



MARIS STELLA WEEKLY BULLETIN

8 October 2019

WEEK TWO			
Tues 8 Oct	18:00	Opening of Matric Art Exhibition	600
Wed 9 Oct	18:00	Inter-house Plays	Centenary Hall
Thurs 10 Oct	07:15 08:00 17:30 – 19:30	PA Meeting JP Praise and Worship Grade 11 and 12 Soiree	Boardroom Chapel Small Hall
Fri 11 Oct		Proudly South Africa Day Leave Your Print Initiative	
WEEK ONE			
Mon 14 Oct	08:00 – 14:00	Grade 4 Excursion to Roselands Grade 1 Excursion to the Animal Flag Farm	Richmond Salt Rock
Tues 15 Oct	18:00	Grade 4 return from Roselands Matric Mass	Chapel
Thurs 17 Oct	18:30	Prep Water Polo Tour departs Grade 12 Prize Giving	Johannesburg Centenary Hall
Fri 18 Oct	07:45 – 14:30 09:00 10:30	Last day for Matrics Grade 10 Life Sciences Excursion to uShaka Matric Breakfast Matrics leave school	uShaka Marine World Small Hall
Sat 19 Oct	08:00 – 14:00	U13 Hockey Festival	MPC
Sun 20 Oct		Prep Water Polo Tour returns	

CREATIVE WRITING

Congratulations to **Rachael Shorey**, Grade 8, and **Shriyaa Sooklal**, Grade 11, whose creative writing skills caught the eyes of the judges of the SACEE Creative Writing Competition recently. Rachael and Shriyaa were invited to attend the Prizegiving in Johannesburg on 26 September, where Rachael won First Prize (Platinum Award) in the Junior Poem Category, her poem being the only one read out at the ceremony. Shriyaa also did very well, and was awarded two bronze certificates.

HOUSE PLAYS – Wednesday 9 October

Our House Plays take place on Wednesday, 9th October, at 18:00, a compulsory event for all High School girls, although everyone else is most welcome to attend!

Please can all girls bring a **can of food** in lieu of an entrance fee. All donations will be taken to St Thomas' Children's Home and Mary Asher Home.

Girls must arrive by 17:30 in their house shirt and jeans, and proceed to their classrooms for registration, after which they will lead down to the hall. The evening will be finished by 20:00.

DANCE

A number of Maris Stella girls qualified to perform at the MOVE National Dance Competition in Cape Town during the holidays, from 20 – 22 September. This prestigious competition has an exceptional standard of dance, and we congratulate our dancers, all of whom achieved excellent results.

Megan Gordon, Grade 10, placed in 4 out of her 10 events, receiving a 2nd place for her Musical Character solo, a 3rd place for her Acro Solo, 2nd place for her Group Hip Hop routine as well as a 3rd for her Group Fusion routine. **Jasmine Wylie**, Grade 9, competed in 4 events, placing 2nd with her Acro Solo. **Bethany Moore**, Grade 9, and **Madison Enslin**, Grade 8, placed in 1st position for 4 of their Group Acro routines, and 2nd position for 1 of their Group routines. Bethany placed 1st in her Acro Duet and both Acro Trios, and 2nd in her Acro Solo, and Madison placed 1st in her Acro Solo. Congratulations on these phenomenal results, girls!

We are extremely proud of the many Maris Stella girls from the Patricia McIntosh School of Ballet who have qualified to perform at the Cecchetti Gala Performance to be held at the Playhouse on 9 November 2019. Students have to have achieved 70% or above for their ballet exams to qualify to dance. Congratulations to the following girls:

Grade 1 Level: **Hope Stirton, Jessica Savage, Shiloh Joubert**

Grade 2 Level: **Anouk Maingard**

Grade 3 Level: **Hannah Savage, Olivia Coppola, Tehillah Adonis**

Jasmine Wylie, from Chantel Jacobs' The Studio, also qualified to perform at the Gala after achieving 77% for her Intermediate ballet exam, and is one of only 9 dancers in KZN to qualify at this level. Jasmine also received a Silver Medal for her Jazz Solo at the Natal Festival of Dance, held at Eden College from 22 – 24 September

Babalwa Mkhize, Grade 6, also performed exceptionally well at the Natal Festival of Dance, winning the trophy for the Most Promising Novice in the Contemporary section. She also received Gold Medals for her Contemporary Solo and for her two Ballet Groups, and a Silver for her Ballet Solo.

Kuvira Lutchman, Grade 2, also took part in the Natal Festival of Dance, and placed 1st in both of her routines, a Hip Hop Solo and Hip Hop Duet.

ICE SKATING

Congratulations to **Christina Zvinterikos**, Grade 8, who competed in the Grade 4 girls section in the Durban Junior Ice-skating Competition recently, and won a Gold Medal.

ATHLETICS

A number of the Maris Stella girls recently travelled to Sasolburg to compete in the South African Christian Schools Athletics, and achieved the following excellent results:

U17:

Caitlyn Gooding	2 nd in 800m, 1 st in U17 Relay Team
Hayley Wasserman	8 th in 100m
Georgia du Plessis	12 th in 100m
Malaika Ahiwe	9 th in Long Jump
Thandolwethu Dlamini	12 th in Long Jump

U15:

Kayla Christie	3 rd in 400m, 3 rd in U15 Relay Team, 7 th in Shotput, 8 th in Long Jump
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WATER POLO

Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected to attend the final trials for the KZN Girls' Water Polo squads:

U13: **Madison Stewart** and **Jade Young**

U15: **Isabella Halstead** and **Ilse Southey**

U16: **Isabella Hislop**

U19: **Kaylyn Asgeir-Nielsen**

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

Ashleigh, Prinsloo, Grade 9, **Mia King**, Grade 8, and **Théa Naidoo**, Grade 8, attended the South African Gymnastic Games in Durban during the school holidays. The only 3 representatives from KZN to take part in the Level 8 U15 age group, our girls achieved excellent results. Ashleigh won 4 medals for her various routines (2 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze) and placed 2nd overall in this prestigious competition, with Théa placing 13th and Mia 16th. Congratulations girls!

LEAVE YOUR PRINT

On Friday 11 October, Maris Stella will support the "Leave your Print" drive. Each pupil is asked to bring a pair of good second-hand shoes that could be used at a school, such as school shoes or sport shoes. Alternatively, you may donate any good pair of second hand shoes that could be donated to the needy. We will also make a monetary donation to this initiative of the Catholic School Board of Education. If anyone would like to donate funds, big or small, towards this cause, we will be happy to collect and send it to the Catholic Board of Education, who will use it to address the needs of the thousands of children in South Africa who walk to school barefoot every day.

MARIS STELLA BARNYARD EVENING, WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER

Put on your dancing shoes and make your way to the Suncoast Barnyard Theatre, on Wednesday, 23 October at 7pm, in support of the Parents' Association end of year function fundraiser. The evening promises to be a grand show stopper with the highly entertaining performance, *Live in Vegas*. With our exclusive use of this venue, we have plenty of seating for you to book a table for your year-end work function, book club party or get together with family and friends. Food is on sale at the venue and there is a cash bar available. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets are available from the Bursar's office at R180-00 each, from Monday 7 October. Book a table of ten and receive a complimentary bottle of wine.

VIRTUE

This term we are focusing on the virtue of joy. When we have the love of God burning within us (Zeal – Term 1) then we naturally want to serve (Service - Term 2). In serving others, we put their needs before our own and become humble (Humility – Term 3), and through all these virtues, experience the joy that springs from a grateful heart, in the words of Pope Francis.

JOY QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give."

Eleanor Roosevelt