

## ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents.

#### Disrupted Enrolments Season for 2021: Extended to Term 3

A team of staff has been observing prospective new students for enrolment in 2021 during the latter part of this term. Subsequently, the Registrar Terry Williamson and I have been in a series of enrolment interviews. With the Covid-19 situation we recognise it has been difficult for prospective families to get observations and to tours and to see their therapists and be able to submit the various reports necessary for enrolment here. Nonetheless the process continues and will do so again during Term 3 as well. If parents know of families of children with a disability in their network who would benefit from an education here please do reach out to them and encourage them to apply. It is not too late for enrolment in Kindergarten and Year 7 for 2021 entry. Please encourage any such contacts in your network to email or phone Terry accordingly.

#### **Building Works and Preparation for the Big Move:**

Well the works are now focussed on the driveway from Billyard into the underground staff carpark and parent pickup/drop off area. Although the car park is completed the driveway is yet to be completed and is the focus of a lot of external activity by the builders. External landscaping is also a prime and continuing focus especially on the side within the campus. Staff are commencing packing up materials from their current classrooms to be moved in the holidays in readiness for the commencement of Term 3 when all classrooms will be in operation for teaching and learning by staff and students. There has been the first major clean of the building this week with more cleaning to continue over the next few weeks. The builder is cleaning using certified VOC products to ensure the safety of the students and staff when we move in to the building.

Please see building update photos on page 2 featuring one of the classrooms:

MOVING K-12

18 June 2020

#### TERM 2

Friday 26 June Term 2 Concludes

#### LAST DAY OF TERM:

Dress-Up, Crazy Hair and Sock Day for all students.

Gold coin donation appreciated

#### TERM 3

**Tuesday 21 July** Term 3 commences for students

Wednesday 29 July Men's Group at St Edmunds 6.30pm

> **Thursday 13 August School Photos**

Friday 25 September Term 3 Concludes

Ph: 9487 1277 Principal: Mr David Raphael www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au













#### **Annual General Meeting:**

The School held its AGM this week by Zoom for the School and Foundation involving the Board and Dominican Education Trustees. The Annual Report will shortly be on the website for your perusal covering the calendar year 2019.

#### **P&F Coffee and Lunch:**

Thanks to our ever-supportive P&F for your willingness to thank and support the staff for all their hard work this term by providing the coffee vouchers at Pasta Deli in Wahroonga in lieu of the usual visit from the coffee van. Additionally, the P&F has also supported the students with an end of term class lunch next week to mark the end of term.

#### **Crazy Socks from Shore for the Bus:**

The Shore School is supporting St Lucy's in a Dress-Up, Crazy Hair and Sock Day on the last day of Term 2. The demand on our existing mini-bus has increased dramatically with the growth in enrolments of the School as we expand into the high school years. An additional mini-bus will enable more classes to get out into the community as part of our high school Life Skills curriculum and community engagement focus in the primary years. All proceeds raised by Shore will be contributed towards the purchase of the new mini-bus for St Lucy's. If you or someone you know would like

to make a donation towards our new mini-bus please click on www.givenow.com.au/stlucys and follow the prompts, noting to add the reference mini bus.

#### **Vocational Education and Training:**

We were excited to have the AIS VET Consultant, Sue Boye Zoom in and brief the whole staff about our new Vocational Education and Training focus in readiness for Year 9 next year and the senior years of schooling which follow. Parents will get more information about this during Semester 2 as we prepare for 2021.

As this is the last Newsletter for the term let me take this opportunity to thank you, our parents, for your support and encouragement of the staff. During what has been a very interesting Term 2, our school community has successfully navigated the impact of Covid-19 whilst seeing almost 100% of our students and families return to school. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping your children and young people at home if they are sick for the benefit of all. I trust you can enjoy some time with family over the holiday as we venture out more now together as a society. I look forward to seeing you all again in Term 3. Meantime do stay safe and well.

David Raphael Principal

#### **MEN'S GROUP**

We can finally organise the next gathering!! It will be early next Term Wednesday 29 July at St Edmund's: 6.30pm for a light meal followed by the meeting from 7 to 8pm. Please RSVP to be kept in the loop. It will be good for us all to have a chat about the pressures of recent times. New dads are most welcome. It is always an entertaining time and a chance to meet new dads with common issues and yarns to tell.

Looking forward to seeing you! Warren and Brendan hopleywarren@hotmail.com brendan.wingrave@gmail.com

#### **SCHOOL FEES REMINDER**

Dear families, just a reminder that Term 2 school fees were due on 15th of May. If you are having difficulty with payment please contact the school on 9487 1277 and ask to speak with the Business Office. Thank you

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE

God Creator Spirit,

Walk with us and give us the strength to stand for life, in the face of destruction and greed of the Earth. Teach us to be respectful and gracious for all that our land and waters provide.

Instil in us the spirit of unity with our Indigenous sisters and brothers. Helps us to endure the challenges placed before us and our Earth. Let us take time to reflect on the spiritual connection to our lands and the fragility and beauty of mother Earth. With your love and spirit, let us walk together in unity, peace and harmony. Let us honour our Indigenous cultures as those which 'Always Have and Always Will Be' an important part of our national identity – past, present and future.

Strengthen our love and respect for each other and our connections to country and all creation. We pray as one Australian family, for a safe and just world for our children and our children's children. May we bring love to all.

Next week at St Lucy's, we will celebrate NAIDOC Week with the students. NAIDOC Week celebrations were originally cancelled for this year, but new dates were announced on Wednesday for national celebrations to take place in November. The official website has advertised these dates but also acknowledged that plans may have already been put in place by various communities and organisations to celebrate NAIDOC Week at its usual time of year.

So, here at St Lucy's we will continue with our plan for highlighting the significance of this occasion next week. This focus will enable our students to know and understand the richness of our Indigenous people and their culture. In class throughout next week, students will be provided with some learning tasks they can engage with, as well as to enjoy some fun and enjoyable activities presented by our Creative Artists during their timetabled sessions. A whole class liturgy will be provided for teachers to facilitate on Friday 26th June.

Additionally, on Friday 26th June, we encourage the students to come dressed in either blue, green, white, black, red, yellow which align to the colours on both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. We ask that you also send in a gold coin donation, to support the work of the KARI Foundation.

The theme for this year's NAIDOC Week is 'Always Was, Always Will Be', and the KARI Foundation work with education sectors and other community stakeholders in raising awareness of the need to preserve the cultural heritage of our Indigenous peoples. They also assist those of Aboriginal descent to know and understand their family history and indigenous roots. It is organisations like this that we hope will embed within our national psyche the importance of honouring and respecting the richness of our Indigenous cultures and how they shape us as a nation in the past, present and future!

If you'd like to know more about the KARI Foundation, feel free to learn more through their website:

https://www.kari.org.au/fdn/

#### **CRAZY HAIR AND SOCK DAY!!!**

We invite all our students to accompany their last day Mufti Outfit on Friday 26th June, with a crazy hairstyle and/or some crazy socks! Our wonderful friends at Shore School, Milsons Point, are currently undertaking a massive fundraiser of their own where all money raised will be donated to us so as to support our efforts in purchasing a new mini-bus for the school.

One way they are raising their funds is through a crazy hair and sock day of their own! So let's join them in this fun way to show our gratitude for their generosity!

#### **THANK YOU! From Caravans4Bushfires:**

The wonderful people behind this charity would like to thank the St Lucy's community for their recent support with our Term 1 Fundraiser. Below is a message from Brett who is one of the founding coordinators, as well as some photos of how these caravans are providing some well-deserved safety, security and joy for the recipients:

On behalf of Caravans4bushfires I wanted to say thank you for the money that St Lucy's school has raised.

The ethos was to help those affected by the bushfires, and since January we have organised and delivered 12 caravans down to the Quaama community in southern NSW.

While the main driver was to source caravans, we also had a large amount of help from the local communities from the northern beaches and north shore who fitted out the donated caravans with the essentials so that they could just be set up and used.

With the support of donations such as the one from St Lucy's School, we can fit out another van that is due to go down to Quaama in the next few weeks to move a couple from temporary accommodation into something more stable.

Regards,

Brett





#### Thank you to the P&F and St Lucy's Families:

The staff and students have indeed been spoilt with the lovely news that we are being 'shouted' an end of term budget to purchase a special lunch to share in our classes and amongst our teams! Thank you so much for this! It will be very well utilised and very much enjoyed!

## Thank you to Hornsby Connect and the OASIS Meals Team:

We have once again been so fortunate to have the support and generosity of our friends at Hornsby Connect, as well as our amazing family volunteers on the OASIS Meals Team, who have continued to provide us with food hampers and meals throughout the term to assist many of our families! Thank you so much! We are always so appreciative for all that you do in this realm!

#### **CHANGE OF DATE: C3 Cares Free Shopping Trip:**

A gentle reminder to join our wonderful friends at C3 Church for their next shopping trip to their C3 Cares Warehouse at Silverwater on Wednesday 22nd July. This date has been changed a few times, however the latest one is indeed the one that will go ahead! Use our TryBooking link https://www.trybooking.com/BJOIW to register your attendance and to find out more details. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with me.

Wishing you peace and blessings,

Vanessa Dillon Classroom Teacher - REC

#### CAN YOU DONATE A PRIZE FOR THE ST LUCY'S 2020 RAFFLE?

Help us create our own on-site supermarket at St Lucy's School







## St Lucy's School is looking for prizes for our 2020 Raffle.

We are raising funds to create an on-site supermarket for both the Vocational Education and Training Program, and our Student Independence Program. These programs will help enable our students to attain employment in the future and support skill building to go out in the community independently.

Unfortunately, due to the impacts of COVID-19 this year, St Lucy's is unable to hold many of our regular fundraising events. If you know of anyone that could donate a prize to help St Lucy's achieve our goal, we would love your support. Please contact Alex Fisher on 9498 1277 or via email alexf@stlucys.nsw.edu.au.





#### CREATIVE ARTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM



The upcoming Creative Arts Holiday Program is almost completely booked. Please stay tuned because we may be able to open some final places.

#### MARIAN STREET THEATRE HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



Our partners at Marian Street
Theatre For Young People are also
putting on some online Holiday
Workshops! The MSTYP artists
worked with St Lucy's students
at our January Program and are
excited to see them again! Please
see the flyer on page 9 about
MSTYP workshops in July.

#### **PERCUSSIONISTAS**







A shout out to our fantastic Percussionistas who haven't missed a beat this term! They meet each week to rehearse performance items and are a dedicated group of collaborators and drummers! Here are some moments from their session this week.

#### NAIDOC WEEK

Next week the Creative Arts Team will be exploring Indigenous stories as our themes for our Creative Arts sessions. This is to celebrate NAIDOC Week, and we look forward to sharing some highlights with you on social media and in the next newsletter.

If your child has had Music and Drama this semester, they will swap over in Semester 2 to Visual Arts and Dance, and vice versa. The Artists are sad to farewell all of their Semester 1 students and very proud of all they have achieved. We are looking forward to meeting our Semester 2 cohort and going on a fabulous, artistic journey together.

Creative Arts does not just take place in the Studios or with the Creative Arts Team. Many of our students take moments through their day to express their creativity, even if its just for a few moments, or on a rainy lunch session. Take a look at this fantastic work by Oski. The first was in February but you can see he is really developing his technique! Well done!

If you are interested in a Saturday Dance class for your child/young person, our own Dance Artist in Residence Annaliese Kirk is starting an ALL IN DANCE class through Elevate Dance Studios in Five Dock. I highly recommend that you check it out!

Kind regards,

Alessandra Picone Head of Creative Arts



Oski's drawing in February



Oski's drawing in June!

#### **THERAPY TEAM**

Hello from the Therapy Team,

This newsletter we thought we would focus on hand dominance and knowing our writing hand.

Hand dominance typically develops between 2-4 years old and should be consolidated between 4-6 years old.

Preference for one hand can be seen in daily tasks like: hair brushing, brushing teeth or academic tasks such as: handwriting and scissors skills.

One way you can test your child's hand dominance is by placing a utensil in his/her midline (centre of the body) &

seeing which hand s/he reaches for it with.

Here are some Youtube videos for practising left/right which can be used to help your child learn his/her "writing hand":

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xeVsWvvY4I https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6kPcQSSsEY

If you have any specific questions please get in touch with us.

#### Elle & Allanah

ellea@stlucys.nsw.edu.au allanahr@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

## **UNIFORM SHOP - DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR TO SPARE ONCE A WEEK?**



We are looking for a parent volunteer to help out in our Uniform Shop.

Day: Thursday

Tasks: Filling orders, restocking shelves, stocktake, assist with Orientation Day new student orders

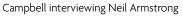
If you are interested please email Patricia on Patriciam@stlucys.nsw.edu.au. \\

Thank you.

### **NEWS FROM THE SATELLITES**

Asteroid Class have been learning about the planets in our Solar System and the Moon. Did you know... Astronauts carry a special backpack with air, water and batteries.











# ENROLMENTS 2021: Kindergarten and Year 7 entry 2021





Our Registrar, Terry Williamson, is in the thick of enrolment season. If you have any friends or family who might be thinking of enrolling their child for 2021, please feel free to give them Terry's details.

Terryw@stlucys.nsw.edu.au or call on 8355 3157/9487 1277.



Dear Parents.

#### School Holidays & External Services

The June/July School Holidays are fast approaching. For Vacation Care Program's other than St Lucy's, please make sure you check out what other service providers are offering. Please get in touch if I can assist you or check out the list on the next page. Many NDIS Providers are back in operation again after Covid-19 from 1 to 1 to small group programs. If you have not already called providers, do so this week as positions fill quickly.

#### NDIS Support Letters & Attending NDIS Plan Meetings

I want remind families to continue giving me at least 1 month's notice to put together support letters from our school for NDIS Plan Meetings or Reviews. Your communication and notice have been much appreciated. With less notice it can be challenging to put together sufficient information. Feel free to email me when your next NDIS Plan Meeting is, so I can send you a helpful reminder.

If you require, I can also attend NDIS Plan Meetings, or arrange an advocate/support co-ordinator to attend with you. Let me know as soon as you can for this to occur. I encourage families to continue their thorough preparation for their Plan Meetings. Make sure you check in with myself prior to meetings, obtain necessary reports, get quotes for future services and have written down clear needs and future goals for your son/daughter's future plan.

#### St Lucy's Food Meals and Hampers

As you may have noticed we have been sending meals and hampers for families. This comes from our volunteers, Hornsby Connect and recent funding support from the Ku-ring-gai Council. As a school we work to identify families who for various reasons

we want to support on a certain week. The purpose of these meals is not solely about financial relief but also focuses on our community's wellbeing, our ccommunity's connection and having one less task for any family can brighten the day! Please get in touch if we can support you in this way at welfare@stlucys.nsw. edu.au We hope to continue this growing initiative.

#### Possible Siblings Program run by Ku-ring-gai Council

We are working to collaborate with the Ku-ring-gai Council to develop a sibling focused program. If you are interested in your other children to be involved, please email me expressing interest to jonathanc@stlucys.nsw. edu.au by the start of Term 3. I will send you an online survey, so we can best understand your other child's needs and gauge numbers of who may be interested. The program if viable could look to run after our sibling's day and would be facilitated by the Ku-ring-gai Council's Disability and Youth Development Team.

#### Covid-19 Financial Relief

Feeling the effects from Covid-19? Who isn't! There are many not-for-profit and emergency relief funds to support families specifically around this time. Please get in touch and I can connect you to some possible services to assist you and your family.

Kind regards,

Sincerely,

Jono Carey

Family Support Worker

0456681710

jonathanc@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

Please note: St Lucy's does not endorse, promote or recommend any particular service over others. We aim to provide information on what is available for families. We encourage you to be prepared when enquiring with a service, the following tips may be useful;



#### **USEFUL SEARCH ENGINES**

Disability Support Guide Ideas Clickability Find an Occupational Therapist

Find a Speech Therapist

www.disabilitysupportguide.com.au www.ideas.org.au www.clickability.com.au www.otaus.com.au www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

#### **SERVICES FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Active Opportunities – Sports Program, Northern Suburbs
Catholic Care – Disability Services
Cerebral Palsy Alliance – Disability Services
Danceability - Eastern Suburbs
Football4All – Northern Suburbs

GymAbility – Gymnastics, Northern Suburbs

Hills Swimming – Western Sydney Hire Up – Online Support Search

 $Home care\ Heroes-Disability\ Service,\ Sydney$ 

Jaybelle – Disability Service, Northern Sydney

Kickability – Special Needs AFL, Pennant Hills

Lifestyle Solutions – Disability Service, Sydney

Luz Services – Individual & Group Service, Northern Sydney

 ${\sf Magic\ Mania-Magic\ Show,\ Sydney\ City}$ 

 $Northcott-Disability\ Service,\ Western\ Sydney$ 

Northern Beaches Interchange – Holiday & Vacation,

NWDS – Disability Service, North West Sydney

NWSF – Football for all Females, Sydney

Rhythm Works Dance – Inner West Sydney

Sahara School Holidays – Vacation Care, Western Sydney

Sense Rugby – Northern Suburbs

Start Up Kidz – Disability Camps, Sydney and Regional NS

Super Sitters – Autism, Sydney

Rainbow Club – Swimming, Northern Suburbs

Reach Up – Individual & Group, Northern Suburbs

Wheelchair Sports, Programs and Camps – Northern Sydney

You Should Be Dancing! – Northern Beaches

www.activeopportunities.org.au

www.catholiccaredbb.org.au

www.cerebralpalsy.org.au

www.danceability.com.au

www.activeopportunities.org.au

www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au

www.hillsswimming.com/

www.hireup.com.au

www.homecareheroes.com.au

jaybellecare@gmail.com

juniorvicepresident@pennanthillsjafc.com.au

www.lifestylesolutions.org.au

www.luzallabilities.com.au

www.magicmania.com.au

www.northcott.com.au

www.nbi.org.au

www.nwds.org.au/activities----supports

www.nwsf.com.au

info@elevateperformingarts.com

s.zgolak@saharaservices.com.au

www.senserugby.com.au

www.startupkidz.com.au

www.abalink.com/supersitters

www.rainbowclubaust.com.au

www.reachup.org.au

www.wsnsw.org.au/sports/

www.youshouldbedancing.com.au



# STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD



## STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 7)

Aquarius	Joshua Drummond	Moon	Sam Nemcich
Asteroid	Campbell Dietz	Nova	Scotty Roberts
Calypso	Branson Atkins	Pulsar	Shiv Vetiyatil
Eclipse	Maddison Garcia	Saturn	Gavin Hunter
Galaxy	Stephen Tarantilis	Star	Milla Hammer
Luna	Chace Erceg	Stardust	Naomi Baumgartner
Mars	Oscar Osborne	Titan	Luke di Staso
Meteor	Dov Kresner & Finlay Jameson-Vine	Venus	Gabriel Cheah

### STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 8)

Aquarius	Joshua Drummond	Moon	Harry Booth
Asteroid	Alex Squires	Nova	Orlando Seibel
Calypso	Max MacGugan	Pulsar	Ethan Mbereko
Eclipse	Luka Romic	Saturn	Paddy Sweeney & Chris Oppen
Galaxy	Angelo Alloggia	Star	Ava Szalay
Luna	Heidi Foxall	Stardust	Bella Tantillo
Mars	Jessica Mettam	Titan	Livia Maltby
Meteor	Finlay Jameson & Daniel O'Connor	Venus	Angeline Boyadjian

# JULY ACCESSIBLE DRAMA WORKSHOP



## **ENROL NOW**

WWW.MSTYP.ORG.AU

ONLINE WORKSHOP 5 - 12 YEARS 9:45 - 10:45AM, 6 - 9 JULY \$155

WE TAKE CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS







## **School Holidays** with Sahara (July 2020)

# WE CARE WITH PASSION

## **School Holidays** with Sahara (July 2020)

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Cost: \$30 (Please bring lunch & drink)



## Bobbin Head BBQ, Mangrove Walk and

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Cost: \$25 (Please bring snacks & drinks)



#### Featherdale Wildlife Park

Discover over three hundred species of Australia's diverse wildlife at one of Australia's best wildlife sanctuaries. You will be able to hold koalas and baby kangaroos as well as get up close to reptiles, birds, penguins, wombats, wallabies and dingos. Enjoy your lunch in the tranquil forest surroundings.

July 9, 2020 (Thursday)

9:00 AM — 3:30 PM

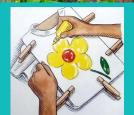
Cost: \$35 (Please bring lunch & drink)

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Today we will put our artists hat on and design our own t-shirt by painting our favourite image such as a flower, superhero, or anything you can imagine. After lunch we will bake some delicious choc chip cookies that we can take home and share with our families.

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Cost: \$20 (Please bring lunch & drink)



#### **Blaxland Riverside Park and more**

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Cost: \$20 (Please bring lunch & drink)



9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Cost: \$40 (Please bring lunch & drinks)



Narrrabeen Lagoon walk,
Fish n Chips & Whale Watching
Join us today as we head to Narrabeen to enjoy a
leisurely walk around the lagoon. We will enjoy some fish
and chips for lunch at Dee Why and go Whale watching
at Long Reef in the afternoon.

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Cost: \$25 (Please bring snacks & drink)



## Creative arts and music & movement in

Centre Day

Today we will create and decorate flower pots and place
plants in them. We will make our very own chicken
schnitzel burger for lunch and engage in a music and
movement disco session in the afternoon.

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Cost: \$30 (Please bring lunch & drink)



# Catholic Care day fun

# LORIKEETS HOLIDAY CAMP

#### FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN UP TO 18 YEARS

Come and make some friends and join in our great excursions with our experienced staff.



9.00am - 4.00pm

6 January - 24 January 2020 14 April - 24 April 2020 6 July - 17 July 2020 28 September - 9 October 2020



#### Holiday program activities may include:

- Ferry rides
- Taronga Zoo
- Picnic/park days
- Reptile park
- BBQ/park days

We can support on a 1:1 or 1:2 NDIS ratio (daily price exclusive of excursion costs and resources)

**FOR ALL ENQUIRIES:** 

P: (02) 9488 2500 E: lynn.murphy@catholiccaredbb.org.au

catholiccaredbb.org.au



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- Working With Children Check
- First Aid and CPR
- NDIS Code of Conduct

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home or community **Tailor Supports to suit you!** 

#### ABAlink SuperSitters are able to:

• Engage 1:1 with your Child

- Offer Fun Activities
- Support NDIS Goals
- Assist with increased independence and community participation
- · Integrate therapy goals naturally into activities and outings

