
Club of Warringah

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Prayer

May your journey through the questions of life bring you to a new moment of awareness.

May it be an enlightening one.

May you find embedded in the wisdom of the past, like all the students of life before you, the answers you yourself are seeking now.

May they waken that in you which is deeper than fact, truer than fiction, full of faith.

May you come to know that in every human event is a particle of the Divine to which we turn for meaning here, to which we tend for fullness of life hereafter

Amen.

(Joan Chittister) GSE Term
Two Resources - Year of
Neighbour

Ethical Explorations

Alexander Mascarenhas - Teacher of English and Geography

Last Wednesday 14 June, four of our Year 11 Debaters visited our fellow Good Samaritan school, Rosebank College in Five Dock, to participate in "Ethical Explorations". This day is designed to bring together students from various schools around NSW to discuss provocative ethical issues from different perspectives. This year's focus was the 'Ethics of Protest', with students engaging in Communities of Inquiry and reporting back to the whole group. Some key questions included whether protests that cause harm or destruction can ever be justified, and if protests that help the majority or minority are most effective. We also enjoyed an inspiring talk from Dr Wes Watkins from the Jazz & Democracy Project who argued the importance of listening to and respecting diverse voices in a functioning democracy, through the metaphor of jazz music. Well done to Sami W, Ruby K, Ava N and Lauren K for their outstanding representation of the College!



Entertainment News

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



Year 12 Entertainment students joined the audience for the filming of The Masked Singer

Australia this week. They were also given a backstage tour at Disney Studios and had the opportunity to be part of a Q&A session to help solidify their entertainment studies. By being able to ask questions of people in the industry, students received valuable advice that will help focus their attention on their studies as well as future potential vocations as they look forward to time after school.



Performing Arts News

Jessica Maker - Head of Performing Arts

Winter Concert Series

Congratulations to all the Performing Arts students for the performances across our recent Winter Concert Series. Over 400 students performed on stage to audiences well over 700.

With your support, the Concert Series raised \$4,250. The majority of the money will go to the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Charity our College supports.

\$377 will fund the purchase of 10 brand new ukuleles for the Duke of Edinburgh girls to take over to students in Cambodia.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Concert Series - we hope you enjoyed it. Special thanks to our wonderful team:

- Leanne Haines - Music
- Rochelle Jones - Dance
- Evan Browett - Music
- Rob Sutcliffe - Music
- Phillip Wood - Drama
- Mitchell Smith - Drama and Theatre Manager
- Michael Arnott - Light and Sound Legend
- Paul Caesar - Drama Tutor

Enjoy your holidays! *(the Performing Arts Department)*

Extreme Dance Eisteddfod Results

Our Dance students had a big day last Sunday at the Extreme Eisteddfod with fantastic results!

Despite a large number of students missing from the groups and last minute withdrawals, the girls managed to pull it together for some incredible performances. It was wonderful to see such a huge improvement from their last time on stage and all girls deserve to be commended on their sportsmanship and support of teams from other schools.

1st – Year 9, 200 Hours Dance Elective (Jazz)

2nd – Years 7-12 Extension Lyrical Company

2nd – Years 7-9 Lyrical Company

3rd – Years 7-12 Extension Commercial Jazz Company

HC – Years 7-12 Extension Jazz Company

HC – Years 7-8 Lyrical Ensemble

The Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Company and Hip Hop Company also performed brilliantly and deserved to be congratulated. It was a fun but VERY cold day!



Social Justice News

Sarah Metcalfe - Social Justice Coordinator

Refugee Week and World Refugee Day - Tuesday 20 June

On Tuesday, Year 9 students Primrose R, Elena G, Zara D and Macey T travelled to St Scholastica's, Glebe to participate in a community conversation with people seeking asylum hosted by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Refugee and Asylum Seeker Network. The girls listened to personal stories of two asylum seekers, Idrissa from Sierra Leone and Dindo from the Philippines who are supported by Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS).

Idrissa was once a teacher in his homeland and was an active advocate for the rights of women and girls in Sierra Leone. He particularly advocated to stop the cultural practice of female genital mutilation (FGM).

His advocacy led to him being persecuted by the Sierra Leone government and he had to flee for his life, leaving his young family and all his belongings behind. Idrissa articulated to the students that since having come to Australia he mistakenly thought he would be able to seek safety and shelter to begin to rebuild his life free from persecution, however he is on a temporary visa and this has him held in a state of limbo. Idrissa's visa status results in him being unable to gain full time permanent employment and he can't even hold an opal card and must reapply every 6 months to receive Medicare if he gets sick and needs access to medicine.

Dindo came to Australia with his wife and two young children under a false premise, peddled by a human trafficker who promised full time employment, a house and community to thrive in. Upon arrival in Australia, Dindo and his family faced the harrowing reality that they had been trafficked into slave labour and left with nothing, with all their documentation and passports withheld until they "worked" off their debt. Similarly, to Idrissa, Dindo is on a temporary visa and faces exclusion from Australian society due to this fact.

All of Year 9 had the chance to listen to Helen from Iraq who had to flee from the threat of the terrorist organisation of ISIS. Helen was granted temporary visa status in Australia; however, her sisters were sent to different countries for safety such as Canada and New Zealand. In terms of the temporary visa status, Helen is kept apart from her family which is very difficult for her. The Year 9 cohort, Macey, Elena, Primrose, and Zara should all be commended for the close attention they gave to the speakers. The girls asked poignant questions such as "what can we do as a school community to help Asylum Seekers and Refugees"?

Primrose elaborated by stating: "I got the chance to consider more deeply what it means to be an asylum seeker and the Australian laws that have such a big impact upon people in that situation. I was quite shocked by Idrissa's story and the way he had to leave without being able to keep in communication with his family, especially his children, as it would put them in danger. Idrissa's story really put the freedoms that I have now into perspective."

Elena reflected that she would like to do more to speak up and support refugees and asylum seekers such as supporting initiatives that JRS run to help make a difference in these people's lives.

Zara added:

"I was made aware of Australia's harsh laws regarding Refugees and Asylum Seekers and how they feel that they are treated like a "criminal" for wanting to seek safety and a chance to live free and that they worry they will never be accepted as an Australian citizen. I felt more informed about people who are forcibly displaced from their homelands and are searching for safety".

Macey reflected:

"I was informed about the on-going challenges and hardships that Asylum Seekers face even after they have escaped direct persecution through the very harsh and brutal laws in Australia that keeps them in limbo, like being an invisible citizen on the temporary visas. I felt like I was really lucky to be simply born an Australian citizen and I want to do something to help break down the stigma and indefinite waiting period for asylum seekers on the temporary visas."

I was very impressed with the girl's ability to engage with meaningful discussion with Idrissa, Dindo and Helen on these significant social justice issues in our community.

If you are interested in finding out further information, please visit the Jesuit Refugee Service [website here](#).



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.



Canteen Roster

Week 1, Term 3

Monday 17 July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 18 July

Theresa Buchanan
Louise Stedman
Amy Keary
Sarah Olofinsky
Rachel Bijl

Wednesday 19 July

Rachel Blenkinsop
Michelle Ohle
Kim Clemesha

Thursday 20 July

Orla Neville
Sarah Bernie
Nicole Holmes
Joanne Bright

Friday 21 July

Justine McKee
Duncan Barnett
Lisa McGregor
Sarah Chirgwin

We wish all our volunteers a very happy and safe holiday. See you all in Term 3. *Bernie and Cheryl*

Uniform Shop

Trading Hours

The Uniform Shop is open 8.00am – 4.30pm, Tuesdays to Thursdays during term. It will not be open during the holidays.

Items in Stock

- The long sleeve senior blouses are now available for purchase in store. The cost is \$52.
- Junior and senior skirts are available in selected sizes.
- Gloves (including fingerless) and stockings are available.

Please purchase next term when the Uniform Shop reopens.

Year 7 Art Semester 2

Year 7 students participating in Art in Terms 3 and 4 are required to purchase the Art Pack. Purchases made during the holidays can be collected next term.

[Click here](#) to place an order.

Online Order

Please use your child's name on the order.

Stationery

There is a wide range of stationery available online and in the Uniform Shop – grid, exercise and music books, calculators, Design Tech and Art supplies.

Second Hand Uniforms

Please visit the [P&F Stella Maris Buy, Sell, Swap Uniform, Books/Equipment and Sports Gear Facebook page](#) for all second hand purchases.

P&F Trivia Night Raffle Winners

THM Skin and Wellness Pack
Clare C.

THM Smoothie and Wellness Pack
Melanie C.

Inline Water Filter
Michelle T.

Celletoi Skincare Collection
Mercedes M.

Harry Hartog Book Pack for Adults
Kathy O.

PharmaCare Gift Basket
Joanne R.

Hydrolux Facials
Martin L.

Billabong Day Retreat
Bree R.

Manly Surf lessons
Lisa T.

Harry Hartog Book Pack for Teens
Heather L.

Collagen Elixir
Greg L.

So Sensational Cakes voucher
Melanie N.

Manly Fish Market voucher
Kathy O.

Mexican Catering voucher
Mel N.

Magnum of Rose
Sue H.

P&F Update

Clare Cahill and Gayle Connor (P&F Presidents)
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Oh, what a Trivia Night!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a fantastic Trivia Night last Friday. It was a memorable evening with fun, laughter, and impressive costumes! We were blown away by the creativity and effort put into the team ensembles.

Teams battled it out, showcasing their knowledge and quick thinking. Congratulations to our winners, team Orange - The Fireballs, for their exceptional teamwork and sharp intellect.

We're thrilled to announce that the event was also a fundraising success, raising an impressive \$3348. These funds will go towards future events and help keep ticket prices low.

Thank you to all parents and carers who made this Trivia Night a resounding success. A special thank you also to our generous prize donors.



Luna Park Mother-Daughter Event (late August)

We are calling all mothers, female carers, and daughters! Join us for a spectacular Mother-Daughter afternoon at Luna Park in late August.

Luna Park offers thrilling rides that will leave you breathless – let's see who is brave enough to go on the Sledgehammer!

[Click here](#) to indicate your attendance and let us know the number of girls joining the excitement.

Mark your calendars! Tickets will be available for sale during the first week of Term 3.

The ticket price will be based on confirmed numbers – the target date is Saturday 19 August, afternoon/evening. See you at Luna Park in late August!

Stella Fellas Christmas in July bash

Hey dads and male carers! 'Tis the season for some mid-year merriment! Join us at the Bavarian Beer Cafe for a Dad's Christmas in July bash. Expect bad Christmas jumpers, beer, and schnitzels galore!

When: Saturday 22 July - 6.30pm arrival for a 7.00pm start

Where: Bavarian Beer Café, Manly Wharf

Cost: \$39.00 (to be paid on the night)

Dig out your tackiest Christmas sweater and prepare for a night of laughs, frosty brews, and delicious schnitzel. RSVP now, and let's make merry in July! [Click here](#) to RSVP.



Netball

Sports News

Jenny Wickham - Sports Coordinator and Teacher of PDHPE

Touch Football

Congratulations to our touch football teams who played at the NSW Touch Sydney Regional Championships at Penrith from 14 - 15 June. The Stella teams had great success on both days!

Stella had three teams play in the Year 7 and 8 gala day on Wednesday 14 June. All of the teams played very well, with the Stella 1 team winning the grand final!

There were two Stella teams playing in the Year 9 and 10 gala day on Thursday 15 June. Again, both of the Stella teams had great results, with the Stella 1 team making the grand final, losing narrowly to Mackellar Girls.

Well done to both teams who have now qualified for the State Finals which will be held on the Wednesday 2 August.

Netball

The grand finals of the Peninsula Cup Netball competition were held on Tuesday 20 June. The Stella Open Green team played against Mater in the Open Div 2 Grand Final. It was a great game and the Stella team won 28- 21! Congratulations to all members of the team: Katie E, Claudia S, Annika C, Sophia G, Isla M, Olive C, Rose M, Emily Graham and Jess O.

Well done to all of the Stella teams on a great season!

Good luck to the four Stella teams playing at the Broken Bay Championships in week one of Term 3.

Basketball

It is grand final week for the Manly Warringah Basketball Competition. Congratulations to the three Stella teams who made the Grand Finals:

- Year 7 Green
- Year 9 Green
- Year 11 – Open Red

Well done to the Year 7 Green team who won their grand final! Results of the other two grand finals will be posted in the next newsletter. Basketball will recommence in week 2 of Term 3.

Water Polo

Congratulations to the Stella Open team who have completed the season in the NSSWPA competition. The team had a great season and were unlucky not to make the finals.

The Year 8 and 9 competition is well underway, with all three Stella teams playing well.

The Year 7 competition will commence in Term 3.



Rugby 7s

Good luck to Piper S who will represent NSWCCC at the NSW All Schools Rugby competition this weekend. Grace F was also selected in the NSWCCC team, but has had to withdraw with injury.

