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IN CELEBRATION OF

NATIONAL 18-24 MAY 2020
VOLUNTEER
WEEK
CHANGING COMMUNITIES.
CHANGING LIVES.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

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.

Building Progress:

It is so rewarding for our community that the building project is so near to completion. All the internal finishing touches and links between the current building and the new are forging ahead. Landscaping and external elements are due to commence shortly. The building is due for completion by Marc Morabito Constructions during the forthcoming holidays in readiness for occupancy from the start of Term 3. Staff teams for each class are soon to be admitted for a familiarisation tour to enable them to be ready to assist students to occupy the building when they return to us at the start of Term 3. All very exciting. It is also pleasing to see that the neighbours are also recognising the building now and complimenting the School on its new look and feel.



MOVING TOWARDS **K-12**
22 May 2020

TERM 2

Monday 8 June

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 26 June

Term 2 Concludes

TERM 3

Tuesday 21 July

Term 3 commences for students

Thursday 13 August

School Photos

Friday 25 September

Term 3 Concludes

Ph: 9487 1277

Principal: Mr David Raphael

Attendance and Back to Normal:

Attendance rates have continued to climb during this first part of the term. We ended last term with 50 percent attendance and commenced Term 2 with 75 percent attending and now have over 90 percent attending on a consistent basis. Thank you to the many parents who have voted with your feet and returned your child or young person to us. It is so nice to see almost all of you back again. To those families who are still self-isolating, we understand, and ask that you keep in close touch with your class staff for any further assistance that we can offer.



Local Excursions:

It has been lovely to see our students beginning in small local ways getting gradually back into the immediate community of Wahroonga at the shops or park. Thank you to the parents for your support and willingness to allow us to begin in

this small way to resume some semblance of normal operations beyond the school gate. The students and staff are very excited to be engaging again in the broader community.

Self Care in the ‘New Normal’

Staff had the delight of our School Psychologist, Mimi Fraser, taking us all through Self Care Plans and how to develop them and enact them at a recent staff meeting. This reminds me to encourage all our community from staff to parents and volunteers to take stock and spend conscious time planning opportunities for you to care for self in special and meaningful ways in order to help yourself get through these troubled yet improving times. It can be as simple as stopping to truly breathe, appreciate and give thanks for a sunset. If, as a family you feel the need for any support please be in touch with our Psychologist or our Family Support Worker, Jono Carey.

Wahroonga Rotary Award:

Wahroonga Rotary have just informed me the School and Staff are to receive the Club’s inaugural Community Service Award with the citation as follows:

We consider the Staff of St Lucy’s School to be heroes of the community and have no hesitation in recommending them for the Wahroonga Rotary Club’s inaugural Community Award. This is in recognition of their community-minded response to the Corona Virus shut down when the School and Staff chose not to retreat to safety but instead to remain open and provide for all the students whose parents wanted them to attend school, reaching out to families in need with meals and an extended Holiday Program. The stresses on the staff should not be underestimated. In an environment where health risks for health workers and their families were much publicised, they courageously chose to take ‘the road less travelled’ for the sake of the parents and students.

Thank you to Wahroonga Rotary for your recognition of the courage and service of our wonderful Staff here.

National Volunteer Week:

On behalf of all our Staff and Students, we would like to thank our wonderful Volunteers in this National Volunteer Week, for the many things you do for our St Lucy’s Community. Even though you may be currently at home, we hope to see you out and about around the school in due course when you feel comfortable to return and resume. Meantime keep safe and well and take care of self. Be assured you are all, as volunteers, missed and valued by our community whether in the pool or classroom or reading program. Most importantly thank you for the wonderful gift of **TIME, your time!**

[Time to help us learn](#)

[Time to help us grow](#)

[Time to try new things](#)

[Time to go slow](#)

[Time to go fast](#)

[Time to be creative](#)

[Time to succeed](#)

[Time to believe](#)

[Time to be me](#)

David Raphael
Principal

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!



ST LUCY'S CLASS AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 3)

Aquarius
Asteroid
Calypso
Eclipse
Galaxy
Luna
Mars
Meteor



Max Torbarac
Brendan Williams
Mia Morrisey
Kinsley Woo
David Salsano & Ruby O'Brien
Jordan Szeto & Aiden Williams
Ruby Mercer
Kwasi Adukono



Moon
Nova
Pulsar
Saturn
Star
Stardust
Titan
Venus



Mia Laime
Owen Davis-Brown
Jackson Pardey
Gavin Hunter
Charlie Harris
Sydney Cameron
Karuka Uthayakumaran
Maye Akra

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 4)

Aquarius
Asteroid
Calypso
Eclipse
Galaxy
Luna
Mars
Meteor



Annabelle Zabulic
Leela Kidd
Dorothy Ding
Jamie Hunter
Connor Anderson
Alex Crowley
Xavier McKie
Nathan Banks & Daniel O' Connor

Moon
Nova
Pulsar
Saturn
Star
Stardust
Titan
Venus

Leo Fender
Boston Smith
William Fitzgibbon
Paddy Sweeney & Joshua Gill
Sophie Elder
Joshua Garrett
Karuka Uthayakumaran
Daniel Shim



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



CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

The Creative Arts Team, in collaboration with the fantastic support staff, are pleased to be offering another holiday program this coming July.

Please note that due to construction works on the new building, the program will NOT take place during the first week of the school holidays (week starting 20th June).

The program will however be offered in the second (middle) week of the mid-year break starting Monday 6th July.

The Program, will include a series of creative and collaborative opportunities in Music, Dance, Visual Arts and Drama. The workshops are inspired by a celebration of the Four Seasons: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring and will invite students to explore life cycles and season cycles expressed through visual and performance art. Each day of the program offers a different set of workshops based on this theme and will include: sensory activities, dynamic materials and a chance to work with peers and artists.

We hope to see you there! July Holiday Program dates will be:

Monday 6th

Tuesday 7th

Wednesday 8th

Thursday 9th

Friday 10th

Stay tuned for the enrolment form coming to you soon

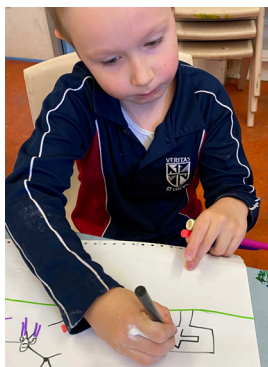
Please note that remaining places for Theatre Project (Monday afternoons) and Dance Project (Tuesday afternoons) are filling up and if you would like your child to have a free trial of one of these sessions, you can email me directly. There is currently a waiting list for Art Project (Wednesday afternoons).

Here are some highlights from the Art Studio this week with our visiting Artist in Residence, Mr Ed.

Alessandra Picone

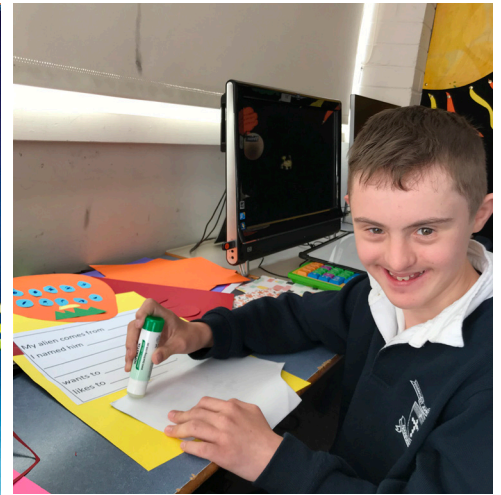
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THE ALIENS HAVE LANDED IN ASTEROID CLASS!

Asteroid Class have been reading 'Aliens Love Underpants' as part of our unit on Space Invaders. The children have been creating their own Aliens and giving a brief description on where they are from and what that enjoying doing.



THERAPY TEAM

"Hello from the Therapy Team,

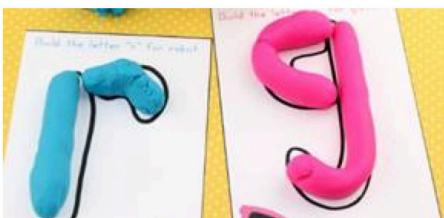
This newsletter we thought we would focus on correct letter formation, especially when writing our names, and also on pencil grip.

It is important to use consistent verbal prompts (ask your class teaching team for further details) and starting points to cement motor plans for each letter.

This can be done using different coloured writing utensils to create 'rainbow writing':



It is also targeted through sensory play, like playdoh letters or shaving foam:



If you would like a name template for your child(ren) or young adult please contact us.

Elle & Allannah

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“Good will come to those who are generous and give of themselves freely, who act with justice.” Psalm 112:5

“Because of the service by which you have provided, others will praise God for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you” 2 Corinthians 9

“One person gives freely, yet gains even more...”

Proverbs 11: 24

“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”

Proverbs 11:25

“The Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

1 John 3.

This week is National Volunteers Week. Whilst life at St Lucy's has been a little different of late with only a few of our volunteers coming along to assist in classes, we continue to hold in our thoughts and prayers the MANY wonderful people who usually volunteer their time so readily in many areas and aspects of our school! We very much look forward to the day when we will be blessed with their presence once again, as we truly value all they do and provide for our students on a daily basis!

This year, we express our gratitude in ways that are a little different to last year, but no less filled with our heartfelt thanks. We are indeed blessed to have such selfless, generous people with us as it greatly enhances the spirit of our school community!



SAYING THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

Change of date C3 Cares Shopping Trip: Our wonderful friends at C3 Church have requested a change of date to their upcoming parent shopping trip, so as to ensure they have enough volunteers ready to assist at their C3 Cares Warehouse. So, the new date will be Wednesday 17th June. Hoping you can still make it!

Siblings Day: We usually hold our annual Siblings Day event in Term 2, however due to the current nature of ongoing relaxed guidelines and lessening of restrictions, we have decided to postpone this event from Friday 19th June to either late Term 3 or early Term 4. This way we should have greater awareness of what protocols we need to adhere to and provide an event that fulfils these in a safe and enjoyable way. So, watch this space!

Wishing you peace and blessings!

Vanessa Dillon

Classroom Teacher - REC