**From the Principal**

**Monday was a very significant day in the life of our Church.** It was the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians (Mary). This Feast day has a significant and interesting history involving the capture and death of Pope Pius VI in the late 1700’s. After his death the newly elected Pope Pius VII was also jailed and it is said he prayed daily to Mary and promised that should he survive and be released he would decree a special day for Mary. Pope Pius VII was eventually released in 1814 after a military coup. True to his word, Pope Pius VII made Our Lady Help of Christians an official Feast day of the Church in 1815.

Australia also has a special affiliation with this feast day as Mary is the Patron Saint of Australia (now joined by our own St Mary MacKillop) – and our school also has Mary – Our Lady Help of Christians - as it’s official Patron Saint. Normally, this day would be full of pomp and ceremony and fun. We would have ‘gathered’ as a community, shared a lunch together and enjoyed a great day of celebration. Like most things this year however, the pomp and ceremony had to take a back seat and classes celebrated individually with a liturgy.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP:**

It was also significant therefore, that Adelaide’s new Archbishop Pat O’Regan chose this feast day for his installation. Since 1844, we have had just 11 other Archbishops. We welcome the new ‘leader’ of our Church with great enthusiasm and hope. We pray that his time with us will be positive, rewarding and engaging.

**TEACHER APPOINTMENT:**

I’m very pleased to let you know that we have appointed Kara Wodson to the position of mid-year Reception teacher here at Stella Maris. Kara comes to us from St Joseph’s School, Hindmarsh where she has worked in a number of roles including Reception and Pre-School teacher. Kara is very much looking forward to joining our community.

**REPORTING:**

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be handing reports out to families at the beginning of Term 3 instead of late Term 2. A number of reasons have made this decision an important one, more than anything this decision will allow our teachers more time to finalise assessments and provide a more thorough and accurate picture of student progress and achievement.

To support you in the reporting process we will also be offering the following:

- **Reporting at Stella Maris** – workshop run by myself explaining our reporting process – Week 1 of Term 3 – dates to be provided
- **Compulsory Parent-Teacher interviews** to discuss individual student progress and achievement and goals for the remainder of the year for each child will occur in Week 2 of Term 3. Further information about how to book these times will be provided in the coming weeks.
COVID:
It’s nice to have COVID off the front pages of our newspapers, TVs and our school newsletter! None the less, we are still very wary of the challenges this virus provides us with. Restrictions at a State and National level are beginning to be lifted and we will continue to listen and adhere to the advice we are getting from SA Health and the State Government. As such, the following precautions and procedures will remain in place for the time being:

Reducing our ‘adult’ footprint:
- We would still encourage parents to pick up and drop off their child without entering the school grounds. Where this is impractical, it is vital that parents are observing social distancing regulations. I did hear from a Principal in a local school that SA Police had made a visit to his school at pick up time in order to ensure this was occurring recently!
- No adults are permitted in our school buildings. This is working quite well and one of the benefits of this has been seeing our younger students in particular show their ability to unpack their bag and prepare for the day independently.

Sport:
- It will be great to have sport back for our students in Term 3.
- Information was sent home by Kym yesterday regarding start dates and winter sports. At this point in time, netball, football and soccer will go ahead as of Week 1 Term 3. We are still awaiting information regarding basketball recommencing. Of course, there will be strict guidelines and rules in place for all sporting events – and we MUST make sure that we observe all of these rules to ensure sport can continue.

We look forward to continuing to support our families and students.

UNIFORM REVIEW – FINAL CHANCE:
Thank you to the 150 people who have responded and provided their thoughts and opinions to our School Uniform survey. The survey will close tomorrow so you have one last chance to provide us with your thoughts and opinions regarding a proposal to move to an Active uniform at Stella Maris. You can do so by clicking this link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=q2QiNpggQkGJVNZflIIG_pfvhQh5W_e5MfVMowIUvk1VUNjhYTVdaOEg0QTE4SFFWQEFCTII0UJJfTS4u

PASTORAL CARE AND STUDENT WELL-BEING:
The attitude which a student comes to school with – about themselves – as a learner, as a friend and as a person in general has a major effect on their learning and development in general. We know that when students come to school happy, with a spring in their step, when they feel good about what they day is going to hold for them and excited about the challenges they will face, then learning will ‘naturally happen’. The opposite is also true. When there is conflict, unhappiness, trauma or when students feel upset, angry, worried or anxious – about school, home or other challenges in their life, then this will in turn affect their ability to grow and develop to their full potential.
I have and will always have a strong and vested interest in the well-being of all of our students and families.
Well-being of course, is a ‘whole school’ focus – it has to be. But there is a need for increased resources and support. With this in mind, I am pleased to announce we have increased Emily Hughes’ hours to help support and drive our pastoral care and well-being programs here at Stella Maris. Emily has provided a brief summary and further information about her role in this week’s newsletter.

Until next week, yours sincerely,

James Quigley
PRINCIPAL
**RE News**

**Mary Help of Christians**

On Monday all classes celebrated the feast day of Mary Help of Christians with a class liturgy, which also celebrated the installation of our new Archbishop Patrick O'Regan.

Within the Church, the month of May is dedicated to Mary, Jesus’ mother, who was a woman admired for her bravery and loved for her devotion to God. Classes have been reflecting on Mary and learning about her life through prayer, liturgy and interpreting scripture. Many classes have been creating their own images of Mary.

**National Reconciliation Week**

Yesterday marked the beginning of National Reconciliation week. This year the theme is ‘In this together’, which highlights the role that we can all play in the journey to Reconciliation. Classes will be engaging in various activities over the coming week and we will celebrate the closing of Reconciliation week with Community Prayer next Wednesday. We will be joined by Fr. John, with the liturgy being live streamed to all classes.

**Pentecost Sunday**

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, which marks the end of the Easter season in the Christian calendar and celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

*Come Holy Spirit*  
*Fill our Hearts with your love*  
*Make us more loving and lovable*  
*Amen*

_Ella Kirkham_  
APRIM

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**New Phone Number**

The school has a new phone number:  

**8306 4888**

**Pastoral Care Support**

Dear Stella Maris Community,

I’d like to introduce myself and share my journey here at Stella with you. I started working at Stella Maris in January 2015 as an ESO, I came from a Social Work background so that saw me also providing students with emotional and social support either on a 1:1 basis or in small groups. Our school places great importance on Student Wellbeing, and as such I am pleased to say I have been appointed as the Pastoral Care Support Worker for Stella Maris, a role that every staff member here has always been involved in but this is the first time we have been able to make this role its own.

I’ve had the pleasure of meeting many of you over the years in my role as ESO or Social Worker, and for those I haven’t yet met, I’d like you to know that a school that cares about children, also cares about parents. You’ve shown great resilience and modelling to your children during the recent disruptions to school routine, which is the most effective way to help them develop coping skills. I’d like you to know that you are welcome to contact me for a chat or support, for yourself or your child. I’m available Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30am – 5pm, through calling the office.

Look forward to meeting more of you,

Emily Hughes  
Pastoral Care Support | ESO

**From the Office**

**ENROLMENTS**

We are currently finalising enrolments for 2021. If you have a younger sibling who is due to start school in 2021, 2022 or 2023 and you have not yet completed an Enrolment Application form please do so before the end of this term.

Thank you.
School Uniform.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions the uniform shop is not open. Uniforms can be ordered in the following ways:

1. Uniform shop order forms are available at the Office
2. Order forms can be downloaded from our website by going to www.smtps.catholic.edu.au and clicking on Uniform Shop.
3. Uniforms can also be ordered using the Qkr! App.

Please allow 48 hours for your order to be delivered to your child.

Canteen Roster

CANTEEN CLOSED

If you have any questions regarding the canteen roster please contact Emma on 0403 985 449 or email sankro@bigpond.com

P&F News

With some restrictions lifting, we are able to once again gather in small groups.

Our next (and first for this year) Parents and Friends Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10th at 7pm in the Community Room, gathering for drinks and nibbles and discussing our plans for the remainder of this year.

As we still do have some restrictions, we would appreciate RSVPs for the meeting. To RSVP, please email me at smpspandf@smtps.catholic.edu.au or the Office at contact@smtps.catholic.edu.au

As we flagged earlier this year, we are looking for a parent representative from each class to be a liaison person for your class. If you are interested in taking on this role, please let me know. Don’t worry, you won’t be given any huge tasks to undertake!

Maureen Watts

P& F Chairperson

WHS REMINDER – DOGS!

It is a WHS regulation that dogs (and animals in general) are not permitted on school grounds at any time, unless permission has been provided by our Principal. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Instrumental / Vocal Lessons

Instrumental and Vocal lessons are offered at Stella Maris. Please contact the following people if your child is interested in these lessons.

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Lost School Jumpers

Could all parents/caregivers please check the names on the school jumpers that come home from school today. If you find you have accumulated a jumper which is not yours, please return it to the office in the morning so it can be reunited with its owner. Thank you.

Please ensure that you put your child’s name on their jumper so that we can return it if we find it.

Catholic Police Clearances

A reminder to all volunteers that you require a Catholic Police Check, a completed WHS induction form and RAN training certificate in order to volunteer at the school. This includes all volunteers from canteen helpers, sport coaches, excursion helpers and classroom helpers.

A Police Clearances will be submitted once RAN training has been completed.

Three STEPS TO VOLUNTEERING

1. Complete online RAN training (information at the Office)
2. Apply for a Catholic Police Clearance through the Office
3. Complete a WHS site induction through the Office

For more information, please see Cathy or Tony in the Office.
Together, we move toward a more just, equitable and reconciled nation.

From Wednesday 27th May, we’re celebrating National Reconciliation Week in OSHC. With dedicated games and activities, it’s a fantastic opportunity to teach children all about the Traditional Owners of the Land that we live on. We’ll celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and their culture and heritage.

The theme for 2020 is In This Together and now, more than ever, it’s resonating in unforeseen ways. We will guide children to find the true meaning of reconciliation and show that we are all in this together.

With activities appropriate for all ages, here is what we have planned for National Reconciliation Week:

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Our OSHC service is open and operating for those that need our care, and will provide your children with much-needed familiarity and continuity through our engaging programs that have an increased focus on hygiene and social distancing.

It's FREE to Register. (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).
Register at pp.campaustalia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.