Term 2 Week 6

Hello Everyone from the Stella P&F,
It has been a steady start to the year with plenty more to come and so thought we would give Glenda a break and insert some news to keep everyone apprised of where we are at for this year.

Since late last year the P&F in conjunction with the school have been looking at the Tuckshop to add some efficiency to the way we are operating. As a result there are some exciting big changes happening in our tuck shop over the next few months. You will start to see some extra healthy, ‘cooked on site’ food on the menu. We would also love some feedback on what your kids like to eat with the view to possible inclusion into our healthy menu. Please remember it is not a commercial kitchen so things need to be simple and cost effective. Also from the commencement of next term the tuck shop will be closed on a Monday. We hope this won’t affect too many people but due to costs and scalability we feel the need to wind back on hours. From next term the menu will become more streamlined and simplified with fewer options. There will be an inclusion of a weekly healthy, hot meal for the children. The menu will come out late this term with all the weekly options on it. We are also looking into the flexi pay system so orders can be placed at home on line, however, this will only be pursued if it adds to efficiency in the ordering process and to keep it contemporary. This will be something we will work towards in the future. As always we are looking for volunteers in the tuck shop so please call in if you can ever spare a morning. We are currently exploring options to ensure the volunteering is not left to the precious few and look to encourage as many new faces as possible. Remember any profits from the tuck shop get put back into the school by the Stella Family and associates. Fees will be advertise in a closed directory to promote their business at minimal cost to the Stella Family and associates. Fees will be an inclusion of a weekly healthy, hot meal for the children. The menu will come out late this term with all the weekly options on it. We are also looking into the flexi pay system so orders can be placed at home on line, however, this will only be pursued if it adds to efficiency in the ordering process and to keep it contemporary. This will be something we will work towards in the future. As always we are looking for volunteers in the tuck shop so please call in if you can ever spare a morning. We are currently exploring options to ensure the volunteering is not left to the precious few and look to encourage as many new faces as possible. Remember any profits from the tuck shop get put back into the school by the Stella Family and associates. Fees will be a pro-rata basis for this year and full fee for 2015. More information will be out soon, but it will be fantastic advertising for our school businesses. Put your name down on the waiting list to be in it.

Already this term we have had the successful mums’ movie night with approximately $700 being raised but most importantly a great night was had by all. Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets on the night and to the organisers who made it a success.

Just so the Dad’s don’t feel outdone we also have our golf day coming up on the 22nd June. Noosa Springs are once again entertaining us with a fantastic deal with tickets costing $75 per player. This will include 18 holes at prestigious Noosa Springs golf club, cart and lunch and a complimentary drink to enjoy afterwards to tell about the missed puts and great drive stories. We have lots of great prizes for this already. We once again are pleased to welcome as our major sponsor, Stella Dad and owner, Matt Murray of Garry Cricks Noosaville and Nambour. Each year this event is growing so get your tickets early. We will also look at hiring a bus for transport this year if we get enough interest. More information to come on this great event in the next weeks. The day will tee off with an 0800 assemble for a 0830 shotgun start. Please come as a single or a team and be in it to have fun; of course, golfing ability is optional.

The P&F also recently sponsored new Stella Runners shirts. These will be available soon to purchase as soon as they are printed through our Year 6 teacher and coach Mr Kim Hughes. Finally but most importantly an announcement and request for this year’s Stella Fair. Unfortunately for Stella our great friend and previous fair convenor Natalie Jarrott, has with her beautiful family, moved on from Stella and is unable to continue in that role for this year. Nat has already done lots of great work in the planning of this year’s Fair for which we are most grateful and is very much welcomed. Thankfully for us Nat will continue to work with us to ensure it remains a success but is unable to fully do so in her previous capacity. Kelly Elder has kindly stepped into the breach and will take up the role but is in desperate need of assistance to pull it off. The P&F are desperately seeking assistants to Kelly to help with areas of sponsorship, stall co-ordination and other important roles to ensure the fair success. As usual with most things we only get out of it what people are prepared to put in so the challenge and invitation is out there to assist and it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact myself or the P&F through the school if you can give of your energy and time to aid Kelly for this year. For anyone keen to do so they can use this as an opportunity to move into a more dominant role for 2015.

Thanks for taking the time to read about P&F news and I, as always, continue to encourage people to get involved as in the long run it is all about our Stella community and an investment in the lives of our kids. Your contribution no matter how small is welcomed and does make a difference.

Keep up the good work and thank you in advance

Regards Tim Eva Stella Maris P&F President 2014
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This Friday is the feast day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary when we celebrate the day that Mary, who had been asked by an angel if she would bear the Christ child, visited her cousin Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist at the time despite being well on in years. When Elizabeth heard Mary call to her, the child in her womb leapt for joy.

Whether Catholic or not, one cannot help being inspired by Mary with her devout faith and courage in the face of what must have been a very difficult time. Experiencing things that placed her firmly outside the boundaries of her Jewish faith must have threatened her relationship with family and friends, as well as with Joseph. In visiting Israel last year, our group first went to the Church that is dedicated to John the Baptist and then walked to the traditional site of the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth and it was quite a climb up the many steps to reach the top, the site where Elizabeth’s house is believed to have been situated.

I have always looked at Mary as someone so courageous and brave and someone I would like to emulate. She has to be one of the most interesting women figures in the Bible and one who fuels my imagination repeatedly as I follow her journeys each year through the Liturgical Seasons trying to imagine what she must have been feeling during those incredibly emotive times. Her courage and faith was and is amazing! This passage in Luke that relates to the Visitation, gives us The Magnificat ~ Mary’s Song; it is truly beautiful and it never fails to move me. . .

Mary’s song Luke 1:46-55
And Mary said: ‘My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their throne but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.’

So as we go about our work this week, let us think of the wonderful gift of grace that Mary received and then passed on to each and every one of us whether we are aware of it or not; the gift of courage and salvation – the gift of life itself in all its fullness!    God bless,

Judith

This Friday is the last day for return of Caritas Walkathon money please.

AN INVITATION to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with other parents of Stella Maris community on the FIRST MONDAY of every month at 2.45pm – 3pm. Meet in the Chapel. Please phone Co-ordinator: Julia 0408 538 990

School fees are now over due.

Principal’s Awards
May 29 2014

Staff News
The good and bad news is that, with Year 7 moving to secondary as of 2015, Luke Parnemann is also making the move to secondary at Siena College. We will miss Luke at Stella but we are excited for him in this change of role.

Ins and Outs
BOOK FAIR all week
Monday 26 May
Curriculum planning Year 6 – Kim Hughes 6B
Tuesday 27 May
Curriculum Planning Year 7 – Liz Burke 7B
AFL Competition – Luke Parnemann 6A
Wednesday 28 May
Lindon Davis (Gubbi Gubbi elder) attending for day with our indigenous students
Peta Neill – also attending with indigenous students
Maths Project Team – teaching for peer, observation and feedback
8.45-10.45  Kim Hughes 6B, Jeffery Ross 7A
11.25-1.25  Fria Marrinon 1D, Larissa Livermore 3C
Glenda Morgan at Sir John Jones presentation at Grammar.
Judith Mellifont,Terry Grogan at Senior Leaders’ Day at North Lakes.
Thursday 29 May
Curriculum Planning Year 3 – Julie Reuter 3D
Maths Project Team – teaching for peer, observation and feedback
8.45-10.45  Dani Ramia 5C, Anthony Graham 2B
11.25-1.25  Suzette Ellis Prep A, Therese Lecompte 4A

Announcements
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School Board Training – EOI
Are you interested in finding out about the role and workings of the School Board with a view to possible membership? If so, please email or phone through your interest in attending the necessary Pastoral Board training sessions, times of which will be organised to suit the parents indicating interest. Presently there is a parent member vacancy to be filled. It would be wonderful to have a few interested parents to take part in these informal information and training sessions. Not sure if School Board is your forte? Attendance at the training sessions is obligation-free. Email Glenda: gmorgan@bne.catholic.edu.au

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**Confirmation and First Holy Communion**
Round A/Session 2 (follow on from Session 1)
Tuesday 27 May 6-8pm
Sacrament of Confirmation
Friday 30 May
First Holy Communion
Saturday 31 May & Sunday 1 June

Contact Parish Office for further information - 5443 3488

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**Your Child and the Sacraments 2014**

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MUSIC NOTES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“If you can walk, you can dance. If you can talk, you can sing.”
~ Zimbabwe Proverb ~

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!!

MUSIC FACTS - The following are another four interesting facts about music for you to consider.
1. None of the Beatles could read music
2. Your heartbeat changes and mimics the music you listen to
3. Flowers can grow faster by listening to music
4. Elvis Presley didn’t write any of his songs

MUSICAL NEWS - Students and parents are reminded to check the weekly rehearsal schedule to ensure all cast are present for a productive rehearsal. Weekly emails are sent to all parents of the musical cast each Sunday afternoon with the rehearsal schedule attached. If you do not receive this email, please email Mrs Durrer to ensure your email is correct. A copy is also placed on the board outside the Music Room each Monday morning.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS - Parents are reminded to contact your child’s tutor when they are not able to attend scheduled lessons – this includes due to being absent from school. There have been many school events in recent weeks and the weeks ahead and rescheduling times can be very difficult. Missed lessons without an email, letter, phone call or text cannot be rescheduled. Your support with this is much appreciated

DATE CLAIMER
➢ Stella Maris Soiree Week is coming at the end of this term. Information will start to come out during lessons over the next two weeks. Dates are Monday 16, Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 June in the Hall.
➢ Concert Band and Year 3 Piccolo Choir will also be performing on Assembly on Thursday 19 June.
➢ Sensational Strings (all violin, viola, cello and double bass students) will be held at Stella Maris in the Hall on Monday 23 June.

STELLA SOIREE WEEK (dates above)
Information for this important performance opportunity will be coming home over the next couple of weeks. Where possible, all students from your family will be able to perform in the same session. If students learn more than one instrument, the plan is they can perform all at the same session. This will work out most of the time, but not all of the time and is subject to the tutor being available and having students allocated at that time slot. Please make contact with tutors if any times are not convenient and we will do our very best to try and shuffle things a little. Thanks in advance for your support and understanding with timetabling 230 student performances over three days!

Remember, if you need to contact your child’s tutor, details are shown on the top left corner of their 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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The Treehouse Initiative Inc. was established in September of 2013. We are raising awareness within our community for children with different abilities, creating a space where children can thrive and families can connect with each other for support, advice and friendship. We believe children that have the help, support and guidance of key people in their lives, can live life to their fullest. It is the bringing together of these key people that The Treehouse Initiative Inc. prides itself on. From parents, siblings, grand parents, therapists, teachers, health professionals and medical professionals, we work together to create a community where we are all working towards the same goal. That goal is educating, supporting and empowering families.

Mission: To provide a space where parents can connect, share and learn. We aim to be the first port of call for parents needing advice and guidance in all areas of child development.

Vision: To live within a community that values, accepts and nurtures children of all abilities. To empower and encourage families through every step of their life’s journey.

The Founders

Co Founders Sally Fitzgerald and Claire Gilmour. Sally, an Occupational Therapist who specialises in working with children, and Claire, an ex Flight Attendant, formed a strong bond over Claire’s son, Cooper, who has Autism. Over a period of 2 years they realized more needed to be done to help and support families of children with a disability. This is how The Treehouse Initiative came to be.

http://thetreehouseinitiative.org.au/media/
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