Term 4 Week 6

Dear Parents and Caregivers

With the school year drawing to a close, I will bring you up-to-date with teaching staff for 2015. Thankfully, it is almost complete with only one position remaining to be filled.

Firstly, we will farewell Mrs Daphne Baker who has made the choice to retire this year after a lifetime of teaching. This is both a happy and sad occasion for us; happy because a career as long and as successful as Daphne’s is a real celebration of commitment, competence and care, all of which Daphne has demonstrated in excess. It is also a sad occasion because staff, students and parents have enjoyed and benefitted from Daphne’s presence at Stella Maris for 17 years and her retirement leaves a rather large hole. We will miss Daphne but wish her a long, happy and healthy time ahead; a time full of new life for her, her extended family and her adoring dog, Bully. I think there will be a lot of tail-wagging going on come 6 December!

Also departing are:
- Luke Parnemann who is taking the opportunity to move into secondary education with the Government’s Year 7 to Secondary decision. Luke will teach at Siena College in the middle years. The Stella Maris community has benefitted from Luke’s dedication and care for students’ wellbeing for the past 15 years and he will be greatly missed. Luke has been a very integral part of this school community and we know he will be as loved and respected at Siena as he is here.
- Sharon Wilson, part-time Learning Support Teacher, is also moving to secondary at St Teresa’s, Noosaville. Sharon has been a committed and hard-working member of the Support Team for the last six years during which time staff and students have benefitted from her considerable expertise, knowledge and professionalism. Sharon will be greatly missed.
- Nicole Jenkins came to Stella Maris as a graduate teacher two years ago and has demonstrated her determination to have each student succeed through her thoroughness and consistency. Nicole has decided to travel or ‘go west’ as a change of experience while she is young. We wish Nicole happiness, success and safe travel and thank her for two committed years at Stella Maris.
- Kim Hughes is departing, temporarily, for Perth, where his wife, Marie is taking up study in her medical specialty for the year. Kim will return in 2016. In the interim we wish Kim and Marie well for the year ahead.
- Terry Grogan, Assistant Principal, is taking the year’s leave to pursue his interest in the area of Wellbeing. We wish Terry a year full of sharing, happiness, growth and learning.

I am very happy to announce Terry’s replacement for the year. We welcome Mrs Eileen Coghill to the Acting AP role and look forward to working closely with her, both as part of the Administration Team and the wider school community. Eileen is not new to Stella Maris, having worked with us over a number of years now in her role as Brisbane Catholic Education, Education Officer, Curriculum. This year Eileen has regularly worked with the Maths Project Team in the area of Maths pedagogy. Eileen will further strengthen our professional learning and practice through her curriculum and pedagogical expertise.

And last but not least we congratulate Lyn Bourke who has worked at Stella Maris for 13 years as a school officer. Over recent years Lyn has studied to become a teacher and now has her first posting with EQ. Lyn will teach on Sibi Island in the Torres Strait. What a wonderful achievement Lyn! Congratulations and thank you for your long and committed service to the staff and students at Stella Maris.

As teachers depart, others arrive and next year is no exception. To date, we have three new teachers with us: Mrs Kris Kriegisch who currently is teaching, part-time, in the Support area at Siena Primary and two teachers new to the profession, Mrs Ruth Mitchell who has been working with Bernie Baillie this year in Prep and Mr Kurt Ludeke who brings a Child Protection background and experience with him. We welcome Kris, Kurt and Ruth to Stella Maris and know they will each enrich this community through their passion for students and their learning.

Job-sharing next year we have Kath Donohue and Paula Rowan (4 days/1 day); Lucia Chick and Denise Heffernan (4 days/1 day) and Natalie Edwards and Beth Kipping (3 days/2 days).

Continuing their maternity leave are Renee Tamatea and Bettrys Lowe.

This year we farewell Cultural Literacy as a distinctive learning area as, with the Australian Curriculum, it is absorbed into a number of other Learning Areas and cross-curricular priorities. We are happy to announce, however, that Peta Neill will remain as teacher of Indonesian in Prep to Year 2 classes and she will be joined by Stacey Kennedy who will teach Indonesian in Years 3 to 6. Stacey is a very experienced, committed and successful teacher of languages and we know Peta and Stacey will make a great team from whose expertise our students will benefit. The change to Indonesian has been precipitated by an inability to secure a teacher of Italian this year and into the future and Peta has always taught some Indonesian language and a great deal of Indonesian culture (eg Anklung orchestra, Indonesian belly and plate dancing) as part of Cultural Literacy.

All staff and students will benefit from exciting developments in the Learning Centre (Library) which will further develop as a learning hub for the school with Donita Sullivan (Support
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This Friday we celebrate Presentation Day dedicated to remembering our roots to which we, as a school community, lay claim. We will be celebrating a Liturgy in the hall at 9am to which you are all invited. In 1980, the Presentation Order of nuns under the leadership of Fr Harry Bliss as Parish Priest and the first Principal, Sr Margaret Conway, a Presentation sister, started the school here in Maroochydore. While it had humble beginnings, it took no time at all for the school to grow both in enrolments and buildings, until the present time, 34 years later, when we have well over 800 students enrolled. (Adapted from http://www.presentationsistersunion.org)

Until recently the term “Kingdom of God” has been used to describe God’s transformative dream for the whole of creation. In recent years some scripture scholars and theologians, including many feminist theologians, have used the phrase “Kin-dom of God” as one that more accurately describes the mission of God as preached and embodied by Jesus. Moving away from the political and military overtones of the word “Kingdom”, the phrase “Kin-dom of God” becomes the context for relating to each person and to every living thing as kin or family. Daniel O’Leary says that when we look at life from the perspective of the Kindom of God, it is:

“A way of seeing that recognizes God’s face in every face, a God who comes to us disguised as life...
This vision of God’s reign among us has increased our sensitivity to issues of justice everywhere, to the care of the poor.”

Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Sister in Cork, Ireland, had a dream that was the same as that of Jesus – that all would have the same opportunities to be included and to participate fully in life, that all would be “kin” in the whole community of life.

Nano Nagle – the Face of God’s Mission to Those Made Poor

The South Presentation Annalist tells us: “thus did she devote her person and her wealth to the gratuitous instruction of the poor and destitute little ones of the Lord.” As well as her work in the schools, Nano visited homeless and sick women in their homes, their garrets, their mud cabins bringing them her compassionate presence and whatever help she could and putting her life at risk as she trod the unlit alleyways of Cork at night by the light of a dim lantern. We cannot help but be reminded of Jesus’ story of the banquet to which all are invited as we read in the Annals of the first Christmas for Nano’s newly formed religious congregation. They invited 50 beggars – the poorest of the poor from Cork’s alleyways – to Christmas dinner and Nano herself waited on them and stood behind their chairs as they ate their Christmas meal. Nano, following in the footsteps of Jesus, engaged in the process of social reversal, bestowed favour upon those made poor and powerless and was a sign of hope that it was possible for all to be included as family in the Kingdom of God.”

As we celebrate this special feast day, let us think about the poor in our own community – those who do not have the wherewithal to negotiate daily life with dignity and the necessities of life. Perhaps this Presentation Day, we might all make a small sacrifice to honour those who have gone before us by donating food to the St Vincent de Paul Baskets in each classroom. I am sure that this would be a most fitting gift to honour our school Feast Day and its significance for our community.

God bless,

Judith

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**Principal’s Award**

November 20 2014

Lilly Roberts, Bella Hubbard, Siena de Silva, Freddie O’Heir, Eva Lennox, Frankie Charlesworth, Chloe Wills, Zac Townsend, Kane Moussalli, Lucy Corcoran, Kobe Carnell, Ryley Watson, Liam Flynn, Emily Quaill, Lewis Teed, Jessica Crowe, Mitchell Corboy, Xavian Squires, Xavier Low, Travis Moore, Murray Langford, Jarva Efendi, Ethan Vagg, Alexander Kaszas, Emily Ryan, Shelby Smith, Harrison Davies, Macy Eastment, Dylan Casey, Georgia Guy, Sophie Grant,

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**Ins and Outs**

**Thursday 20 November**

Board and P&F Executive Dinner 6.30pm

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**November School Fees are due today, 18 November 2014.**

Thank you for your timely attention to finalising accounts.

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**Brisbane Catholic Education**

**Art Prize for Primary**

‘Creation’

Finalists

Brooklyn Maas, Chloe Wills and Zoe Young.

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**Just a thought**

“Assumptions are the termites of relationships.”

— Henry Winkler
MUSIC NOTES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“They teach you there’s a boundary line to music. But, man, there’s no boundary line to art.”  – Charlie Parker –

DATE CLAIMERS
Music Assembly – Thursday 20 November – String Ensemble
Strings Concert (Mrs Salmon and Miss Ostenfeld) – Thursday 20 November, Hall from 6pm
Percussion Lunchtime Concert (Mr Burr) – Friday 21 November, Music Room from 10.45am
Piano Soiree (Miss Worthy) – Monday 25 November, Hall from 6pm to 7pm
Music Assembly – Thursday 27 November – Stella Fellas and Guitar Ensemble
Piano Soiree (Ms Quaglio) - Thursday 27 November, Hall from 6pm

INSTRUMENTAL NEWS -
Congratulations to all our Stella Maris Concert Band, Junior Band and Percussion Ensemble instrumentalists who participated in the *Bonzaband Bash* last Thursday at Siena Catholic Primary School. The day involved 150 students from Stella Maris, Siena, St Thomas More and St Josephs coming together to share their love of music participating in several workshops throughout the day and culminating in a spectacular concert for family and friends. All students were fantastic ambassadors for our school, learnt lots, made new friends, performed with precision and were tired at the end of the long, hot day!! Thanks to Mr Wynyard, Mrs Durrer and Mrs Dean for supporting the students on the day.

Recruitment – instrument demonstrations have been completed and last week Mr Wynyard saw over 135 eager students trialling various choices they were interested in to join the program in 2015. Parent are encouraged to complete the enrolment forms and return them to the office ASAP with the $40 fee as places are assigned in the order they are received and places are very limited for some instruments. If any students missed the trial, please let MR Wynyard know and he will see them this week.

A note re lessons and ensemble rehearsals - as the year draws to an end, students will begin to conclude music, singing and speech lessons once the quota of 9 lessons per term over the year have been provided. Please contact your child’s tutors if you would like further advise on when your child’s lessons may be ending for the year. Ensemble rehearsals will still be happening and Individual ensemble leaders will advise when rehearsals will end. Your continued support of these groups is encouraged and appreciated.

Reports - all tutors have been working on Progress Reports for their students and these will come home with the school report. Please look out for this document and if necessary, contact individual tutors to discuss any details.

For any other enquiries, please email StellaMarisMusic@bne.catholic.edu.au.

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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Stella Maris P & F News..

**THIS WEEK’S SPECIAL**

Hot Dog $3.00 1/2 Hot Dog $2.00
**Gluten Free Available $1.00 extra**

Pie & Popper Special $3.50
Sauce 20c extra

**reminders**

- TONIGHT Tuesday 18th November at 6.30pm in the staff room.

Nominations are still open for all the executive positions including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and School Fair Convenor. This year there will be a few other roles that we would love to see someone take on including PR Officer, Social Media Officer and Grants Officer.

Please give the idea of taking on one of these roles or getting involved in 2015 some thought – we are in desperate need of new people to come on board.

All Welcome.

Thanks The P & F

**Stella Maris P & F AGM will be held**

- **Wed 19/11** – AGM P & F Meeting in the Staffroom @ 6.30pm
- **Nov 17-20** – Year 5 & 4 Swim Lessons
- **Nov 26** – Tuckshop Helpers Lunch
- **Nov 28** – Year 4 - 7 Swimming Carnival - Cotton Tree Pool
- **December 1** – Year 7 Dinner Dance - RSL
- **December 2** – Year 6 Dinner Dance - RSL
- **December 3** – Years 6 & 7 Graduation Liturgy– Stella Maris Church
- **December 4** – Wet’n’Wild Years 6 and 7
- **December 5** – Thanksgiving Liturgy 11am in Hall

School year ends 12 noon

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**Tuckshop News..**

- **Friday 21/11**
- **Thurs 20/11**
- **Wed 19/11**
- **C Cleary**
- **S Dangerfield**
- **P Simpson**
- **L Mancini**

- **M Johnstone**
- **K Whyper**
- **D Lambourne**
- **J Coghlan**

**Board Members**

- **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and School Fair Convenor.**

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BULLYING - HOW PARENTS & CARERS CAN HELP

If your child is being bullied:
• listen and provide support to your child
• try to understand what has been happening, how often and how long
• encourage social skills, like being assertive, telling the bully to stop and seeking help
• support your child to think through different ways they could deal with the problem
• talk with your child’s teacher and ask for help
• keep talking with the school until your child feels safe.

If your child tells you about bullying he has seen or heard at school:
• encourage your child to stand up for the child who is being bullied
• encourage your child to report what he/she has seen or heard to school staff

If your child is doing the bullying:
• make sure your child knows the bullying behaviour is inappropriate and why
• try to understand the reasons why your child has behaved in this way and look for ways to address problems
• encourage perspective taking (e.g. “how would you feel if …?”)
• help your child think of alternative paths of action.

To help prevent cyber-bullying:
• supervise children’s use of electronic devices
• teach children about ways of keeping safe when using the internet and mobile phones.

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Congratulations to Ethan McGahan who has been selected to represent the Sunshine Coast in the U 13 Queensland Junior Tennis Teams Competition in Brisbane from 13 - 17 Dec.
Well Done Ethan and Good Luck!

Congratulations to all the Stella Children who competed in the Under 7’s Little Athletics Regional Relays last Saturday, 8 November at Maroochydore High School. Mali Stoker now holds the new club record for discus.
Great work!

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