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Newsletter



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From the Principal



Celebrating Alumni

Several weeks ago, I had the joy of sharing morning tea with Stella alumni, Margaret Duffy. Margaret was a student at Stella during the 1940s and she spoke to me of her great fondness for the school, and her close school friend, Barbara Vickers, who was a talented swimmer, representing Australia in the Masters World Championship Swimming.

Margaret had a strong mentor and friend in Sister Dolores Carroll sgs, who was a teacher at Stella Maris when Margaret was a student. After teaching in Good Samaritan schools in both NSW and Queensland, Sr Dolores was sent by the congregation to Japan, to the Seiwa school started by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan after WW2. In addition to her teaching, Sr Dolores visited shrines and temples to develop her understanding of Japanese culture. Sr Dolores said, "I came back to Australia a changed person in heart and mind and soul."



Whilst Dolores was in Japan, her friendship with Margaret was sustained with letters exchanged and shared with Barbara about Dolores' experiences in Sasebo. Margaret shared the treasured copies of the letters with me, while we chatted on the convent verandah.

After Margaret's visit, I reflected on the remarkable work of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan both here and overseas. The courage of these brave women to take on challenges, immersing themselves in other cultures is a hallmark of their mission. This continues today, reflected in their recent Good Samaritan Statement of Directions 2023-2029:

Gifted by our Good Samaritan Benedictine charism

We are committed to living our relationship

With God, neighbour and the universe

through

Ecological conversion which impels

Interculturality which transforms

Compassion which leads to justice

Hope which empowers mission.

Last week was Margaret Duffy's 97th birthday. Happy Birthday Margaret!

Elizabeth Carnegie

Principal

Body Kind Month

Week 4 - Random Acts of Kindness



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

December

1 Last day of 2024.
School finishes at
approx. 11.00am.

Notices

2024 Sibling Discounts

Sibling Discounts – are automatically given to daughters who attend the College concurrently. You do not need to complete a form for this as it is automatically applied on the fee statements.

External Sibling Discount – is available if your daughter has an older sibling who will be attending an eligible Diocesan Catholic college in the Diocese of Broken Bay in 2024 (Mater Maria Catholic College, Warriewood, St Paul's Catholic College, Manly and Mercy College, Chatswood). To apply for this discount please [email](#) or follow the link on the website. Forms are required to be received by November 24 to ensure the discount is applied to your 2024 account.

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. →

Design the 2024 Stella Postcard

Are you the next designer of the Stella postcard? Entries are now open to be the creative genius behind our very own 2024 Stella postcard. See details on how to apply at the back of this newsletter.

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.

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PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

STAR OF THE SEA THEATRE - SCAN QR CODE TO GET YOUR TICKETS

SHOWCASE OF MUSIC	7 NOV 6.30pm	[QR Code]	[Music Icon]
CELEBRATION OF DANCE	17 NOV 5.00pm	[QR Code]	[Dance Icon]
CELEBRATION OF DANCE	17 NOV 7.00pm	[QR Code]	[Dance Icon]
THE DRAMA GALA	21 NOV 6.30pm	[QR Code]	[Drama Icon]

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

ITEMS NEEDED Via PC

1. Custard
2. Christmas Cake
3. Christmas Pudding
4. Fruit Mince Pies
5. Leg Ham (tinned, eg plumrose)
6. Bon Bons
7. Tinned Fruit (ring pull)
8. Tea & or coffee
9. Long life milk
10. Cereal
11. Tinned Veiges (ring pull)
12. Biscuits
13. Jelly or Jam

Alumni News

PRAYER

God of love,
May we always see the world
through the eyes of the Good
Samaritan and be filled with your
deep compassion. Help us to be
merciful neighbours even when
it is inconvenient, when we don't
have time, or when we have other
responsibilities to attend to.

AMEN

(Good Samaritan Life)

Alexandra Stacey (Class of 2023)



It is with great pride that we announce Year 12 student, Alexandra Stacey, our 2023 Performing Arts Captain, has been offered a contract with Royal Caribbean Entertainment. She will fly to Miami in January to start training and will be performing on the cruise ship from January to September 2024!

Allie begun her dance training with Miss Jones at Synergy Performance Studios (now Elite Performance Studios) when she was around eight years old and has continued to train with Miss Jones, Ellie Ashe, and the incredible faculty of staff at Elite Performance Studios to this day. Allie is the epitome of hard work, perseverance and a determined

attitude. Allie also studied Dance through the Dance Elective from Year 9 to HSC level receiving Callback nominations for both her Core Performance and Major Performance pieces. She has also been a valued member of the Extension Company groups for her entire school life, representing Stella Maris at competitions, cultural events and concerts. She has always given 100% to her training, her teachers, her studio, her school, and her team. For Allie to receive an amazing contract like this, just shy of her 18th birthday and graduation, is a dream come true.

It is extremely rare for dancers to secure a coveted job, such as this, straight out of High School. Dancers are usually required to have completed a one to two year Full Time Performing Arts Course, or similar, before they will even be considered. This goes to show how exemplary Allie's talent is. Allie will be performing on the Royal Caribbean Cruise Ship "Allure of the Seas" in the Aqua show. She will learn how to scuba dive as part of the show and be involved in performing both on stage and under water.

This is just the beginning of Allie's dance career and is a huge credit to all her hard work and guidance of her teachers over the years.

We wish you all the best Allie and are incredibly proud of you.

Karina Grigorian (Class of 2022)

Our very best wishes to Karina who will line up for the Commbank ParaMatildas in the 2023 IFCPF Asia-Oceania Championships in Melbourne commencing this weekend. Karina made her debut for the ParaMatildas in September where she scored a goal. The ParaMatildas is Australia's national football team for women and girls with cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury or stroke.

Good luck Karina and the ParaMatildas!

(Don't forget you'll be able to watch all the action from the 2023 IFCPF Asia Oceania Championships live and free on SBS On-Demand!)



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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Correctional Officer

What do Correctional Officers do?

Correctional Officers (sometimes called prison officers) work in prisons and other correctional or detention institutions. They're responsible for supervising and controlling the activities of inmates, as well as carrying out other functions such as educational and rehabilitation programs.

If you enjoy working with people, are able to remain calm and authoritative in any situation, and you're looking for a career that's different every day, working as a Correctional Officer could be ideal for you.



How do you become a Correctional Officer?

[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

I will be preparing the canteen roster for 2024 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 6 November

Petra Weiss
Katherine Pinkerton
Belinda Robinson

Tuesday 7 November

Belinda Vumbaca
Sara McHugh

Wednesday 8 November

Amanda Smerdon
Shannon Morrell

Thursday 9 November

Kelly Hindman
Jess Ozbay
Marlene Richardson
Petra Weiss
Peta Pickup

Friday 10 November

Natalie Moschou
Lisa Hung
Margie Mort
Gab Cook
Sarah Reynolds
Danielle Bennett

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. 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](#).

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 8 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/HxFeVIPxrqW15dqno44mEG>

Year 12

Administrator: Janet Sajowitz

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/InVnTvMt9NFAkoR99H2bxc>

Sports News

Jenny Wickham - Sports Coordinator and Teacher of PDHPE

2024 Sport Registrations

Preparations are underway for the numerous sports that will be on offer to students in 2024. Whilst registration for most sports will open at the start of the 2024 school year, registrations for some sports are open now.

We are now taking registrations for basketball and AFL. Students and parents have been emailed information regarding the competitions for these sports.

Basketball will play in the Manly Warringah Competition at NBISC in Terms 1 and 2. Games will be on Monday (Year 7/8), Wednesday (Year 9/10) or Friday (Year 11/12). Training will be before school on the basketball court.

AFL: Stella will be playing in the Independent Girls Schools Competition. Games are held on Saturday afternoons (possibly some Friday evenings) at various venues throughout Term 1. Training will be afterschool one day per week at Keirle Park.

Students have been sent the link to register. Any interested students should sign up by next Thursday 9 November.

Good luck!

Best of luck to the Stella teams who are competing in various sporting events over the next week:

- NSW Touch School Cup on 2nd November
- IGSA Gymnastics on 3rd November
- CGSSSA Aquathon on 7th November

Risk Warning - Sporting Activities 2024

(Under Section 5M of Civil Liability Act 2002)

On Behalf of Stella Maris College and IGSA.

Stella Maris organises many individual and team sporting activities during the course of a year. Some of these are organised in conjunction with IGSA Sport, a sub-committee of the Association of Heads of Independent Girls' Schools NSW (AHIGS), now trading as IGSA. Students participating in these sporting activities take part in practice and in competitions.

Stella Maris and IGSA Sport expect students to take responsibility for their own safety by wearing compulsory safety equipment, by thinking carefully about the use of safety equipment that is highly recommended and by behaving in a safe and responsible manner towards team members, opponents, spectators, officials, property and grounds.

Stella Maris and IGSA Sport also expect parents, spectators and other participants to behave in a safe and responsible manner, to comply with the Codes of Conduct and to set a good example for the girls.

While Stella Maris and IGSA Sport take measures to make the sporting activities as safe as reasonably possible for participants, there is a risk that students can be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in these sporting activities, whether at training or in actual events.

Such injury can occur while the student is engaging in or watching a sporting activity, or travelling to and from the event. The injury may result from a student's actions, the actions of others, the state of the premises or equipment failure.

On some occasions, an injury can be serious (such as torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion or broken bones). In very rare cases an injury can be life threatening or result in permanent disability. If a student has a pre-existing injury, participating in a sporting activity could result in an exacerbation of that injury.

Students could also suffer loss as a result of their personal property being lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.



Competition Time

Design the 2024 STELLA POSTCARD



Create a unique graphic that represents “a Stella girl” and your design could be the face of the 2024 postcards

You can use any medium you like: paints, coloured/lead, etch, watercolours, pastels, collage, crayon, lino print, digital sketch etc.

x 2 winners will receive a prize worth \$25

*Due Wednesday
22nd November*

Email to Ms McCutcheon or Mr Saros