



## MARIS STELLA WEEKLY BULLETIN

24 NOVEMBER 2021



### The season of ADVENT begins on Sunday...

Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year in which we celebrate the main events in the life of Jesus and in which we are supported in our journey towards our final encounter with Christ. The Pope gives us three aspects of Advent to reflect on based on the following reading, the words of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
(1 Corinthians 1:7-9)

### REFLECTIONS FROM POPE FRANCIS

#### EXPECTATION OF HOPE

Pope Francis commented that the Bible reading invites us to live Advent, which prepares us for Christmas, "as a time of expectation and hope. The Apostle invites the people of Corinth, and us too, to focus our attention on the encounter with Jesus, who will come at the end of the world and who comes every day, so that, with His grace, we might accomplish good in our own lives and in the lives of others."

#### CALLING ON THE LORD IN TIMES OF TRIAL

"Our God is the God who comes:" He never disappoints us, stressed the Pope. "He came at a precise moment in history and became man to take our sins upon Himself." "The Lord knocks at the doors of our hearts," and in difficult times, "we run the risk of falling into pessimism, closure and apathy." The antidote to this, he said, was to await the Lord because he "is our help and our shield. Confidently waiting for the Lord allows us to find comfort and courage in the dark moments of our lives."

#### GOD WITH US

"Advent is a continuous call to hope," the Pope underlined. "It reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to its fullness, which is the Lord Jesus Christ. God is present in the history of humanity, He is the 'God-with-us', He walks beside us to support us." Pope Francis concluded by saying, "The Lord never abandons us; He accompanies us through the events of our lives to help us discover the meaning of the journey, the meaning of everyday life, to give us courage when we are under duress or when we suffer. In the midst of life's storms, God always extends His hand to us and frees us from threats."

## PREP OUTREACH – SANDWICHES FOR THE DENIS HURLEY CENTRE

Each year our Prep Phase classes compete to see who can bring the most sandwiches for donation to the Denis Hurley Centre. The winning class this year was 5 N with 497 sandwiches! They also contributed the most sandwiches last year. **Nayyab Hamid** won the prize for bringing the most sandwiches in Grade 5.

Well done Nayyab and Grade 5 N!



*Pictured below are our Grade 7 girls, making sandwiches during their lunch break. In total, they made 61 sandwiches that day. We are so proud of all our girls for their enthusiastic support of this worthy outreach project!*



## CAPITAL K SWIM

**Yuvanka Pillay** (Grade 6) completed the Capital K Swim at Midmar Dam on Sunday, 21 November in a time of 29m01s. Well done, Yuvanka!



Lana Samuel

## TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON MUSIC EXAMINATION

**Lana Samuel** (Grade 7) passed her Grade 2 Piano examination with 96%. Congratulations, Lana, on your distinction!

[WATCH: Lana Samuel - Bendin' the Rules by Ben Crossland](#)

## KZN YOUTH ORCHESTRA

**Vicky Kruse** (Grade 9) was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for being a member of the KZN Youth Orchestra and a Certificate of Appreciation for full attendance over the 2021 season at the KZN Youth Orchestra. Vicky has also been accepted as member of the KZN Youth Orchestra for the 2022 season. Well done, Vicky!

## ACROBATIC DANCE

**Bethany Moore** (Grade 11) completed her Pre-Associate Coaching Acrobatics exam on 16 October. She achieved Honours with Distinction Plus, obtaining 99%. Congratulations, Bethany!

## KZN DIVING

The following girls attended trials held at Maris Stella on Saturday, 20 November, and were selected into the KZN Diving Team and the KZN Development Team respectively. They will participate in the SA Schools Diving Championship to be hosted at Maris Stella on Wednesday, 8 December. We wish our girls all the best as they compete next month!

U11  
**Lareina Kiliswa**  
**Vaeda Fae Harverson**

U15  
**Mackenzie van Niekerk**  
**Azile Ngubane**

U17/U18  
**Jannah Winter**  
**Bethany Moore**

U13  
**Raegan Brouard**

U16  
**Aimee Dunn**  
**Madison Enslin**

KZN Development Team  
**Farin Gild** (Year 1)  
**Katelyn Kitchin** (Year 2)  
**Tia Laudenberg** (Year 2)  
**Kate Simpson** (Year 3)

U14  
**Megan King**

## KZN SOFTBALL

In our Weekly Bulletin dated 3 November, we congratulated Grade 9 pupils, **Jessica Balfour** and **Madi Aling**, for their selection into the KZN Softball U15 Summer Games Training Squad. We are very proud to confirm that they have now been selected for the KZN U15A Team that will go on tour to Gauteng from 15 - 20 December this year. Congratulations, Jessica and Madi!

DATES TO DIARISE			
WEEK 2			
25 November	07:40 – 09:15 12:00	<b>House Spirit Day</b> House Plays Pre-School Stagecoach Studio Drama Showcase	Drama Studio
26 November	09:00 13:00 – 15:45	Pre-School Diwali and Christmas Dress-up Grade 8 – 10 Tru Life Presentations Grade 7 Retreat <b>NSC Visual Arts</b> Pre-School Stagecoach Studio Drama Showcase	Drama Studio
WEEK 1			
30 November	08:00 09:30 11:30 17:30	Grade 4 – 6 Awards Ceremony Grade 8 & 9 Awards Ceremony Grade 10 & 11 Awards Ceremony Prep Final Mass Speech Day & Grade 7 Prize Giving	
1 December	08:30 10:00	Term 4 ends Prep Final Assembly High School Final Mass High School Final Assembly	

Milla Arbizu  
Abigail Ewing  
Whitney Goldstone  
Tanvi Komal  
Abigail Krummeck  
Syona Makardoij  
Joelle Masumbuko  
Kanimambo Mathe  
Emihle Mavuso  
Elihle Mncwabe  
Addison Wilson

WELL DONE GIRLS!

Grade 4 Pen Licenses

## PRAYER GROUP

All parents are invited to join a weekly prayer meeting from 07:15 – 07:45 to pray for the needs of our school and community. Please contact Anita on 073 900 4932 for more information.

## SHARE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS WITH US

We know how rewarding it is to work hard towards a goal and achieve it. We are so proud of all our girls who, through dedication and commitment, excel in their chosen academic, sporting and cultural activities. Please continue to share these achievements with us:

<https://forms.gle/xn5cfEytQC4xa1Lg8>

## MARIS STELLA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Please visit our website, [www.marisstella.co.za](http://www.marisstella.co.za), to view the Maris Stella Business Directory. Should you wish to advertise in the directory, complete the form on the D6 and forward to [hayleywylie@mweb.co.za](mailto:hayleywylie@mweb.co.za). Let us support each other!

“Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning.”

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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