



# STELLA

## Newsletter



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### From the Principal



#### Stella Welcomes Back Alumni

The Big Day Back on Saturday was a tremendous success with many past students returning to Stella. It was great to catch up and hear the stories of their time here. They enjoyed self-guided tours of the College and chatted about the displays of memorabilia. Thanks to our Community Engagement Team and our Canteen/Hospitality staff for organising a great day. Thanks too to the many Support Staff who assisted with the afternoon.

#### Stella responds to the Pope's call to ecological conversion



##### Our year of Stewardship

On October 4, 2023, Pope Francis released an addendum to *Laudato Si*, addressed to 'all people of good will on the climate crisis'. The new instalment, *Laudate Deum*, 'Praise God' links environmental problems with economic, social, and technological issues and lays much of the blame for the earth's current state with wealthy nations and rampant individualism.

In Pope Francis' eyes, these problems result from denial of how deeply interconnected the world is. When humans attempt to declare 'independence from reality' he writes, relationships are the first casualty. The Pope stresses that climate concerns are about more than ecology because care for the

Earth and care for one another are intimately linked.

2023 was the Year of Stewardship and, at Stella, we responded confidently to the Pope's message. Our 2023 Stewardship Prefects Charlotte Keating and Maddison Lawson led the community drive to improve how we manage our waste at school. Working in partnership with Ava Adlam and David Wiltshire (Property & Sustainability and Administration Managers), they helped the school implement co-mingled bins and refuse garbage bins. It was a great initiative that the students and staff appreciated.

During Term 4, 2024 Stewardship Captains Ella H and Audrey R continue the positive messaging to remind us of our responsibility to be good stewards of the Earth.

The school has sustainability initiatives in place already, with a large solar array on Scholastica and the Theatre roofs. We have rainwater tanks at the base of Scholastica for garden watering and a mulch pit for canteen and food technology vegetable waste. The canteen is, where possible, using eco-friendly materials for packaging. We have blue paper recycling bins in the staff area and a clothing recycling bin in the yard. We continue to look for ways for the College to live lightly on the Earth.

Thank you to the community of Stella Maris for helping us express the meaning of Stewardship in 2023.

**Elizabeth Carnegie**  
Principal

STELLA P&F PRESENTS

# RED & BLACK *Friday* NIGHT

## 3 *November*

**FOOD | DRINKS  
MUSIC  
CASINO**

DOORS OPEN AT 6.30 PM  
VENUE: STELLA MARIS  
RED & BLACK THEME  
DRESS CODE: SMART CASUAL  
/SUMMER SOIRÉE

**TICKETS  
\$60**

### PRAYER

God help us to change.  
To change ourselves and to change  
the world.  
To know the need for it.  
To deal with the pain of it.  
To feel the joy of it.  
To undertake the journey without  
understanding the destination.  
The art of gentle revolution.

**Amen**

Michael Leunig

## 2023 Term Dates

### Term 4

Tuesday 10 October - Friday  
1 December

## Important Dates

### November

**03** P&F Black & Red Night  
Parent Event

**07** Music Night

**17** Dance Night

**21** Drama Night

**29 - 30** Year Group Award  
Ceremonies

## Notices

### Semester 2 Performance Summer Series

This term we have our Semester 2 Performance Summer Series. Please see below for the following details of each event and how you can reserve a ticket. Tickets will be a \$5 donation which will contribute to the continued work of The Good Samaritan Foundation. We are looking forward to showcasing our amazing students at Stella Maris College.

**Showcase of Music: Tuesday 7 November - 6:30pm**

6:30pm Show: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMJXI>

**Celebration of Dance: Friday 17 November 5:00pm & 7:00pm**

5:00pm Show: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMJXB>

7:00pm Show: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMJXF>

**The Drama Gala: Tuesday 21 November 6:30pm**

6:30pm Show: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMJXR>

### Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal

Keep those donations coming in! A reminder that we are collecting items up until Monday 20 November. We kindly ask that donations are:

- Chocolate and nut free
- Not out-of-date
- Have ring pulls on any tin items

The following donations are required. →

### Dance Success

On the weekend the Stella Junior Dancers competed in the Energy Express Eisteddfod. We had very small groups of around 5-8 dancers but every group placed.

The highlight of the weekend was the Jazz Company, which consisted of only five Year 7 students, taking out first place in the Senior Section for Years 9-12. What an amazing achievement for our youngest students to win against girls in Years 11 and 12!

### Junior Section

1st Place – Hip Hop Company “Tic Toc”

2nd Place – Lyrical Ensemble “Runaway”

3rd Place – Jazz Ensemble “Teeth”

### Senior Section

1st Place – Jazz Company

2nd Place – Lyrical Company

### Year 7 students

Samantha O, Alannah O, Isabelle T, Chloe B, Holly P, Asher S, Sotia L, Jasmine M, Mia M, Jayde N, Gemma W and Cailey A.

### Year 8 students

Natalia B, Keiley B, Grace E, Holly M, Piper R and Amelie R.

### Parent Seminar

Parents are invited to join a free webinar - Protecting Young Minds with Healthy Relationships & Consent Conversations. Presented by Consent Labs and covering a number of topics, the webinar runs from 7.00pm - 8.30pm on Wednesday 15 November. [Click here](#) for further details.





## Visual Arts News

Marisa Quick - Head of Visual Arts

### The Memory Project 2023 – portraits for a kinder world

Over the last term, 24 students and staff have been busily working on their artworks and portraits of Colombian children for The Memory Project. The Memory Project is a non-profit organisation that delivers hand drawn or painted portraits and artworks to children living in difficult situations in various parts of the world. Their aim is to help children feel valued and important, remind them that many people care about their well-being, and build feelings of international friendship and solidarity.

Thank you to everyone who participated, encouraged and supported The Memory Project during this time. I am thrilled with the results and I am sure the Colombian children will be delighted with their portraits when they receive them.

For more information: <https://www.memoryproject.org/>

#### Participants:

Tilda B, Chloe B, Emilia C, Naomie H, CJ W, Millie H, Georgette M, Alana R, Mia M, Pascaal M, Sanna M, Kate C, Amelia S, Ava W, Amalia M, Sara T, Pema S, Francesca U, Isla U, Macky O, Jessica Y, Bella B, Carolyn Collins, Linda Silburn and Clare Hodges.



## Duke of Ed in 2024

**Want to know more  
about the adventurous  
journeys and tours  
planned for 2024?**

[Click here!](#)

## Bear Cottage Christmas Wrapping Station

Are you interested in  
volunteering this Christmas  
to support Bear Cottage  
Children's Hospice?

We will be holding our annual  
Christmas Wrapping Station  
from Saturday 2 December  
until Sunday 24 December (7  
days a week during shopping  
hours).

This is held at Westfield  
Warringah Mall, Brookvale.  
Parking is provided.

If you are 16 or over and would  
like to get involved, please  
email [Bronwen Simmons](#) and  
cc [Linda Silburn](#) to register  
your interest. Bronwen will  
get back to you with available  
hours. You are welcome to  
volunteer by yourself or in a  
pair - if you are a pair please  
email Bronwyn separately and  
let her know who you would  
like to be paired with.

Thank you for supporting the  
children and families at Bear  
Cottage this Christmas.

## Duke of Edinburgh Spotlight

With Mackenzie R - 2024 Duke of Edinburgh Captain

**What level of DoE are you up to?**

Gold

**What year are you in?**

Year 12

**Why do you enjoy DoE?**

I enjoy the Duke of Edinburgh program because it has allowed me to make so many new friends, connect with girls across different groups and encourages me to push myself physically and mentally, helping me to build resilience.

**What is your favourite DoE hike you have been on?**

My favourite hike was my silver qualifying adventurous journey in the Snowy Mountains where we hiked for four days and camped three nights. We faced many obstacles throughout the journey including unexpected spiders at our campsite and torrential rain resulting in 20 of us cramped into a tiny hut. These were the moments that made it the most memorable and why it is my favourite journey.



**How has DoE encouraged your participation within the community?**

From starting volunteering with the award in Year 9 by sewing capes for kids in hospital, it encouraged me to attend the immersion to Cambodia where we volunteered in schools and gave back to the impoverished communities over there. Volunteering through the Duke of Edinburgh program has enlightened me to the importance of giving back in the community and has instilled a strong desire to continue my commitment to working with communities.

**Why did you begin DoE?**

I began in Year 9 because the idea of camping with my friends sounded like lots of fun and I wanted to be involved immediately.

**What do you do as your volunteering?**

I help the award leader with all junior Duke of Edinburgh activities including running other volunteering activities, planning and attending hikes, and helping juniors with their award.

**What activity do you do as your skill?**

Driving

**What activity do you do as your sport?**

Pilates

**What did you do as residential?**

Cambodia Immersion

**What is the most challenging part of DoE?**

The hardest part is the mental battle when completing hard parts of the adventurous journeys, when your packs are heavy and it feels like the hike will never end. It is however the most rewarding feeling once it's over.



## 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.



## Job of the Week

Lisa Walsh - Careers and Pathways Adviser  
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### Social Media Manager

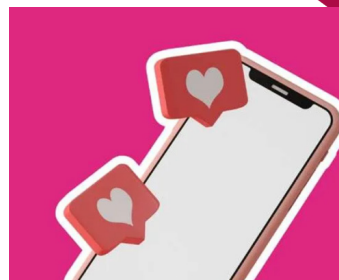
#### What do social media managers do?

Social Media Managers represent companies online and are responsible for generating, curating (selecting, organising and presenting information), editing, posting, and managing social media posts and content.

If you have a great understanding of lots of different social media platforms, and you love learning new things and finding out what makes people tick, then this could be a challenging and rewarding career for you.

#### How do you become a social media manager?

[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](#).



## Canteen Roster

Bernie McGrath - Canteen Manager

If your daughter has ordered her lunch online and is not at school to collect it, can we ask that parents/guardians email the canteen – [email](#) or call us on 99761826 to advise us of this please.

Also, I will be preparing the canteen roster for next year in the coming weeks. If you would like to stay on your current day, change to another day or not come in at all, can you please let me know via [email](#)? If you would like to join our roster, please also let me know.

#### Monday 30 October

Stephanie La Greca  
Deb Ristuccia  
Rachel Bijl

#### Tuesday 31 October

Alison Vaubell  
Karita Beard  
Alyson Perry

#### Wednesday 1 November

Janine Silva  
Francene Scali  
Karlee Fox  
Kirsten Wenbourne

#### Thursday 2 November

Diana Panuccio  
Steph England  
**HELP NEEDED PLEASE**

#### Friday 3 November

Simone Selinas  
Jeremy Stubbs  
Claudine Guterres  
Tara Edgton  
Amanda Beecham

# ANYTHING ENGLISH

EVERY DAY

8am BENNIES  
1.45pm LIBRARY

Use this space to get  
help with your essays,  
homework, assessments

Use this space to  
bounce your creative  
writing ideas around

## Uniform Shop

### Trading Hours

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

The Uniform Shop's last day this year will be Thursday 23 November. Please ensure all online orders are collected by then.

Years 7 - 12 2024 booklists are available to order through [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au). The access code is RJF4

### Summer Uniform

Year 9 need to purchase the senior dress or shorts before Thursday 23 November as these will be worn from Term 1. Parents have been emailed with particulars of times.

### Online Orders

Please use your child's name on the order. Orders are available to collect from recess. Confirmation is emailed at time of order. Please note that reminders are not sent.

New calculator: Casio fx-8200AU (\$53.00). Approved for HSC and all exams.

### New Scarf

Stella now has a new scarf. It is the same colour as previously but is a soft-feel wool/polyester. The cost is \$26.

### 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 Update

Clare Cahill (P&F President)

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### Call for new Level WhatsApp Admins

As we approach 2024, we thank our current-level admins for their invaluable contribution to information sharing and support. Looking ahead to the coming year, we are excited to announce the need for new Year Level Admins to help manage several of our Stella Maris College WhatsApp channels.

If you are a parent or guardian of incoming Year 7, 8, or 11 students for the year 2024 and wish to play a key role in fostering our vibrant Stella community, we invite you to contact us. Your role as a Year Admin encompasses:

- Facilitating effective communication within your Year group.
- Maintaining a positive and respectful environment within the WhatsApp group.
- Providing support and guidance to fellow parents and guardians.
- Optionally, coordinating Year-specific events.

To express your interest or seek more information, please get in touch with your current admin or the P&F via email.

### Let the Good Times Roll – Have You Secured Your Tickets for the P&F Red & Black Night?

It's time to revel in and celebrate the unsung heroes of our Stella Maris College community - our dedicated parents, caregivers, and friends. We invite you to join us for an unforgettable evening of fun and games at the Stella Maris P&F Red & Black Night on Friday 3 November. This is your golden opportunity to attend an event you will want to attend!

**Date:** Friday 3 November

**Time:** 6:30pm onwards

**Location:** Stella Maris College

#### [Purchase your tickets here](#)

For just \$60, you will gain access to a world of extravagance, including:

- A Feast Fit for Royalty: Savour the culinary delights crafted by the culinary wizards at Dope Fusion.
- Liquid Luck: Enjoy an array of libations featuring beverages from Freshwater Brewery, Manly Spirits, wines, bubbles, and even some enchanting non-alcoholic options.
- Tunes and Tricks: Dance the night away to live music from Evergreen Music, take a chance on the roulette wheel, and bet on red or black!
- [Secure your spot now](#)

Let's unite as a vibrant school community to bid farewell to 2023 in style. The anticipation is building, and we can't wait to see you there, ready to take a chance on red or black!

### Barefoot Bowls don't miss the last spots!

And Dads don't forget - Barefoot Bowls - for dads, male caregivers, and daughters! Join us for an afternoon of barefoot bowls on Sunday 19 November starting at 2:00pm at Manly Bowling Club. Tickets are on sale at \$29 per person. Only 12 spots remain, so [click here](#) to get your tickets.

### Stella Sunset Social - DJ Search

Do you want to be the Stella Sunset Social star in February 2024, or do you know someone who could be? We're seeking a talented female DJ to play the perfect sunset vibe set to welcome parents and carers and launch the 2024 school year.

If you've got the beats, the passion, and the style, get in touch! Contact Clare via the P&F [via email](#).

More details coming before the end of Term 4 on how to grab your tickets!

## P&F WhatsApp Groups

### Stella Fellas

Administrators: Nick and Brendan

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KHHVDH2ziSE3ZNilaxXwmz>

### Year 7

Administrator: Emma Flett

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LUyd4A57KYAXKMo1oXJUUp>

### 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/HHMUa6P9oXM1Q6QScPrwF>

### Year 11

Administrator: Molly McKenzie

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HxFeVIPxrwQ15dqno44mEG>

### Year 12

Administrator: Janet Sajowitz

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/InVnTvMt9NFAkoR99H2bxC>





## Sports News

Jenny Wickham - Sports Coordinator and Teacher of PDHPE

### Equestrian

Congratulations to Maeve R and Sara M who competed at the NSW Interschools Horse Extravaganza in Tamworth last week. Both girls performed very well. Congratulations to Maeve who finished 5th in the lightweight hack 16hh+; and to Sara who was CHAMPION in the 75 show jumping! Well done Maeve and Sara!



### Touch Football

The Peninsula Cup touch football competition is well underway! Stella has three teams competing in the Monday afternoon competition. All teams are playing well and enjoying the competition.



### 2024 Basketball Competition

Expressions of interest are now open for the 2024 Basketball season. Stella will be entering teams into the Manly Warringah Basketball competition again in 2024. All students who sign up to play will be graded into a team. The competition will run over Terms 1 and 2. Games are generally played at the Northern Beaches Indoor Sport Centre (Warriewood). Games are played on Monday (Year 7/8), Wednesday (Year 9/10) or Friday (Year 11/12) afternoons between 4 – 7pm. All teams in Year 7 – 10 will be allocated a day for a morning training session. Training is compulsory for all players in Years 7 – 10.

Students have been emailed a link to express interest. They should complete this expression of interest form by Friday 3 November.

Grading trials will be held in the week starting Monday 6 November.

Sign up for other sports will be sent out at the very start of 2024.



Strong minds. Open hearts.

Community News



Give life.  
Give blood in  
Dee Why.

Dee Why Beach car park  
17 to 19 November



Friday 17 November  
Saturday 18 November  
Sunday 19 November

9 am – 2 pm  
9 am – 2 pm  
9 am – 2 pm

