



MARIS STELLA WEEKLY BULLETIN

23 January 2018

WEEK TWO			
Tues 23 Jan	18:00 – 19:00	Grade 9 and 11 Parent Information Evening	
Wed 24 Jan	18:30	Grade 7 Leadership Course (During School Day) PA Meeting	Boardroom
Fri 26 Jan	07:30 – 09:00 17:30 – 20:00	Academic Mass JP Braai	Centenary Hall Field
WEEK ONE			
Mon 29 Jan		Grade 1 Extramurals begin Grade 7 Leadership Assembly	
Fri 02 Feb	17:30 – 20:00	Pre-school Family Picnic	Pre-school

D6 COMMUNICATOR

A reminder to please ensure that you have downloaded our D6 onto your PC, laptop or phone, so that you receive our daily information updates, and have access to important letters and calendars. Visit our website, www.marisstella.co.za, select the D6 icon in the bottom right hand corner to download, or go to <http://www.school-communicator.com>, select Downloads and follow the prompts to choose the Maris Stella D6 for your chosen device. For any queries, please contact us or email support@school-communicator.com.

MYSCHOOL

Maris Stella is proud to be a part of the MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet Community Fundraising Programme. To our new families who are already MySchool supporters, we'd be grateful if you could please help us to raise funds by adding us as a beneficiary on your existing card. To amend your beneficiaries or obtain a new card, please contact us and we will gladly assist, or complete an application online at www.myschool.co.za. Then all you need to do is swipe your card every time you shop at Woolworths, Bidvest Waltons, Loot.co.za, Flight Centre Red Label Holidays, Engen Foodstops etc. Thank you to all our Maris Stella families for your support!

APPEAL TO SUPPORT NAZARETH HOUSE CHARITY SHOP

Nazareth House has appealed to us to assist with items that can be sold in their charity shop. Anything from second hand clothing, furniture, kitchenware, to bric-a-brac and books, would be gratefully accepted. Proceeds from their Charity Shop are used to help fund their homes for the aged and orphaned children. Please bring any donations to the front office.

GARDEN ADVICE SOUGHT

If there is any member of our Maris Stella family with the relevant knowledge to advise us on our school gardens and landscaping, we would be most grateful for your input. Please contact Jenny Reddy in Reception if you are able to assist.

DIVING

Congratulations to **Mackenzie van Niekerk** (U11), **Aimee Dunn** (U12), **Jaimee Coxwell** (U12) and **Megan Grout** (U13), who were selected to represent KZN at the South African Schools National Diving Competition in Durban on 9 December. Their results were as follows:

U11: Mackenzie van Niekerk – 6th

U12: Jaimee Coxwell – 4th

U12: Aimee Dunn – 5th

U13: Megan Grout – 4th

Jaimee Coxwell also took part in the team event, which included a diver from each age group. The KZN Team won this event.

Aimee Dunn went on to compete in the National Age Groups Competition on 11 Dec, which requires more difficult dives. Aimee performed extremely well and achieved 1st place in the U12 Section B category.

Since 2017 was first year in which Maris Stella introduced this sport, these results are all the more impressive. Well done to these girls, and special thanks to Mrs Miskey, for preparing and training our girls so diligently, enabling them to succeed at the highest level.

INDOOR HOCKEY

Results from the Indoor Hockey tournaments played on Saturday 20 January:

U14 Tournament at St Mary's DSG:

Team	Result
vs Our Lady of Fatima	Lost 0-2
vs Curro Mount Richmore	Won 2-0
vs against St Mary's DSG	Drew 0-0
vs Durban Girls' High School	Won 2-0

Our girls played in the semi-final against St Mary's A, and drew 0-0. They then went into a nail biting penalty shootout, where our girls eventually lost by 1 goal in the 5th round of penalty shootout. Well done girls, we are so proud of your determination!

U16 Tournament at Kloof High School:

Team	Result
vs Hillcrest High School	Won 4-0
vs Danville Girls' High	Won 1-0
vs Crawford La Lucia	Drew 1-1
vs Durban Girls' High	Drew 1-1
vs Durban Girls' College	Lost 0-3

1st Team Tournament at Maris Stella:

Team	Result
vs Westville Girls' High	Lost 1-4
vs Kloof High School	Won 2-1
vs St Mary's DSG	Lost 0-4
vs Crawford La Lucia	Drew 0-0

ACTION NETBALL

Results from Prep matches played on Monday 22 January:

Team	Result	Outstanding Player
Maris Stella U10A vs Our Lady of Fatima	Won 9-4	Emma Hudson

Maris Stella U10B vs Our Lady of Fatima	Lost 3-5	Alaiza Theophilus
Maris Stella U11A vs Ashton College	Won 7-2	Ella-Rose Gass
Maris Stella U11B vs Crawford North Coast	Lost 1-15	-
Maris Stella U12A vs Reddam House Umhlanga	Lost 6-11	Rebecca Naude & Sienna Swan

We are extremely proud of the level of skill and enthusiasm shown by all our prep teams, in their first match of the season! Considering that they have not yet had the opportunity to practise together in their teams, this makes these results even more pleasing. Well done girls!

PERFORMING ARTS

Congratulations to **Tayla Morrow**, who has been selected for the South African Championships of Performing Arts KZN Team, and will compete at Nationals in Rustenberg later this year. She has qualified for the Drama and Dance categories, and will be auditioning for Vocal and Duets in February.

Tayla was also approached after her audition to perform in the Dolphins by Starlight Show in December at Ushaka Marine World. Well done Tayla!

ITALIAN LESSONS

Italian lessons are offered at Maris Stella on Monday afternoons. Please contact Mrs Conti on 083 564 5684 for further information.

EMPATHY

“You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...until you climb into his skin and walk around in it.” These words by Harper Lee are the perfect definition of our theme for this year – empathy.

Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another in a way that connects, builds trust, heals, and most importantly, binds gaps. Empathy is a crucial and vital mind-set that each of us needs to adopt in order for our progression forward, and in order to see change.

The virtues which branch off from empathy are love, patience, respect and selflessness, and it is these virtues which we will be focussing on each term throughout the year. It is through this approach that we become more mindful and begin to live and embrace our vision of “For the Future”.

Each month of this year, we will be walking in the shoes of different people and for the month of January, we will be walking in the shoes of the new members of our school family, as all of us were once new. As we walk in “new shoes” each month, we remember those without shoes and ask that outgrown school shoes are please donated. They can be left in the RE classroom and will be given to a charity at the end of the year.

These wise words, written by Brene Brown, are useful to hold in our thoughts:

“Empathy has no script. There is no right or wrong way to do it. It is simply listening, holding space, withholding judgement, emotionally connecting, and communicating that incredibly healing message that you are not alone.”

Written by Catherine Dunn, Chapel and Ethos Portfolio Head