



Important Dates

Pupil Free Day
Friday 10 September

Pupil Free Day
Monday 11 October

Pupil Free Day
Friday 22 October

Pupil Free Day
Friday 10 December

Upcoming Events

**Catholic Schools
Music Festival**
Date: Thursday 23
September
Venue: Adelaide
Entertainment Centre
Theatre - Hindmarsh

School Concert
Date: Thursday 21 October
Venue: Christian Family
Centre - Seaton

Sports Day
Date: Friday 29 October
Venue: Bowker St Oval -
Somerton Park

We celebrate positive comments about our students, we finally acknowledge a 'night out' community gathering, we congratulate some new permanent staff members, we ramp up preparations for our concert and we prepare for a break! This is week 9.

From the Principal



POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS:

I see daily examples of students 'living' our values here at Stella. We have Compassionate, Respectful, Inclusive and Courageous actions occurring on a daily basis. But it is always nice when I receive messages from people 'outside' our school who provide me with similar observations. Recently, I had three such encounters. A relief teacher who was with us recently, went out of her way to see me at the end of her day to let me know how amazingly **RESPECTFUL** she found our students. Each class she went into she was met with polite and engaged students. She made a point of telling me how "not all schools are like this", in fact not many schools she had been in recently had made her feel so welcomed and 'happy' to be working.

At Sunday mass recently, a parishioner from Holy Spirit spoke to me about how much she has missed our students at the Tuesday morning parish mass. "The joy and love they brought to the mass through their engagement, behaviour and singing made the mass so joyful".

And finally, a local resident called me over one lunch time when I was on duty. He felt obliged to speak to me about how when he walks past each day – in the morning before school and at times during play time, he sees and hears consistently **INCLUSIVE** and **COMPASSIONATE** language and behaviour exhibited by our students. He wanted me to pass on his congratulations to the kids.

I spoke to the students about these observations and the messages given to me and I provide them to you because you deserve much of the credit for this as well. At Stella, we aim to raise GOOD SAMARITANS who are Compassionate, Respectful, Inclusive and Courageous – and I think we are doing a pretty good job!

QUIZ NIGHT:

What a delight it was to be able to have a community gathering last Saturday night! As I said on the night, this feat should not be underestimated. It took lots of energy, phone calls to the COVID hotline and SA Health, a location change or two, re-ticketing and plenty of committee meetings and emails and messages. But we got there! And it was a super night.

The fact that over \$3000 was raised, was secondary to the 'raising' of community spirit and being able to connect and interact in ways we haven't been able to do since COVID hit in March last year.

I want to extend my deep sense of thanks and well done to our Quiz night committee – Maureen Watts and Kylie Bowman particularly for their energy, hard work and organisation but also to Donna Egarr, Tamara Blasbery, Jess White, Pamela Cook, Marianne Northcote, Tony Carbone and ... Grateful thanks!

We also extend a huge thanks to the many, many sponsors who made the night the success it was. Their generosity ensured the prizes were hugely

high quality and well sought after. Please ensure you have a look at the list and support those businesses who have supported us. And a final big thanks to Rodney our quiz master who stepped in at the last minute after our original quiz master came down ill at the last minute. He was simply brilliant.

Oh, and a special congratulations to the winning table on the night – a strong team effort from the Stella Staff!

STAFFING NEWS:

Due to some recent staff retirements and the ongoing, sustained growth in enrolments at Stella Maris, we recently advertised permanent teaching positions. I am pleased to let you know that after a very thorough process, our panel appointed Nicole Giannoni, Brooke Penney and Hannah Moroney to these permanent positions. You would know these three outstanding teachers very well with Nicole (Yr 1) being with us this year and Brooke (Yr 3) and Hannah (Yr 5) having started with us last year. All three were extremely impressive – articulating their current knowledge of contemporary educational practice and a strong vision for Stella Maris moving forward with confidence and experience beyond their years. I am sure you will join with me in congratulating these three teachers.

We have now begun looking at finalising a number of contract teaching positions for 2022 and I look forward to sharing further staffing news with you in the coming weeks.

CONCERT:

We are ramping up preparations for our bi-annual concert – “Stella’s Celebration of Musicals”. As you would be aware this will take place on Thursday the 21st of October at the Seaton Christian Famil Centre. Students will perform a matinee and evening performance for your viewing pleasure.

Tickets for PARENTS only for the evening performance in the first instance will go on sale on Monday. You will receive a note with details about ticket purchasing on Monday afternoon. There are no restrictions on tickets for the matinee performance. This morning we had our first whole school run through and I was very impressed with what the students have put together.

STAFF REFLECTION AND RETREAT DAY:

Last Friday we had our Staff Reflection and Faith Formation day. It was a really beneficial day. Our whole staff gathered off site and we reflected on our call to be Good Samaritans, on how we can be ‘lived examples’ of our school values and we took time out to give ourselves permission to ‘just be’. I thank and congratulate Paula Clarke for her organisation and facilitation of this day.

PUPIL FREE DAYS COMING UP:

As I’ve mentioned a few times, schools are entitled to 5 pupil free days per year. These days are used as professional learning and formation days, with different focus areas and facilitators used in various ways. Our School Board are asked to ratify these days as part of their governance role in our school.

We didn’t have any pupil free days in the first semester of the year, and as such, while not ideal for families, it does mean we will have a number of pupil free days ‘clumped’ in this last part of the year. Our upcoming days with their focus will be:

Monday 11th October (first day of Term 3) = Maths focus

Friday 22nd October (day after the concert) = Resources focus

Friday 10th December (last day of school) = 2022 planning day

I thank you for your understanding of these dates and their importance to our whole school development. As always, OSHC services will be provided for families who require it on these days.

END OF TERM:

As this will be the last newsletter of the term, I take this opportunity to wish you a very relaxing holiday break. I particularly congratulate our 18 new Receptions who have made it through their first term of school – and done so brilliantly.

I think the two week break has come at just the right time for everyone. Stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday the 12th October.

James



STAFF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REFLECTION DAY

'How do we live out our lives as 'Good Samaritans' and how do we assist our students and families to be 'Good Samaritans' in their day-

to-day life? This was the theme of our Stella Maris reflection day last Friday. Staff revisited the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan and the school values that underpin this tradition of Compassion, Courage, Inclusivity and Respect. Much discussion was undertaken around how we break these values open with our students and role model these values. In the afternoon we had Julian Kluge from the Catholic Education office come out to help staff look at their own spiritual development. He encouraged staff to take the time for this reflection in their daily life in order to help them support their students with this.

We were blessed with a beautiful day which was great for taking the opportunity to undertake some of the activities outside and to really help build community amongst our staff and celebrate the Season of creation.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray, protect, and advocate for God's creation.

The 2021 Season of Creation started with 'The World Day of Prayer for Creation' on 1 September and runs through until 4 October, which is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, who is the patron saint of ecology. During the Season of Creation hundreds of thousands of Christians are uniting around the theme, "A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God."

Oikos is the Greek word for "home," or "household." By positioning the theme in the concept of oikos, we celebrate the integral web of relationships that sustain the well-being of the Earth.

This term each class at Stella Maris has been looking at how we can work to improve sustainability in the world. Each class has looked at a way that they can show care to our earth.

As a whole school we have had a focus on litter and have been looking at how we can reduce our waste. The Year 5 and 6 'Sustainability group' are beginning to do some work around looking at the types of waste we are bringing to school and exploring practical ways that we can reduce this waste.

Next Wednesday, September 22, students and staff will hold a whole school Mass outdoors to celebrate the great work that has been undertaken this term and to pray that others may also take up this call to look after our world for future generations to come. Due to COVID restrictions we are unfortunately unable to have parents join us for this Mass, however we encourage you to ask your children about the work they have undertaken this term.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

This weekend I will be taking part in the Diocesan Assembly with other members of the Archdioceses of Adelaide. The Diocesan Assembly is an important gathering for the dioceses as we prepare for the Plenary Council and make future recommendations for the life of the church.

The themes that will be discussed are,

- Inclusion and healing
- Leadership and Leadership formation
- Faith formation and spiritual development
- Parish life and liturgy
- A church that hears and responds to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.
- Outreach and Accompaniment of Children, Families and Young people.

Please keep all those taking part in this assembly in your prayers as they discern the best way forward for the life of the Church.

CHARITIES APPEAL 2021

Just a friendly reminder that the month of September is the appeal month for Catholic Charities. The oldest child in each family received a brochure with a donation envelope attached at the end of August.

We ask you to please consider how you might be able to assist. Please tear the envelope off of the brochure and send directly to Catholic Charities. No stamp is required to send this in Australia, and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Thank you.

SOUTHERN CROSS

The current edition of the Catholic newspaper put out by the Archdiocese called, 'The Southern Cross,' is available at; www.thesoutherncross.org.au

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

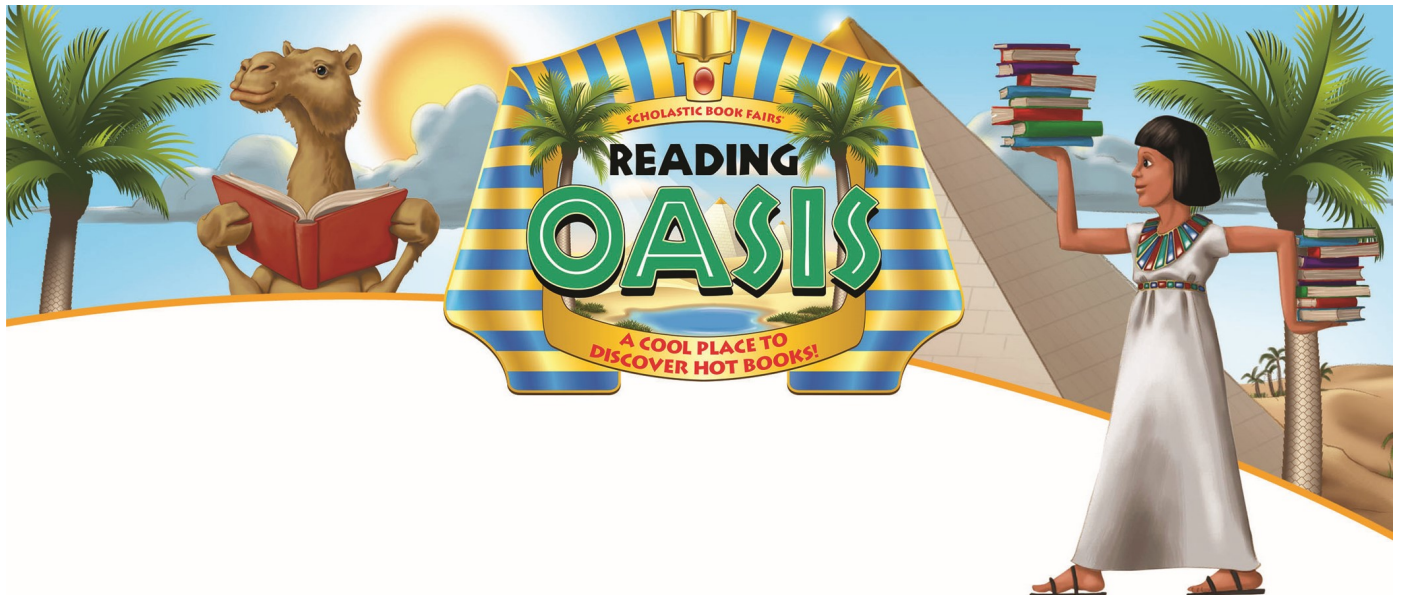
The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

God's Blessings,

Paula Clark

APRIM

From the APL&W



The Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is back! Although ran a little differently this year, students and families have the opportunity to purchase some great books. The theme this year is Reading Oasis: A cool place to discover hot books!

Purchases are available from September 16th to September 21st, with all purchases needing to be made via the online only portal:

<https://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/BookFairs>

All purchases made will benefit the Stella Maris Resource Centre by accruing points towards new books. Please see the flyer below for further information.

RUOK Day!

Last week we celebrated RUOK Day and Gratitude day which raised awareness of mental health and wellbeing. We celebrated this with Community Prayer and classroom based activities. One of the activities was an affirmation activity, where students shared kind words about each other. A similar activity was also arranged for staff to share positive affirmations. We hope that days such as these will help our school community to find comfort and the strength to reach out to those in need today, tomorrow and in the future.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's wellbeing, please don't hesitate to reach out. A significant part of my role is supporting students and families in this area and I welcome a conversation at any time.

FYOSLA

This week we have been completing the First Years of School Literacy Assessments (FYSLA) for all students in their 1st, 5th or 9th term of school. These tests allow for R-2 teachers to capture early literacy data, focusing on oral language, concepts of print and reading levels. This allows for monitoring of individual student progress and intervention as required.

Ella Kirkham

Assistant Principal (Learning & Wellbeing)

Be You

Three cheers for the year 3 sleepover! Good luck to our students and teachers - a display of courage by all. You'll have a wonderful time and what a great opportunity to prepare for future camps to come!

Book Fair



Dear Parents and Families: ¶

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Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading: ¶

- Set the example. Let children see you read. ¶
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills. ¶
- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read. ¶

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The theme of our Scholastic Book Fair is **Reading Oasis: A cool place to discover hot books!** ¶

It's a fun reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to invite you into the Book Fair, but the children will still have full access to the book display to create their wish lists to bring home to you. ¶

Book Fair dates: 16th September – 22nd September ¶

Shopping hours: Online only portal <https://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/BookFairs> ¶

All receipts along with the wish list for books purchased need to be returned to the school by 4pm on Tuesday, September 21st. Books that have been purchased must be highlighted. ¶

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Special activities: Colouring in competition, Raffles and \$60 worth of books! ¶

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Remember, all purchases made at the Book Fair will benefit the Stella Maris Resource Centre by accruing points towards new books. ¶

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Kind regards, ¶

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Chandra Payne ¶

Library ¶

P&F Quiz Night

P & F QUIZ NIGHT 2021

Well, after 3 years in the making, we finally managed to hold our long-awaited Quiz Night on September 11th and what a night! Moving to Club Marion meant a few tweaks to the format but it didn't hold anyone back.

With 13 tables we had nearly 130 people at the event. Not only was there a lot of laughter and good-natured competitiveness, amazing efforts with the theming and some very creative answers, we also managed to bring in over \$6,000 for the event.

A huge thank you to everyone who dug deep in their pockets for this result. We will share some information in coming weeks about where that money will be spent.

Most importantly, this event gave people the chance to gather. It has been very much missed and everyone made the most of the opportunity.

Of course an event like this takes a lot of work and I want to convey my thanks to the P & F Committee for working so hard, to James for finally getting the Quiz Night back on the agenda, to Kathy and Cathy in our office and finally to Tony who always goes the extra mile.

Our winning table on the night was one of our staff tables..... we're all studying up to beat them at the next event.

And the fabulous Mad Scottish people won our best dressed group prize. In the words of the Scots, they looked pure dead brilliant.



Last but definitely not least, a shout out to the businesses who supported us with donations of prizes for our raffle and silent auction.

Century 21 Bayside Brighton	Bespoke Facial & Body Clinic
Adelaide Building and Carpentry	Bliss Beauty & Float
Adelaide Fresh Fruiterers	Nat Broham Art
Fluff and Stuff Pet Photography	The Ivy Room
Brighton Metro Hotel	Programmed Maintenance and ZoosSA
The Sanctuary at Hove	High Quality Car Sales
The Warradale	Watkins Wine
AERO Kids	Brighton Group Fitness and PT
Harvey Norman Commercial Division	Cove Tavern
Patritti Wines	Ecolateral
Mediterranean Café Ristorante	Esplanade Hotel
Chance Encounter Wines	Foodland Brighton
Lush	Holdfast Hotel (The Holdy)
Beyond Bouldering	Plaster Funhouse
IDM Sports	Timms Real Estate
The Esplanade Hotel	Dymocks Glenelg
Just Dog Food	EBM Mobile Mechanic
Violi Construction	BluAngel
Potopia	And or With Surf store

P&F Sports Day Essentials Fundraiser



We are pleased to partner with Stella Maris Parish School. Every purchase earns \$'s back to the school and pay no shipping cost! Use code **SMPS21** when you order online and your order will be delivered to school.

ORDERS TAKEN 3/9/21 - 24/9/21

www.sportsdayessentials.com.au



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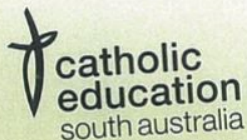
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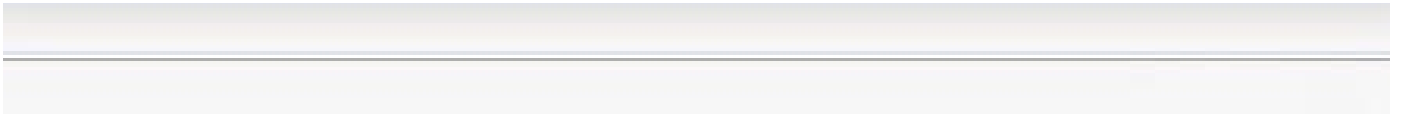
SPECIAL OFFER ONLY \$30 FOR KIDS AGED 4-6

CLINIC TIME FROM 9AM-9.45AM

MON-FRI WK 1 & 2

- INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED-TENNIS AUSTRALIA USA AND UK STATE TEAM OVER 45'S
- ITF WORLD RANKED (2016)
- COACHING IS CONDUCTED BY A TENNIS AUSTRALIA CLUB PROFESSIONAL
-CONTACT JUSTIN TREDWELL FOR YOUR BOOKING 0415 289 733-







Soccer Life Mastery 3v3 Futsal Championships

Grab a couple of friends and compete with players from all over the state in Adelaide's 3v3 Futsal Championships

3-a-side

No goalkeepers (small goals)

Play a minimum of five games

Age groups: U10, U12, U14

Coed competition: boys & girls

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Anyone can register!

**Only 12 team registrations per age group,
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**A school holiday, one-day event
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Friday 1st of October**

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NOARLUNGA UNITED SEASON 2022 - TRIALS



SUNDAY 10th MINI ROO'S COME & TRY

U6 & U7 9.30 – 10.30am
U8 & U9 10.30 – 11.30am
U10's & U11's 11.30 – 12.30pm
MONDAY 11th OCTOBER
U6, U7, U8, U9 – 5.30 – 6.30pm
U10's & U11's – 6.30 – 7.30

SUNDAY 10th OCTOBER JUNIOR GIRLS

U13 – 9.30 – 11.00am
U15 – 11.30 – 1.00pm
U17 – 12.00 – 1.30pm

TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER

U13 & U15 – 6.30 – 8.00pm
U17 – 7.30 – 9.00pm

SUNDAY 10th OCTOBER JUNIOR BOYS

U12's 12.00 – 1.30pm
U16/U17 – 12.00 – 1.30pm
U14's 12.30 – 2.00pm
U13's 1.30 – 3.00pm
U15's 2.00 – 3.30pm
**MONDAY 11th & Wednesday
13th OCTOBER**

U12's & U13's 5.30 – 7.00pm
U14's & U15's 6.00 – 7.30pm
U16/U17's 7.30 – 9.00pm

TUESDAY 12th & THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER

WOMEN'S
7.30 – 9.00pm

GOAL KEEPER TRIAL
Wednesday 13th
October
6.00 – 7.00pm

For more information

Contact: support@noarlungaunited.com.au

It is recommended you attend all trials
Paperwork in club rooms to be filled in prior to trials

Canteen Roster

CANTEEN CLOSED

Uniform Information

The full range of uniforms and sizes are available for fittings at SMPS. Fitting times are Tuesday morning – 8:35am – 9:00am and Wednesday afternoon 2:45pm – 3:15pm. Fittings will be in the 'old uniform shop'. Please contact Tony in the office to make an appointment time.

The new Active uniform can be ordered at:

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

Their uniform Shop is located at 3/378 Goodwood Rd, Cumberland Park

Due to the current COVID restrictions, JS Sports advise that online ordering is still available, however personal instore shopping is suspended until further notice.

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

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