



# The Stella Star

Term 2 Week 1

22 April 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Welcome back everyone. I hope you and your families had an Easter filled with joy, peace, love – and just a little chocolate. I have to tell you I have had my first ever Easter without a single Easter egg and that's a very good thing given my dark chocolate addiction, all year round.

This has been a very atypical Easter break for me in other ways as well. The first week of the holidays I was feeling about as lethargic as it gets, so had a restful week before flying to Singapore for the INTASE (International Association for Scholastic Excellence) Educational Leadership Summit on the Monday morning of the second week. Not that I felt like attending but I had booked weeks ago and am very pleased that I did. The conference featured keynote speakers, Michael Fullan. Andy Hargreaves, Louise Stoll and Alan Blankstein all noted leaders in the field of education. Across the two days, we also attended eight workshop sessions, again led by outstanding educationalists. I certainly learned something from each of the sessions I attended and have set myself three goals in order to make sure that this learning is followed up and actually changes my practice for the better.

As a result of returning on Easter Saturday morning (no sleep Friday night) and spending the day unpacking, stocking the fridge and washing, it didn't really feel like Easter until attending Mass on Sunday morning. So here I sit writing this newsletter after a very quiet day appreciating the spectacular weather.

Earlier this afternoon I rang my sister whom I see very rarely given the divergent paths our lives have taken and our distance from one another. As usual our conversation was long and winding, much like the track that takes visitors to their self-built cabin in the middle of nowhere, where Sue and her husband raised two children, without electricity for the first 16 years of their occupancy. They still have no sewerage.

I tell you this because, during our talk, we each made the comment that we feel truly blessed in the lives we live - very different as they are. While I had just stepped off a plane from Singapore, Sue only gets to leave her house, with no neighbours within cooee, once a week to buy

food. It's an all-day adventure in itself to get to the nearest store. We are sisters with such vastly different life-paths but both feeling very fortunate to have a roof over our heads (in a country free from war and civil strife). wholesome food on the table, people to love and to love us, good health and a positive outlook on life. I would add a sense of purpose and the opportunity to be of use. Underneath the protective layers, misleading facades and accumulated 'stuff' with which we surround ourselves, we are really all pretty much the same.

In a week's time, my sister turns 60 so unsurprisingly we began to talk about what we had done with our lives and, then inevitably, to the ever-narrowing proximity of death. Again we bring very different perspectives to the conversation. Sue does not express any sort of faith, while I, on the other hand, received the gift of faith as a very young girl and it continues to enrich and inform every corner of my life today. Of course Easter and significant (older) birthdays seem to be natural times to consider the whole life, death and resurrection reality.

The way I see it, Jesus embodies God; he reveals God's true nature and helps us see and understand ourselves and life itself, the way God sees. Our lives are placed in a much bigger picture; it's not all about me. Like Jesus, we come from God, we are called to share in the life of God while we are here and we return to God after death – but truly we have never left, or more rightly, God never leaves us. We are part of each other. Our life's work is to shed the trappings we accumulate over time and humbly reveal our true selves – the person we are in God. We can let go of the things that do not truly matter, and when we do, I believe, we can finally accept the reality of death.

So I wish my sister a very happy 60<sup>th</sup>. It's not so bad – in fact it can be a decade of the getting of wisdom and a new understanding of 'freedom' if we are awake to the larger life outside of self.

Have a great week everyone. Here's to a term full of joy, peace, love and learning for us all.

*Glenda*

**School fees are now due.  
Thank you.**

## News about Father Joe

For those who have not already heard, Father Joe broke his ankle in a number of places while in Townsville for Bishop Putney's funeral. Joe is presently in Brisbane receiving treatment. I know you will add your prayers to ours for Father Joe's speedy recovery and return to the Stella Maris Parish.

## APRE News



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Last Sunday, we celebrated the feast of the Resurrection. What difference is the Resurrection going to make to you in your life? Are you going to have more spring in your step? Will you speak kinder words to members of your family? Have a much wider smile for all those you meet? We have an opportunity to pass on the blessings of the Resurrection to all those we meet simply by being our most loved selves. I hope you take joy in rising to the reality of the Resurrection in your own lives.

Jesus displayed the ultimate love for us when he gave his life on Calvary for the forgiveness of sin. He truly laid down his life and he asks us to do the same. But what does that mean? Can we truly lay down our life for others? If so, what does it look like?

We lay down our lives for others when we put their needs before our own. This can happen in a number of ways. First, we need to get past any selfishness in our lives and begin to adopt the 'others' first' attitude that Jesus taught. "Whoever wishes to be great," says Jesus, "will be your servant".

True greatness requires us to become small - to put ourselves on the same level as the "little ones" in order to bring out the potential of the other, especially in children. Like a servant, we sacrifice our own comfort and, as in the case of Jesus, our own lives.

**In the words of Jesus: "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:14)**

Similarly, each and every year we honour the sacrifice of our armed forces when we celebrate the Anzac spirit on Anzac Day. On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April, we will commemorate this important Australian and New Zealand event with a special School Assembly at 8.50am and again on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April, when we gather as a school and as a community and participate in the Anzac Parade to be held at the Cotton Tree Cenotaph.

**We invite students and their families to gather in front of the RSL Club Memorial Avenue, Maroochydore at 8am in preparation for the march which will commence at 8.30am. Representatives from our Year 6/7 Student Leaders will lay a wreath on our behalf at the Cenotaph.**



For the past 96 years, young and old have come together at commemoration services around the country, to

remember those brave soldiers who gave their lives so we could live ours in peace. It's a chance for both nations, Australia and New Zealand, to pause and remember all the soldiers that fought and died, not only in WWI but in all wars. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1915, Australian and New Zealand Army Corp troops landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey during the First World War. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers were killed that morning while fighting for their country. From the bloodshed, pain and sorrow, the ANZAC legend was born that day in the shedding of the blood of these brave soldiers, reminiscent of the Easter sacrifice when Jesus gave his life so that others may live. It is only fitting that we remember them. Let's we forget!

*Judith*

**ABSENTEE LINE: 54098989**  
**All absentees to be notified by**  
**9.30am**

## SPORT NEWS

### Cross Country Results

1 <sup>st</sup> – Munum	572points
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Waroo	548 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Pigabilla	479 points
4 <sup>th</sup> – Banjora	420 points

### Age Champions

Prep Girls – Summer Latimer
Prep Boys – Alexander Romero
Yr 1 Girls – Lucy Corcoran
Yr 1 Boys – James Kaposol
Yr 2 Girls – Zahara Eddes
Yr 2 Boys – Campbell Zutt
Yr 3 Girls – Chelsea Santoro
Yr 3 Boys – Bradley McDonald
Yr 4 Girls – Zara Ellis
Yr 4 Boys – Benjamin Lusty
10 Yr Girls – Lucinda Carmody
10 Yr Boys – Ryan Hollis
11 Yr Girls – Lily McClure
11 Yr Boys – Harrison Kidd
12 Yr Girls – Jessica Hollis
12 Yr Boys – Reef Ellis
13 Yr Girls- Hannah Edgar
13 Yr Boys – Alex Duncan

### Ladies' Movie Night

Friday night 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014

Movie "The Other Woman" starring Cameron Diaz..



Tickets available this week and next week at the front of the school.

**Always a great fun night.**





## MUSIC NOTES

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Silence is the fabric upon which the notes are woven."*  
~ Lawrence Duncan ~

**TIP OF THE WEEK** - Get into a routine with home practice. Start with a good warm-up, move onto difficult sections of new lesson or ensemble material and end with a piece you are good at playing and that you enjoy. You should improve through playing at home each week!!

**MUSICAL NEWS** - Welcome back to Term 2 and the start of a very busy term preparing for our school musical, 'The Wizard of Oz'. There will be lots of information regarding final auditions, rehearsals, and requests for assistance in the newsletter each week so keep reading this space on a weekly basis. Students and parents are also encouraged to keep an eye on the notice boards outside the music room for musical notes each week.

The last round of auditions for the remaining roles will take place Tuesday 29 April and Wednesday 30 April of Week 2.

**Important Reminder:** There will be a parent meeting for anyone interested in assisting with preparations for the musical on Tuesday 29 April at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

**Performance Date Claimers** - We have many wonderful events planned for the year and look forward to your support. Please mark these dates in your family calendar. Further dates will be advised soon and additional info will come closer to each date.

### Date claimers -

- 16 to 19 June – **SOIREE WEEK** - Hall at 5pm and 6.30pm
- 19 June – **Year 3 Piccolo Choir** and **Concert Band** - Assembly
- 23 June – **Sensational Strings Workshops** and **Concert** - Stella
- 24 July - **Stella Fellas** and **String Ensemble** - Assembly
- 28 July – **Sunshine Coast Choral Workshop** and **Concert** - Stella
- 31 July – **Grandparents Day** - Hall (performing groups to be finalised)
- 8 August – **Percussion Lunchtime Concert** - Music Room at 10.45am
- 15 August – **QCMF** (Choirs, Band and Strings) in Brisbane
- 11 September – **SM Singers and Percussion on Assembly**
- October 17 to 19 – **The Wizard of OZ Musical**
- 5 November – **Singing Soiree** in the Hall at 6pm
- 6 November – **Speech and Drama Soiree** in the Hall at 6.30pm
- 13 November – **Bonza Band Bash** - Siena
- 27 November – **Yr 2 Piccolo Choir** and **Guitar Ensemble** - Assembly

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS** - Term 2 lesson timetables for Instrumental, Singing and Speech / Drama lessons have been emailed to all enrolled families. Please ensure your child has a copy of their timetable. If you didn't receive the email, it means we do not have an updated email address for you. Please let us know via email to [StellaMarismusic@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:StellaMarismusic@bne.catholic.edu.au). Timetables are also displayed on the noticeboard outside the music room.

Remember, if you need to contact your child's tutor, details are shown the music diary and also on the top left corner of the lesson timetable. If you have queries regarding anything musical – please feel free to catch up with us before or after school, by contacting us in writing or via email.

Musically Yours,

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## calendar of events

May 26-29	Book Fair
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Holiday</b>
<b>June 13</b>	<b>Nambour Show Holiday</b>
June 16/17	School Photos
June 20	Stella Maris Year 4-7 Athletics Carnival
June 25-27	Year 5 Camp
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Last Day Term 2</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>1st Day Term 3</b>
July 31	Grandparents' Day
August 3	School Fair
August 5	Coastal Districts Track & Field Day 1
August 7	Coastal Districts Track & Field Day 2
August 14	QLD Catholic Schools & Colleges Music Festival
September 10	Musica Viva
<b>September 19</b>	<b>Last Day Term 3</b>
<b>October 7</b>	<b>1st Day Term 4</b>
October 16 - 18	Musical
December 1	Year 7 Dinner Dance
December 2	Year 6 Dinner Dance
December 3	Years 6 & 7 Graduation Liturgy
<b>December 5</b>	<b>School year ends</b>

**Tasting Success** Congratulations to **Mia Ellery** and **Sasha Pace** who have been selected in the District Girls Hockey Team. The girls will now compete at the Regional Trials at Ballinger Park Buderim on 30th April.

Well done and Good luck!



## UNIFORM SHOP

**Uniform Shop Hours**

Monday	8.00am - 10.00am
Wednesday	10.15am - 3.15pm
Thursday	8.00am - 1.00pm



**Welcome back**  
**No ingredients roster this week**

Wed 23/04	Thurs 24/04	Fri 25/04	Mon 28/04	Tues 29/04
M Mancini	L Hickey	<b>ANZAC DAY</b>	K Powter-Ikhalia	J Coghlan D Stubbs

# Bruce and Denise Morcombe visited our school on Thursday April 3rd .



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