



MARIS STELLA WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEEK TWO			
Wed 8 Feb	15:00	High School Independent Gala	St Mary's
Thurs 9 Feb		Grade 8 depart on Retreat	Camp Jonathan
Fri 10 Feb	17:30 – 20:00	Grade 8 return from Retreat Junior Primary Braai	Field
Sat 11 Feb		Midmar Mile	Midmar Dam
Sun 12 Feb		Midmar Mile	Midmar Dam
WEEK ONE			
Mon 13 Feb	17:30	Board Meeting	Boardroom
Tues 14 Feb		Valentine's Day	
Wed 15 Feb	17:30	Hearing Screening: Pre-school, Junior Primary and Prep Open Evening: Pre-school, Junior Primary and Prep	
Thurs 16 Feb	17:30	Hearing Screening: Pre-school, Junior Primary and Prep Open Evening: High School	
Fri 17 Feb		NCF Meeting: isiZulu	Boardroom
Sat 18 Feb		IEB National Conference: Music	

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS: Friday 3 March, 18h00 to 21:00

Bring your family, friends, blankets and cushions to MOVIE NIGHT! Tickets will be on sale from the Bursar's office from Monday 13 February. A wide variety of food will be on sale, as well as cooldrinks and cappuccinos, or you are welcome to bring your own picnic supper.

R50 ticket - movie & popcorn

R80 ticket - movie & popcorn & a hot dog OR a chicken burger

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

A reminder to please support our school magazine with an advert or page sponsorship. Please email chudson@marisstella.co.za for more information, or if you are able to assist. Many thanks to Charmaine Lingard and Richard King who have already committed their support.

HOMEWORK CENTRE

If anyone has any board games that they would like to donate to our Prep Homework Centre, we would be most grateful.

SWIMMING

Congratulations to our High School Swimming Team for their excellent performance at the Northlands' Girls High Friendly Gala on Wednesday 1 February. The results were as follows:

Durban Girls' High: 1st
Maris Stella: 2nd
Danville: 3rd
Westville Girls' High: 4th

Special mention must be made of our U17 swimmers, who won every race they swam in!

KARATE

Emma-Leigh Chisholm competed in the KZN Karate Trials over the weekend and received a Gold medal for Kumite (Free fighting). She has been awarded her KZN Colours and will participate in the SA Karate Trials in March. Congratulations on this incredible achievement, Emma-Leigh!

HOCKEY

Results from Indoor Hockey League on Thursday 2 and Saturday 4 February

Thursday 2 February

Maris Stella 1st Team vs Durban Girls' College: Lost 0 – 8
Maris Stella U16A vs Danville: Lost 1 – 4
Maris Stella U14A vs St Mary's: Lost 0 – 8

Saturday 5 February

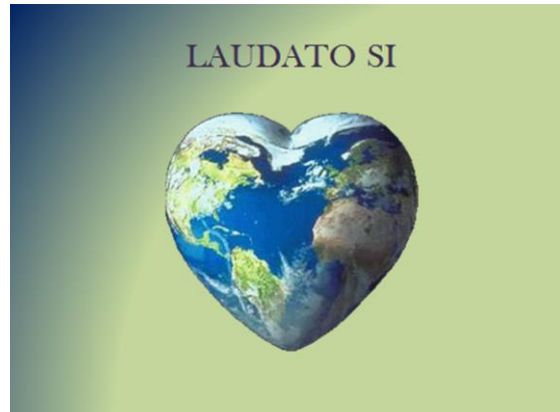
Maris Stella 2nd Team vs Grosvenor Girls' High 1st Team: Lost 3 - 5
Maris Stella U16B vs Durban Girls' High: Won 6 – 1
Maris Stella U14A vs Crawford La Lucia: Lost 3 – 5
Maris Stella U14B vs St Mary's: Lost 4 - 6

DRAMATIC ARTS

Congratulations to **Yanga Ndlovu**, Grade 5, and **Sesiphiwe Zwane**, Grade 11, whose recent auditions for the International Arts Talent Showcase 2017 qualified them to perform in the finals, which take place in Johannesburg in October. Good luck Yanga and Sesiphiwe!

ATHLETICS

At the Umlazi District Trials on Thursday 2 February, **Carly Smith**, Grade 5, placed 2nd in the U11 70m hurdles, qualifying for KZN trials. She also came 4th in the long jump, with a distance of 3.33m. Well done Carly!



“LAUDATO SI’, Mi’ Signore” – “Praise be to You, My Lord”

Pope Francis uses the words of St Francis of Assisi to remind us that our COMMON home (neither yours nor mine, but OURS) which includes ALL People and ALL life is like our mother, who opens her arms to embrace us. Yet, our Mother Earth now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted upon her.

Pope Francis calls us to **‘Be united by the same concern for our common home.’**

He calls us all to take an interest and extends an urgent appeal for us to enter into dialogue that includes everyone and all life.

The Holy Family Sisters have taken our Pope’s pleas to heart and we at Maris Stella have taken up this challenge to become more interested in caring for our planet.

Over the next few months you will receive some extracts that will hopefully inspire you to make a change in the way we live our lives.

Please read them and allow open dialogue with your family and friends on becoming actively involved in helping our Mother Earth, the very Mother that will sustain our life and that of your grandchildren.



A Prayer for the Earth

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your Love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Amen

-Pope Francis-