



Important Dates

Pupil Free Day

Monday 18 November 2024

Term 4 Ends

Wednesday 11 December
2024

School Closure Day

Thursday 12 December 2024

School Closure Day

Friday 13 December 2024

From the Leadership Team

Welcome to Term 4!

It is hard to believe that we're almost at the end of October and in the final term of the 2024 school year! It has certainly been a busy year full of learning, fun and great experiences and term 4 will be no exception. Here's a snapshot of some of the current happenings at Stella Maris.

School Camps

This week, our Year 4s headed off on their annual school camp to El Shaddai, which is our final school camp for the year. From all accounts they had a wonderful few days away. Camps provide students with a unique experience that has many benefits for our students. They are of course, great for developing, cementing and establishing positive relationships between staff and students, while also developing key capabilities, qualities and skills – such as independence, resilience and courage. Often these experiences are what students most remember about their Primary schooling experience, and we are very proud of being able to offer such rich and varied experiences for the students at Stella. Our staff are to be thanked and applauded for their willingness to provide these experiences for the students.

World Teachers' Day

This Friday, 25th October is World Teachers' Day in Australia, where we acknowledge and celebrate the amazing work that our staff do each and every day to support the young people in our school. This year the theme is 'Hats off to Teachers' and we thank all staff for their commitment, dedication and expertise that they bring to their role.

Dyslexia Awareness Month

October is Dyslexia awareness month, which encourages school and local communities to help shine a light on Dyslexia and open up the conversation in order to raise awareness and knowledge of Dyslexia.

Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurobiological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction.

If you are looking for more information, Code Read Network and SPELD SA have some great online resources. I also invite you to contact me if you would like to discuss the specific needs of your child.

Transition

Next week we will welcome 31 new Receptions and their families for their first transition visit in preparation for 2025. Our new students will join with our current mid-year group to form our two Reception classes for 2025. I know you will join us in welcoming our new students and families into the Stella community.

Parents & Friends Committee

It is a busy couple of weeks for our P&F committee and I would like to draw your attention to two major events. I thank the P&F committee for their unwavering dedication and hard work to the benefit for our whole school community.

This Saturday 26th October, the P&F will be cooking the BBQ at Bunnings Marion from 9am-4pm to raise money for our school. It would be great to get some support from our Stella Maris families, so pop down on Saturday and grab a sausage or two. If you are able to assist on the day, please contact Kylie Bowman

The P&F are also busily preparing for this year's school disco, which will be held on Friday 1st November. The disco will be held in the downstairs break out space, with all students being signed in and out by parents/caregivers. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 via QKR! for the following time slots:

Reception- Year 2: 5:30pm-6:30pm and **Year 3-6:** 7pm- 8pm.

Please see the advertisements below for these P&F events.

As always, thank you for your ongoing partnership and support! We look forward to a great term, full of opportunities to build on what has been a great year at Stella Maris so far.

Kind Regards

Ella

Be You

Dear School Community,

I would like to share some parent webinars that are free and available to attend online. They are offered through a Psychology Service named Developing Minds, which have some fantastic resources for parents and children. Please check out the links below;

www.developingminds.net.au/webinars

The Topics include;

Childhood Anxiety - how to help

Challenging Behaviours in Childhood

Friendship and Social Difficulties in Childhood

They are all programmed to run in September and are only 30 minutes long!

It is also worth checking out the website for free articles and support ideas!

www.developingminds.net.au

Thanks,

Emily Hughes

Emily.Hughes@smps.catholic.edu.au

Lunch Time Club Information

Dear School Families,

Stella Maris Parish School is a place that believes in and fosters the values of Inclusivity, Compassion, Courage and Respect. We can see this in our learning, our classrooms and our school yard. We are always looking for new ways to model and practise these values and have identified an opportunity to offer more diverse play options to our students.

Indoor Lunch Time Clubs will be held throughout the term on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. They will have a General Theme each day so students can know what type of activity to expect.

Monday - Board Games

Tuesday - Mindfulness Club

Wednesday - Art Club

Clubs will be held on the ground floor of the new building and will begin after student's eating time. The pack up bell will go 10 minutes before the lunch bell to allow students to pack up and have time to use toilet and have a drink before going back to class.

Play is an essential part of the school day, and is important for boosting social connection, emotional wellbeing and also for self regulation. Play looks different for all students and we are hoping that the clubs offer a different style of play to that already on offer in the park, the playground and courts. Students will have an inviting space to play in a small group or to still feel connected while playing alongside others, and to follow their interests that benefit from a quieter area. The library has offered a space for students in the past and can now be redefined for a quiet reading space during the lunch times it is open.

Year 6 students will help in the promotion of these clubs to all students, please look out for the posters around school and take the opportunity to talk to your child and hear what they have to say about what play options they enjoy accessing and meets their needs during the school day.

We are so lucky to have so many options here at Stella that includes;

The Park, Basketball Courts, Playground (Everyday)

Library (Tues - Thursday)

Lunchtime Clubs (Monday - Wednesday)

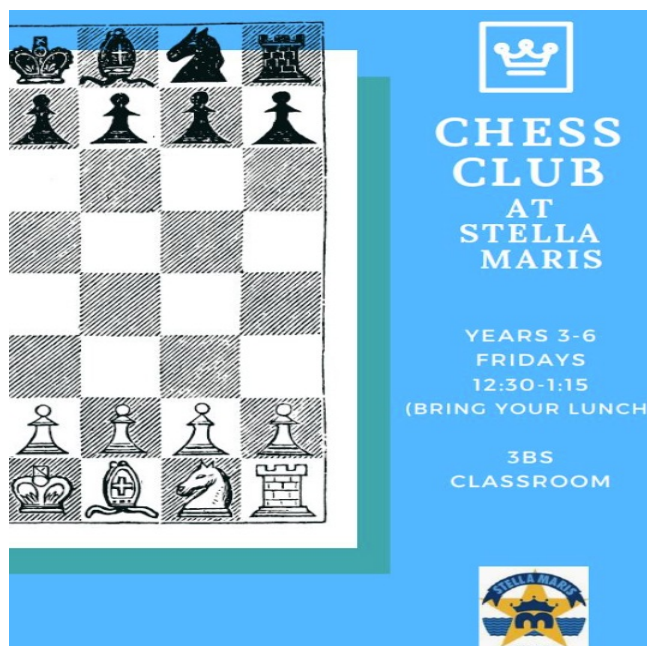
School Garden (Monday Recess times).

Thankyou,

Emily Hughes

Pastoral Care Support

Chess Club - Years 3 to 6 - Friday



Volunteering at Stella Maris

To volunteer at Stella Maris there are 3 steps to take:

1. Complete the online **RRAHN training** (see flyer) and forward the completed certificate to Kirralee Philips
2. To have your catholic **Working with Children Check (WWCC)**
3. To complete the **onsite induction** and fill out the necessary forms

To obtain your **WWCC** you can bring **100 points of identification** to the school office, and we can start the process for you.

If you have a **DHS** clearance, you can provide your certificate and we can forward it to obtain a catholic clearance.

Please contact **Kirralee Philips** E: kirralee.philips@smps.catholic.edu.au our volunteer coordinator for more information. Kirralee is available most afternoons from 2pm onwards to complete the onsite induction.

Our Patch OSHC



Our Patch Holiday Program

holiday program

Our Patch Stella Maris
7:00am - 6:00pm

How To Book

Bookings can be made via the OWNA Childcare App



[Click here to register today](#)

Costs

Fees start at \$6.60 per child per day based on 90% Child Care Subsidy, assumes parents meeting activity levels and 5% withholding amount

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| Early Bird Booked Before 6pm 18th SEPT | Booked After 6pm 18th SEPT |
| \$66.00 | \$68.50 |

There are additional costs for incursions and excursions which are reflected in the program. Standard cancellation policy applies for all other bookings as per the Program Flyer.

p. 1300 018 310
e. customer care@ourpatchgroup.com

our patch

30th September - 11th October

What We Provide

- Opportunities for free play in our well-resourced room and grounds
- Incursions and excursions generally run between 8.30am to 3.30pm, please ensure your children arrive prior to this so they don't miss out on the core activities of the day

What to Bring

- Broad-brimmed hat, sun-smart clothing (no singlets) and enclosed shoes (no thongs, crocs, slip on shoes or roller shoes)
- Healthy lunch daily unless otherwise specified on day (staff are unable to heat or cook food for children)
- No nut products
- Large water bottle
- Check program for other special items that might be required for the day (e.g. bikes, helmets, costumes)

holiday program

Our Patch Stella Maris
7:00am - 6:00pm

Uniform Shop



Belgravia Apparel
10 Newton Rd,
Campbelltown SA 5074

Stella Maris is one of the many online schools we cater for at Belgravia Apparel Campbelltown meaning that school stock is held in the back storeroom and not on display.

To avoid long waits and disruptions to other customers who have appointments we ask that you please book for an appointment on the below link.

<https://www.belgraviaapparelschools.com/collections/stella-maris-parish-school>

Thank you



Season 2024 25 Now Open for Registration

We are Little Athletics!



HAVE YOU EVER WATCHED THE OLYMPICS AND WISHED YOU KNEW HOW TO DO THE ATHLETICS EVENTS?

Do you love to run, jump and throw?

Do you love having fun, spending time with your family and friends and achieving your personal best?

REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE 2 WEEK COME AND TRY PERIOD

<https://coastaldistrictslac.org.au/>

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

Coastal Districts Little Athletics

Bowker Street Reserve North Brighton

Weekly Friday 6:30pm

Start any Friday Night between

11/10/2024 - 14/03/2025

For further information

e: coastaldistrictslac@salaa.org.au

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@coastaldistrictslac



Play Summer Netball

We are seeking a few more:

- Under 9's (train Thur, play Fri)
- Under 11's (train Thur, play Fri)
- Under 13's (train Thur, play Tues)
- Inters 14-17's (train Mon, play Tues)

Trainings in Seacombe Heights

Games played at SUNA in Morphett Vale

Register now! Games start October

Contact Sarah 0432663016

marionhubnc@outlook.com

Register here:



STELLA MARIS PARENTS & FRIENDS
PRESENT

Glitz & Glam

HOSTED BY BOP TIL YOU DROP!
FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2024
STELLA MARIS SCHOOL

RECEPTION - YEAR 2
5:30PM-6:30PM

YEAR 3 - YEAR 6
7:00PM-8:00PM

TICKETS \$5.00 PER PERSON
PURCHASE TICKETS VIA QKR!
GLITZ, PHOTO BOOTH, GLOW
STICKS, WATER SUPPLIED ON THE
NIGHT

PLEASE NOTE

DINNER WILL NOT BE PROVIDED, PLEASE
ENSURE KIDS EAT PRIOR TO EVENT



MOBILE PHONES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE DISCO. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PHONES AT HOME.



STELLA MARIS Fundraiser

Bunnings's BBQ



Saturday 26 October 2024

Bunnings Marion

9:00am - 4:00pm

Come down and grab a sausage and a drink to support our P&F Committee!!

Student Absence Notification

Please use one of the following options to notify the school that your child will be absent:

Select **Option 1** when calling **telephone 8306 4888** to advise absentee information

Or SMS to Absentee Text Line: 0417 038 063

Uniform Information



The school uniform can be fitted (by appointment only) and ordered at our offsite uniform shop:

<https://www.belgraviaapparelschools.com/pages/shop-campbelltown-schools>

Their uniform warehouse is located at 10 Newton Road Campbelltown

phone: 0451 725 600

email: campbelltown@belgrviasports.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

Please contact Kirralee Philips to arrange a time.

E: kirralee.philips@smps.catholic.edu.au

P: 8306 4888

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

Music Tutors

Guitar - Chris Larsson

Mobile: 0424 241 040

Email: chrisslarsson01@gmail.com

Piano - Patricia Heller

Mobile: 0403 645 271

Email: patricianheller@gmail.com

Singing - Hallmark Music Studio

Email: kylie@hallmarkmusicstudio.com.au

Violin - Jenny McDonald

Mobile: 0410 441 974

Email: jenjen7@outlook.com

Drums - Gianni Pedicini

Contact Kylie - Hallmark Studios

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