



# MARIS STELLA WEEKLY BULLETIN

28 February 2017

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WEEK ONE			
Tues 28 Feb	18:00 – 20:30	Prep A League D & D Gala	Kings Park
Wed 01 Mar	07:45 – 09:00 18:00 – 19:00	Ash Wednesday Mass Grade 3 Choir Evening	Centenary Hall DGC
Thurs 02 Mar	17:30 – 19:30	Grade 6 Market Day Grade 11: Othello BDO Quiz: Round 1	Playhouse Northlands Girls' High
Fri 3 Mar	18:00 – 21:00	Movies Under the Stars	Field
WEEK TWO			
Tues 7 Mar		English Olympiad	
Wed 8 Mar		Grade 12 Wits University Presentation	
Thurs 9 Mar	17:30 – 20:00	Grade 4 Excursion to the Sharks Board Debating League Youth Rally (Grade 7 to 12)	Natal Sharks Board Maris Stella Maris Stella
Fri 10 Mar		Talk Sign Day	

## MOVIES UNDER THE STARS: Friday 3 March, 18h00 to 21h00

Please support this first exciting Parents' Association fundraiser of 2017! Tickets are on sale in the courtyard before school, or from the Bursar's office at break or after school until 14h30.

R50 ticket – movie & popcorn

R80 ticket – movie & popcorn & a hot dog OR Afro's Burger

## SCHOOL MAGAZINE

A reminder to please support our school magazine with an advert or page sponsorship. Please email [chudson@marisstella.co.za](mailto:chudson@marisstella.co.za) for more information, or if you are able to assist. Many thanks to Val Message and Ricardo and Vanessa Persadh for committing your support.

## SWIMMING

Congratulations to all our team swimmers for your committed performances in the recent D & D Galas. Our High School team came 6<sup>th</sup> in the High School A League last Wednesday, while our Prep B team came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Prep Co-Educational League last Thursday. Well done to all our swimmers and spectators, for your enthusiasm and dedication. Good luck to our Prep A team, swimming in the Prep A League D&D Gala this evening!

Congratulations to **Tamryn Palani** (Grade 10), who took part in the KZN Aquatics Level 2 Championships this weekend, achieving exceptional results. She took part in 9 events, and medalled in 8, with 3 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze.

**Kayci Petzer** (Grade 5), also competed at the KZN Aquatics Level 2 Championships, winning 3 medals. She received a gold medal for 50m freestyle, a gold medal for 50m backstroke and a bronze medal for 100m freestyle. Well done Kayci!

Congratulations to the following girls who have been chosen to represent Umlazi Districts at the KZN Swimming Trials on 4 March 2017:

**Robyn Aaron** (Grade 6)

**Tannah Smith** (Grade 6)

**Jaime Robinson** (Grade 6)

**Gina Ten-Bokkel-Huinink** (Grade 6)

**Isabella Halstead** (Grade 7)

**Cara Message** (Grade 7)

## DIVING

**Joanne Gersbach** (Grade 8) competed in the Interschools Diving Competition and Midlands Trials on Thursday last week. She came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Interschools Competition, and went on to compete in the Midlands Trials, and achieved 1<sup>st</sup> in the U14 age group. This is a phenomenal achievement, considering Joanne started diving for the first time at the beginning of this term.

Congratulations to the following girls who achieved Merit level in their KZN Aquatics Level 1 Diving Assessments:

The following girls received Distinctions in their KZN Aquatics Level 1 Diving Assessments. Well done girls!

**Eden Jordan**

**Addison Miskey**

**Emily Killian**

**Roha Pillay**

**Mia Vlotman**

**Julia McAlister**

**Mackenzie van Niekerk**

**Amy Riggien**

**Gabriella Langlois**

**Brygitte Barnabas**

**Cassidy Harris**

**Zora Merkofer**

**Alayna Theophilus**

**Brooklyn Fynn**

**Catherine Dunn**

**Lerusha Naidoo**

**Kenda Lang**

**Amy Thackwray**

**Aimee Dunn**

**Lauren Walsh**

**Jaime Robinson**

**Roxy-Leigh Utermark**

**Megan Grout**

**Robyn Aaron**

**Jamie le Roux**

**Kaylee Saunders**

**Olivia Elliot**

**Joanne Gersbach**

**Kyla Stirling**

**Ella Wium**

**Holly Davey**

**Yeshni Gounden**

**Alexandra Erskine**

**Kelly Cheall**

**Tyra-Clé Fynn**

**Kayla Colby**

## LIFESAVING

**Teegan Hardwick** (Grade 12), has been selected for the KZN Lifesaving team. Congratulations Teegan!

## TENNIS

Congratulations to **Kaitlyn Ramduth** (Grade 5), who was selected for the KZN U13A tennis team.

## ACTION NETBALL

Results from our Prep and High School Action Netball Leagues, from their matches on Monday 20 February and Friday 24 February respectively:

Team	Result	Outstanding Player
Maris Stella U10A vs Chelsea Prep	Drew 3-3	Addison Miskey
Maris Stella U11B vs Umhlali Prep	Lost 1-16	Sithandile Dlamini
Maris Stella U12B vs Durban Christian Centre	Won 9-6	Olwethu Mkize
Maris Stella U14A vs Parkhill High	Won 17-2	Kaitlynn Sitharam
Maris Stella U15A vs Northlands Girls' High	Lost 6-18	Julie Tostee
Maris Stella U15A vs St Mary's	Lost 4-13	Tshiamo Gumede
Maris Stella U15A vs Amanzimtoti High	Won 11-9	Zinhle Sithole & Sarah Randelhoff
Maris Stella U16A vs St Mary's	Drew 6-6	Jamie Coetzee
Maris Stella 1 <sup>st</sup> Team vs Inanda Seminary	Lost 15-20	Qondisa Sibeko & Amy Randelhoff

## HOCKEY

Results from Indoor Hockey League on Thursday 23 February:

Maris Stella U14A vs Our Lady of Fatima	Lost 1-3
Maris Stella U14B vs Durban Girls' High School	Lost 0 -9
Maris Stella U16B vs Crawford North Coast U16A	Drew 1-1
Maris Stella 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team vs Gelofte 1 <sup>st</sup> Team	Lost 0-6

## GRADE 11 GIS OLYMPIAD

Three of our Grade 11 girls competed in the GIS Olympiad, and placed second out of 25 schools. Congratulations to **Lerusha Naidoo, Sanele Dlamini** and **Sisi Gcaba** on this excellent result!

## KIDS LIT QUIZ

On Tuesday 21 February 2 teams of 4 Grade 7 girls, competed in the Durban round of the international Kids' Lit Quiz which is run by Wayne Mills. Our girls had a lot of fun celebrating their love of books and the 'sport of reading'. We were excited to hear that our one team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the 36 teams which took part. Well done to **Zora Merkofer, Hannah Dix, Jasmine Wylie** and **Isabella Wood!**

## DEBATING

In Round 2 of the Durban Coastal Debating League, our Maris Stella 1 Junior Team (consisting of **Alisha Chutarpal, Bronwyn Harris** and **Lulu Mbang**) opposed the motion "This House believes that cultural treasures should be returned to their areas of origin." They beat Werda and **Bronwyn Harris** was awarded best speaker.

The Maris Stella 2 Junior Team (consisting of **Luyanda Mhlongo, Dara Müller** and **Shriyaa Sooklal**) opposed the same motion. They unfortunately lost to St Mary's but **Shriyaa Sooklal** was awarded best speaker. Congratulations to both teams!

# KEEP LENT BY DOING SOMETHING POSITIVE FOR THE PLANET



Ash Wednesday is a wonderful day to remember environmental justice – with ashes on our foreheads, in the form of a cross. Today we are signs that we have come from the earth and that we will return to the earth. We are called to “Turn away from sin and believe the Good News.”

Lent is not a journey trying to do things to please God. Rather, we desire to use the means of prayer, fasting, penance and almsgiving to open our hearts to the gifts of a renewed personal encounter which God wants to give us.

We ask for the graces, a conversion to “right relationships with God, with one another and with creation.” ([GC 35, Decree 3, #12](#))

Today we can ask, “Lord, reorient my whole heart to you, in new ways.” Let us ask for a growing awareness of and compassion for those who suffer as our planet suffers. Let us make this journey with hearts more attuned to those affected most as some of us, through privilege, greed and overconsumption, abuse our common home.

May this Lent stir us to a renewal of spirit – to return to our Lord with our “whole heart.”

- What renewal am I being invited to in my relationship with God, with others, with creation?
- What more might I do, in my prayer, my reading, my habits, my work, my preaching, my advocacy, to express my reconciliation with creation?
- What sacrifice can I make that will in turn help the planet? EG: have a meatless day; stop buying drinks in plastic bottles; start a compost heap; do a beach clean-up once a week.