EMERGING YOUNG STELLA LEADERS
Keen to make a difference

On Monday, eight grade 5 students attended the CARITAS Just Lead day at Sacred Heart Catholic School, Ulverstone with grade 5 students from five other north west Catholic schools. This is a leadership program that CARITAS provides for young emerging leaders at a primary school level. The message to them was, “Aspire not to have more, but to BE more.” Issues of global social injustice were drawn to their attention, and how organisations, such as CARITAS, ARE making a difference to the lives of marginalised people in Australia and overseas. The students were directed to the importance of developing in their peers and other members of the school community, deep awareness to the plight of people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. This deep awareness, is an important precursor to successful fundraising. These students are approaching the stage in their primary school years, where through them being the school leaders in 2017, they have the power and the opportunity to make a difference, by helping to embed Global Social Justice at their school level. They have had great role models in this year’s grade 6 leaders. The students from Stella who attended the Just Lead Day, have been highly motivated to share this knowledge with their grade 5 peers, and, be proactive and make a difference- not just in 2017, but for the rest of their lives.

“Megan taught us about leadership and responsibility. We looked at how many people do not have water, food and clean toilets.” Alexandra
“I liked how Megan told us we have the power even though we don’t have money. I would like to lead like Megan when I am older.” Finn
“We learned how to be a leader and about third world countries. We learned how CARITAS has helped them and how we could help them.” Blake
“The whole world could be a better place if we took care of the people in it.” Penny
“We learnt how the poor live and how we can run a program or a fundraiser.” Jazmin
“I really liked how much they (CARITAS) try to make people aware of those people in need.” Owen.

“Team work and co-operation make everything much easier.” Joel
“I like how Megan taught us to be a leader...I would like to be like her when I grow up, or even next year when I am in grade 6.” Kezia

The Jubilee Year of Mercy concludes Sunday 20th November, but the universal mission of mercy continues:

Thursday 17th November
Kinder’s Got Talent
9.30am – 10.30am

Tuesday 22nd November
Board Meeting @ 5.00pm

Friday 2nd December
Advent Pageant

Thursday 8th December
End of Year Concert
Burnie Arts & Function Centre @ 7.00pm

Monday 12th December
Grade 6 Thanksgiving Liturgy and Dinner @ 6.00pm

Family Life Program
Gr 2 – Monday 28th Nov
Gr 4 – Tuesday 29th Nov
Gr 6 – Wednesday 30th Nov
All sessions at 6:30pm
Main School Building
Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: Burnie Schools’ Advent Pageant 2016

On Friday December 2nd, Stella Maris students in grades 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 will be participating in the annual Burnie Schools’ Advent Pageant. What an exciting way to start the Advent season!

Students in these grades will be leaving school at approximately 9.00am and will be travelling by bus down to the Burnie Skate Park. They will then parade with their buddy classes along the boardwalk and finish with a concert outside the surf club.

All students participating in the parade are encouraged to dress in costumes such as a character from the Nativity story. They may wear their sports uniform and sports shoes underneath their costume. You don’t need to buy anything new, a sheet or a dressing gown paired with a tea towel can create a fantastic shepherd or innkeeper costume!

They must have their school hat, (unless their head is already covered with a sun safe costume item), sunscreen, and **bring their recess, packed lunch and water**. Students will need small a backpack to carry these items.

Classes will have the opportunity to have a play in the Burnie Park as they make their way back to school. All participating students will then be walking back to school in time for second lunch play.

Kind Regards,

Catherine Robertson – Stella Maris Advent Pageant Coordinator
A very big Thank You to EVERYONE for making the Monster Garage Sale such a success. In the weeks leading up to the sale, many people worked hard. We had people spending hours sorting, cooking, bagging lucky dips, lugging ‘stuff’, and setting up. On the day, the dedicated group of workers managed the stalls, cooked sausages and stayed till the bitter end; cleaning up so that we could use the hall on Monday. The final tally is yet to be determined, but we know that it is over $5,000. With this, the P & F can now complete all items on their 5 year plan, and, have a little left for the kitty for the beginning of next year.

**Family Life**

REMINDER - Family Life Program - Evening Sessions

Wendy, a presenter from Centrecare, will be running The Family Life program at Stella Maris the week after next. The information at these sessions is discussed and delivered in an age appropriate manner. Cost of the sessions is $10 per family. **All sessions begin at 6:30pm.** They will be held in the main school building. Dates and grade levels are as follows:

- Grade 2  Monday 28th November
- Grade 4  Tuesday 29th November
- Grade 6  Wednesday 30th November

Each of the Grade 6 classes will have an hour in-class session at school on Thursday 1st December.
Stella PBS Parents
Positive Behaviour Support Information for Parents

Dare To Step Out And Make A Difference
Just Like Jesus

Congratulations to the following students for reaching 100 Dojo points!

Charlie Cunliffe – Grade 2
Reuben Chandler – Grade 2
Emily Kirkpatrick – Grade 4

Well done on being such Safe, Respectful & Responsible students.

At Stella we are RESPONSIBLE

This fortnight our focus expectations have been RESPONSIBLE in play areas by resolving conflicts appropriately & RESPONSIBLE in all areas by being a role model for others. You can help at home by discussing the importance of these values with your family.

Dare to step out and make a difference just like Jesus
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What our school values mean to our students

Kezia: “You can be Safe by telling an adult when someone is hurt or something is broken.”

Rex: “You can be Responsible by being on time to your class line at the end of recess and lunch.”

Michelle: “You can be Respectful by caring for the environment by not littering.”

Jayce: “You can stay Safe by listening to and following instructions.”

PBS Parents
This newsletter is designed to keep you informed about SW PBS in our school and tips for how you can help at home. We know that we can achieve the best for your children when we all work together.

The most important decision you make is to be in a good mood.
Voltaire
A SPECIAL VOLUNTEER INVITATION

Dear Parents/Grandparents who have volunteered in any capacity during the year.

You are invited to attend an Afternoon Tea
ON: Monday 5th December 2016
WHERE: Stella Staffroom
TIME: 2.00 pm

We would like to express our appreciation for all the voluntary time given by you and thank you for your ongoing support of Stella Maris Catholic Primary School.

RSVP: To the School Office by Monday, 28th November 2016