



Important Dates

NAPLAN tests start
Monday 9 May

Stella Maris Day
Tuesday 24 May

P&F Movie Night
Friday 27 May

Pupil Free Day
Friday 10 June

Public Holiday
Monday 13 June

P&F Milo & Muffin day
Friday 1 July

School Photo Day
Thursday 1 September

Year 5 Camp
October 26 - 28
Wednesday 26 October

Year 6 Camp
November 1 - 4
Tuesday 1 November

Sports Day
Friday 11 November

Year 4 Camp
November 23 - 25
Wednesday 23 November

Introduction

We welcome the term back with enthusiasm and renewed energy, we celebrate the Easter season with the joy it requires, we introduce the Stella Person and the Stella Leaner, we thank our Mum's and provide some important school reminders. Welcome to Week 1 of Term 2!

From the Principal

WELCOME BACK:

It really is great to be back! Our students and staff seem very rested and re-energised after the challenges of Term 1 and there has been a very smooth and calm start to the term. We are looking forward to a term with less COVID disruptions and a little more 'predictability'. Term 2 is an important term for learning as we continue to 'up the ante' with curriculum coverage and assessment of learnt topics. Our teachers know the students well and there has been a great structure and routine set up. We will hit the ground running.

We welcome three new families to Stella this term. Willow (Yr 4), Lucy (Yr 4) and Dariyus (Yr 3) join us from other schools. We hope you and your family have a very positive and rewarding experience at Stella Maris. We also welcome back Ms Caitlin who will be taking on Jenna Coates' Yr 2 ESO support role for the next 4 weeks while she is on her teaching prac experience at another school. Caitlin will also be back as Playgroup Co-ordinator this term. It is great to see Playgroup back in the Church hall as of tomorrow (Friday).

THE EASTER SEASON:

We are only part way through the "Easter Season". As we spoke about at our Easter Liturgy on Wednesday, Easter, like Advent and Lent is actually a 'season' and not just one day. Easter goes for 50 days and in this time, we are encouraged to live as Easter people. People of joy, hope and love – bringing these qualities to all we encounter.

Year 5HM led us in unpacking the events of Easter Sunday. They told us about the initial disbelief of his disciples regarding Jesus' resurrection on the 3rd day after his death. After Jesus 'showed himself' to them, they realised what he had been saying all along. It was a very joyous liturgy!

CAPABILITIES:

If I asked you what were the key things you wanted for your son or daughter at the end of their time at Stella Maris, what would you say? Would it be – for them to be a good person with a strong moral compass? Perhaps it would be around developing a strong love of learning? Possibly that they have good friends and are happy to come to school? I know these are certainly the things that I want as a parent of primary school aged children. I'm not sure 'knowledge attainment' – i.e how many states there are in Australia (although an important fact to know) would be chosen by many!

That is why at Stella Maris, we have a strong focus on the The Stella Person and The Stella Learner.

We want the Stella Person to espouse our school values and be Compassionate, Inclusive, Respectful and Courageous. We want them to live these values daily – in their interactions with others here at school, at home and in the community.

The Stella Learner is a person who builds their capabilities to become successful learners. Over the course of the last 18 months, we have spent time researching, examining, discussing and deliberating what we would identify as the 'essential capabilities' we want our students to focus on, develop and improve in during their time at Stella Maris. We have used local (CESA's Key Capabilities) and National (Australian Curriculum General Capabilities) as well as International documents to help us get to a point where we have settled on 'The Stella Capabilities'. At Stella Maris we want to develop students who are:

- Inspired by Faith
- Critical and Creative Thinkers
- Collaborative and Self-Aware
- Globally Minded
- Literate and Numerate
- Responsible Digital Citizens
- Ecologically Aware

We are now at the stage where we will be speaking more about these capabilities and the focus on them in our classroom and school. Like our Values, they will be known and lived by your children every day.

Over the next few newsletters, Lou Perry (Capabilities Leader) will be providing you with further information about 'The Stella Learner' and the 'The Stella Capabilities'. Look out for her articles in coming newsletters.

MOTHER'S DAY – THANKS!

I want to extend a sincere Happy Mother's Day to all of our Stella Mums for Sunday. I do hope that you get spoilt and feel a great sense of appreciation from your families. Certainly our house would not be what it is without 'mum'.

I also want to send a big thanks and well done to a large band of Parents and Friends helpers who organised a hugely successful Mother's Day stall this year. Thank you to those who helped prepare the gifts, wrap the gifts and then sell them on Wednesday. A special and particular thanks to Kylie Bowman for her leadership in this – I know she has spent a huge amount of time on it.

And congratulations to Susan Fishpool who won our inaugural Mother's Day raffle!

EMAIL COMMUNICATION:

One of the key ways I share important information with parents is via email. We are really aware that given the amount of information you may receive from work, social and other schools, keeping communication to the point and limited to 'as needed' as much as possible is important.

As such, I only send emails which I deem as important for you to know and read. It is vital as such therefore that a. you are receiving the information and b. that you are reading, noting and actioning (if required) the information within it. If you are not receiving emails from the school or you wish to update your email address, please contact Cathy in the front office.

Yesterday I sent an important email regarding Parent-Teacher Conversations and a COVID update with some important reminders and updates.

I'd ask that you take the short time to read these emails.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES:

As we begin a new term, it is always an opportune time to revisit some important school procedures and requirements. I would ask that you make yourself aware of these school procedures as the new term starts:

Procedure for informing the school that you will be picking your child up early:

If you are picking up your child early for a known appointment, we would ask that you let the class teacher know via a See Saw or email message prior to the day. This will allow the teacher to ensure the child is ready to go on time for you.

Procedure for informing the school that your child will be absent from school:

If your child is absent from school, we ask that you either ring the office (a message can be left on the voice mail) or text our absentee text line on 0408 279 478. While it is respectful to let your child's class teacher know about the absentee via See Saw or email, the initial and most important part of the process is letting the front office know (as above). Often See Saw or email messages are not seen by teachers until later in the day and so are not appropriate for absentee messages.

Procedure for parents to follow when an external therapist/tutor wants to come into the school to work with children:

We have a large number of Allied Health Specialists visiting our school, including Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, the list goes on. We are very aware of their expertise in this field and see our partnership with them as an essential element of the development of your child. However, with the increase in our student population and the need for these services, also comes a problem with finding space for these services to operate in. There are also many requirements – both from a Child Protection and WHS perspective that are required by our school. As such, we would ask that if you are thinking about using any particular service or allied health professional, in the first instance you contact me here at school so that I can explain and step through the process with you. Obviously, the input and involvement of your child's class teacher is a vital element of this process as well.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES:

A reminder that our school gates open at 8:15am and we ask that students are NOT left unattended outside school gates prior to this time. We have a before school OSHC service which operates for families if and when required.

Our school day concludes at 3:00pm and students will be dismissed at this time. While students are permitted to play on the playground after school, this can only occur if there is DIRECT and ACTIVE supervision of the child by a parent occurring. We have a bell which rings at around 3:10pm which signifies that our gates will be locked and parents should exit our school area.

I again also remind parents of our Kiss and Drop expectations. We ask that people completing the pick up DO NOT wait in Ramsey Avenue and clog up this road while waiting for a spot on Mulga Street to open up. Please do a lap of the block and come back to Mulga Street when it is clearer.

As always, I thank the vast majority of parents who abide by these procedures and expectations.

I look forward to sharing another great term with you at Stella and as always assure you that my door is always open and I am always up for a chat about any aspect of you, your child or other aspects of your life!

James

From the APRIM

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS!

What an exciting day Wednesday was in our school calendar. We met outdoors once again as a school community to unpack the excitement of the 'Resurrection!'

Year 5HM helped the students to experience the disbelief, awe and wonder that must have been felt both those who experienced firsthand the Resurrection of Jesus. Mr Quigley talked to us about the joy of new life and the excitement we felt on Easter Sunday morning when we were lucky enough to receive Easter eggs, helping the students to reflect on the joy of Easter. He encouraged each of us to continue to live out that Easter joy during the week, during the term and in fact right throughout our life. He went on to say that in order to live as joyful people we need to be Good Samaritans who try at all times to live out the Gospel.

A big thank you is extended to Yr 5HM for the way they were able to bring this part of the Holy Week events to life.

RECONCILIATION

Around twenty students from Stella Maris School have been excitedly undertaking learning with members of St Ann's Parish in preparation to celebrate their First Reconciliation on Tuesday 17 May at Holy Spirit Church.

During each of the preparation gatherings the students have worked with Deacon Andrew to unpack bible stories about forgiveness and

have tried to take the lessons from these stories to guide them in being Forgiving towards others. The stories explored have included 'The Prodigal Son', 'The Lost Sheep' and the story of 'Zacchaeus'.

Please keep these students and their families in your prayers during this exciting time.

From the APL&W

Welcome back for term 2! I hope all families had a restful and enjoyable holiday break.

NAPLAN

Next week, students in years 3 and 5 will sit NAPLAN for the first time. NAPLAN was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID, which resulted in our current year 5 students not completing the tests in Year 3.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy. Students will use their lap top devices to complete all four tests (except for the Year 3 Writing test which will still be completed in a handwritten form).

At Stella Maris, we see these tests as one aspect of our thorough assessment and reporting process. They are not a replacement for the extensive, ongoing assessments completed by your child's teacher throughout the year. Students have and will be given an opportunity in class to practice answering similar type questions and get used to the format of the Online NAPLAN testing in the lead up to testing days.

All families of children in year 3 & 5 have been emailed further information. If you have any further questions about the tests, or wish to seek clarification on any further information, please do not hesitate to call me or speak to your child's class teacher.

Gifted Awareness Week Australia

Gifted Awareness Week Australia (GAW) will be held from 21 to 29 May 2022. The theme this year is "Like Minds".

As part of GAW, Dr Jae Jung will be visiting from Sydney to present parent workshops on behalf of Catholic Education South Australia. Jae is an Associate Professor in Gifted Education at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), and the Director of the Gifted Education Research, Resources, and Information Centre of UNSW. Dr Jae will be presenting parent/carer workshops and discussion forums entitled "Gifted 101 - The Parent Version" on 26 May at 9:30am – 11:00am and a repeat session at 7:00pm – 8:30pm at the Catholic Education Office. Details and RSVP information can be found on the flyer below.

Ella Kirkham

Assistant Principal

Sport News

Our winter sports season kicks off this week starting with Miniball (basketball). This year we have 22 teams representing the school across four sports. Team notes were sent out at the end of last term. If you don't have a note please let me know and I can send some more information through.

BASKETBALL

Please find attached the basketball fixture courtesy of the association.

https://websites.mygameday.app/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-12594-0-600783-0&a=COMPS .Our venue Hub is 'Marion' however games will be at various locations (Marion, Springbank, Cosgrove Hall). All students are required to wear the new basketball singlet which is available for purchase via our online uniform shop.

- Monday 5/6 boys A/B

- Tuesday 3/4 boys

- Tuesday 3/4 girls
- Wednesday 2/3 Blue boys A/B
- Wednesday 2/3 Gold boys C/D
- Wednesday 2/3 Girls
- Friday R/1 Green Open B
- Friday R/1 Gold Open D
- Friday R/1 Red Open E

NETBALL

Our netball season starts in Week 2 of Term 2. A note was sent home on Tuesday with the fixtures the year. All games start at 4pm. If students are yet to receive their dress or playing top please have students wear school uniform for the first game.

Div 1-3 Wednesday (first game 11th of May)

Div 4/5 Thursday (first game 12th of May)

SOCCER

Our R/1 soccer will be held at McAuley this year starting on Saturday the 28th of May. These fixtures have already been sent home. Soccer tops for R-2 students will be distributed in coming weeks. The 2-6 soccer competition run by SDJSA will also start on the 28th of May, fixtures for this competition will be available here <https://www.sdjsa.com> on the 19th of May. Students in 3-6 are required to wear the new soccer top which is available for purchase via our online uniform shop.

R/1 White- Competition run by Mr. McCarthy held @ McAuley

R/1 Navy- Competition run by Mr. McCarthy held @ McAuley

R/1 Gold-Competition run by Mr. McCarthy held @ McAuley

Under 8- Competition run by SDJSA held @ various locations

Under 9- Competition run by SDJSA held @ various locations

Under 10-Competition run by SDJSA held @ various locations

Senior-Competition run by SDJSA held @ various locations

FOOTBALL

Our year 5/6 football team will be merging with McAuley this year. Games will be played at West Beach every week. The season starts on the 14th of May, the fixture will be available here <https://www.playhq.com/.../stella-marismcauley.../e3317fb3>. Students will be given a football jumper to loan for the season. Please note that there is a \$90 fee charged by the SANFL which needs to be paid here <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/56bd35>. A note was sent home on Tuesday regarding football training.

UNIFORMS

Families are welcome to try on sample sizes at school before ordering online.

<https://belgraviasportsonline.com.au/.../stella-maris...>

Any questions please feel free to send me an email:

james.mccarthy@smps.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards,

James McCarthy (PE/Health and Sports Coordinator)

Gifted Awareness Week 2022 Parent/Carer Workshop and Discussion Forum

You are invited: Gifted 101 – The parent version
Who: parents/carers
When: either 26 May 2022 at 9:30am-11:00am
or a repeat session 26 May 2022 at 7:00pm–8:30pm
Where: Catholic Education Office, 116 George Street, Thebarton
Parking: on site or on the street
Presenter: Dr Jae Jung, Associate Professor at University of New
South Wales (UNSW), Director of Gifted Education
Research, Resource, and Information Centre of UNSW
Cost: Free to CESA parents/caregivers
Included: Tea, coffee, nibbles
Other information: This is a COVID safe event. Numbers will be limited so
RSVP early.
RSVP: Rebecca.Chhalotre@cesa.catholic.edu.au
Registration close: **20 May 2022**



Stella Maris P&F Presents a **Movie Night**
for the students on **Friday May 27th**. 🎬 🎥

Entry fee is **\$5** which covers popcorn 🍿 a juice 🥤 and mixed lollies for the night.

Parents of students are invited to gather in the community room for a meet and greet. Dessert, tea and coffee and some savoury nibbles will also be supplied. **BYO drinks if you want something a little stronger than caffeine** ☕ (Please select a ticket via Qkr! if you are wanting to attend the meet and greet at no cost for catering purposes)

Where: Stella Maris School grounds

When: Arrive at **6.30pm** ~ 'Curtains up' at **7pm sharp**.

Movies will end by approximately 9pm ⏴

You can choose from one of three popular movies:

- *Sing 2 (PG)*
- *Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG)*
- *Back to the Outback (G)*

Pyjamas, Uggs, Beanies, Oodles, all encouraged attire for the night.

Bring your bean bag or pillow, get comfy, sit back and enjoy the show!

Please ensure you sign your child in on arrival 🎫 and out at pick up 🚌.

Tickets on sale now via Qkr! On sale until 4pm 20th May 2022





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Uniform Information



The new Active uniform can be fitted and ordered at at our offsite uniform shop:

<https://belgraviasportsonline.com.au/collections/stella-maris-parish-school>

Their uniform Shop is located at 10 Newton Road Campbelltown

phone: 0451 725 600

email: campbelltown@belgraviasports.com.au

The full range of uniforms and sizes are available for fittings at SMPS. Please contact Tony in the office to make an appointment time.

WHS Inductions for Volunteers

These are conducted at 2:30pm on Tuesday afternoons and 9am on Wednesday mornings. Please contact Tony or Cathy in the Office to make an appointment time.

Holy Spirit Church

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 9am - 2pm

Phone: 08 8298 1044

Email: stannparish@adam.com.au

Address: 24A Ramsay Ave Seacombe Gardens SA 5047

PARISH MASS TIMES:

St Bernadette's Church:

Sunday 10:45am

Wednesday & Friday 12 noon

Holy Spirit Church:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am

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