

# ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. What a return it has been! All the necessary background work completed in the nick of time for our students and staff to move into the new classrooms from day one of this Term. Hallaleuah!

#### New Building Interim Occupation:

- 1. The School authorities, our Project Manager Kyle Watson and our local political allies such as our local State MP Alister Henskins all played their part to pressure, lobby and encourage the local Council to allow a modification of our conditions of consent to allow the issuing of an Interim Occupation Certificate (IOC). We gained that permission a week before the start of Term 3.
- 2. This then enabled our staff team of 'movers' led by our Business Manager, Caroline Fowler and her team to implement the removal of class furniture and teaching resources in the one week before the start of term (previously planned to be completed over three weeks but telescoped into one!).
- 3. Meanwhile Morabito Constructions was working overtime during the holidays including Sundays (without students and staff around) to finish the vital last works to allow an IOC to be issued to get us over the line for students to start in the new classes on Tuesday 21 July. (The driveway, underground car park and external landscaping on the public side of the new build are yet to be completed and will be done during the first weeks of this term.)
- 4. Staff teaching teams also played their part in packing up the old rooms at the end of Term 2 and organised their new classrooms during the last week of the holidays in readiness for the students to arrive on our first day.
- 5. Our private certifier was able to issue the IOC at 6pm on Monday 20 July authorising occupation by the school.

### MOVING K-12 TOWARDS K-12 24 July2020

# TERM 2

**Friday 31 July** Men's Group Warrawee Bowling Club 6.00pm

Friday 7 August Men's Group Long Reef Golf Club Club 6.00pm

> Thursday 13 August School Photos

Friday 25 September Term 3 Concludes

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6. Then on Tuesday morning 21 July (our first day of Term 3) students arrived and started to engage with the new building and modified campus. Each student in their own individual and characterful ways responding to the new building and play areas. Amazingly all seemed to cope very well indeed with all the change and difference.

Below are just some of the responses from students and staff to these state-of-the-art and purpose-built new facilities:

**Galaxy:** "Luca walked into the classroom and gazed up at the beautiful ceiling he said 'wow'

Nova: "Nova have loved exploring their new space and are excited by how much space they have. Our favourite thing to enjoy so far is having all the students sat at our big table for our meals, it brings us all together. Boston described the Nova classroom as a "classy joint" and we agree!"

**Titan:** "They have certainly loved the new eating arrangements, and enjoyed the social side of sitting and eating together. They have also loved both

breakout rooms and the independence of coming in and out when they please! Overall it's a huge thumbs up from us!

Ollie T said "the new classroom is cool"

Rafa M "I love it"

**Saturn:** "Joshua loves the new 'magic smartboard' and extra 'complimentary learning area'!

Pablo said "it was really nice and better than the old room!"

Chris walked straight in and over to the big windows to look out at the builders working below.

Luna: "Luna Class has had a terrific start to Term 3. We all love the big space and easy access to the toilets. Lots of smiles and curious faces on the first day!"

**Pulsar:** "The joy the children are having just being able to jump and rock and spin on the playground before school has been great!"

Meteor: "Meteor class have been loving our new room!" A few comments made about the room were : 'Big classroom' by Talha





Finlay told us he liked the big desk

'I like the kitchen!' Said Kwasi

Dov liked the teachers desk while Dan said 'Smartboard'

"Ollie Z has been really enjoying reading in our quiet room and Hugo absolutely loves looking out the beautiful big windows!"

"The teachers are loving all the new technology and the storage and space! Actually we love it all!!"

"Nathan loves our technology room and keeps asking to go on the computers!!"

**Stardust:** Sydney said "Wow, I'm so lucky. I get to have a new classroom".

"I like my new classroom because it has lots of space." (Elliott .C)

"I like my new classroom because it is green." (Sydney. C)

"I like my new classroom because there are lots exit signs."(Joshua .G)

When asked what area of the new classroom they like the best the following students indicated by gesture (pointing or walking up to)

Break out room (Bella, Naomi) Reading room (Rose)

#### COVID-19 Update:

Further to advice from NSW Health we will not be holding school assemblies until further notice.

We will have reading volunteers, class volunteers and canteen volunteers from next week however we are unable to welcome any other parents onsite at this time.

#### Holiday Program Thanks:

Some 50 students attended a bumper Holiday Program in week 2 of the holidays. Thanks to a large team of staff especially our leaders Ali Picone and Lynne Pinker for all their organisation and leadership. By all accounts it was a very successful week of creative arts activity.

#### **School Photos:**

School photos will be held on Thursday 13 August. We will be going fully online this year for payments so you will not be receiving an envelope as per previous years (you will receive a form with a shoot key). Stay tuned for a booking flyer which will be emailed to you soon.

You will be able to order individual portraits as well a composite class group photo (this is made up of portraits of each of the students as well as staff). There will be no family photos this year due to COVID-19 as we are not allowed to have families onsite.

David Raphael Principal

## **MEN'S GROUP**

We will not be holding the next Men's Group on Wednesday 29 July at St Edmund's as previously advertised. Instead, we have booked 2 evenings:

#### Warrawee Bowling Club for Friday night 31 July at 6pm and Long Reef Golf Club for Friday night 7 August at 6pm.

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

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#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE**

"The things we do outlast our mortality. The things we do are like monuments that people build to honour heroes after they've died. They're like the pyramids that the Egyptians built to honour the pharaohs. Only instead of being made of stone, they're made out of the memories people have of you.

Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings, and propel us, on occasion, to greatness. We carry with us, as human beings, not just the capacity to be kind, but the very choice of kindness.

A fresh start gives us the chance to reflect on the past, weigh the things we've done, and apply what we've learned from those things to the future. If we don't examine the past, we don't learn from it. When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind."

#### (Excerpts from 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio)

One of the best books I have ever read is 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio. At its very premise is the call to 'choose kind'. When we think of the many virtues modelled by Jesus in His stories and teachings, love and kindness were often at the core of His message and example. May we find ways to offer little acts of kindness each day, as not only does it benefit the recipient, but also the one who provides.

**Living our School Values:** Well! If ever there was an opportunity to see the living and breathing of our school values, this was the week! With the availability of our new school building now open and accessible to staff and students, there has indeed been:

- much Joy in the reactions of students and staff alike as they entered their new, beautiful spaces;
- a truer sense of Community, as classes and stages gather in the same place and pod interlinked and interconnected;
- the witnessing of Courage as children transitioned from a school they knew and were familiar with, into one where possibilities are endless;
- and a revelation of Truth as all that has been dreamt and planned and created over many years became a reality for all to see, experience and enjoy!

**C3 Cares Shopping Trip:** A huge thank you to our wonderful friends at C3 Church, Wahroonga, led by the lovely Helen, who provided a very generous shopping experience for our families at their C3 Cares Warehouse this week on Wednesday. If you were unable to attend, don't worry! We have another one being provided on Wednesday 19th August which you will be invited to attend. A TryBooking link will be sent next week for parents to register.

**KARI Foundation Fundraiser:** A massive thank you for your kindness and support regarding our recent fundraiser which took place on the last day of term. You might remember that this outreach focus was aligned to our NAIDOC Week theme, and the KARI Foundation will consequently receive over \$390 to support the wonderful work they do for indigenous communities.

HornsbyConnect and Meals on Wheels: We have been very fortunate to receive additional food and hamper items through our friends at HornsbyConnect and Meals on Wheels. This is part of community grant they received to support families within the Ku-ring-gai Council area. This generosity is indeed warmly received and will serve our community well until the end of August.

**Sacramental Program 2020**: Due to changes under current COVID guidelines, as well as Diocesan changes to the implementation of the Sacramental Program throughout Broken Bay, we have had to suspend our facilitation of the St Lucy's Sacramental Program for 2020. Sr Helen and I look forward to offering this very special experience to our students and their families again in 2021.

Wishing you peace and blessings!

Vanessa Dillon Classroom Teacher - REC

#### **THANK YOU!**

A special shout out to our wonderful volunteers who at short notice came in during the school holidays to assist with ensuring the staff and volunteer kitchens were in working order for the start of school this week. This was a big job which included relocating and sorting of crockery and utensils. Labelling and wiping down cupboards and internal drawers. Both the volunteer and staff kitchens look amazing - thank you for all your help.

Cassandra Brading

Volunteer Co-ordinator

# **CREATIVE ARTS NEWS**

The July Creative Arts Holiday Program was a great success! Record number, 5 artist leaders each day and a whole lot of fun!

Please enjoy these highlights!

Also, there was a number of lost property items left at the program. Please email me or Reception if you're missing something or pop into Reception if that suits.

Next week our after school Creative Arts Project begin again.

Please note the following availability:

Theatre Project - Mondays 3.00-4.30pm 2 places available

Dance Project - Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.15pm 1 place available Art Project is currently FULL.

We are looking forward to an exciting, artistic term! Stay tuned for many highlights to come!

Kind regards, Alessandra Picone Head of Creative Arts







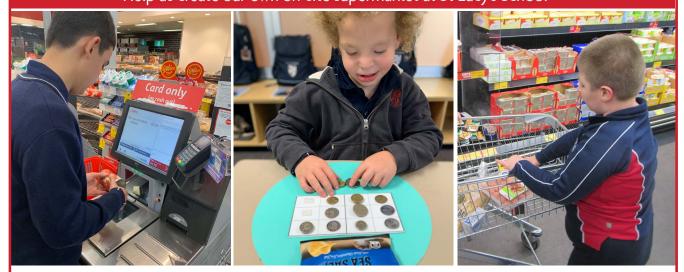
# STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD

## STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 1)

Aquarius Asteroid Calypso Eclipse Galaxy Luna Mars Meteor Leo Hart Brendan Williams Ante Maric Madison Garcia Angelo Alloggia Aiden Williams Andrew Chibika Hugo LeRoy Moon Nova Pulsar Saturn Star Stardust Titan Venus

Leo Fender All of Nova Class Liam Duggan & Shiv Vetiyatil Joshua Gill Chloe Yuen James Deasey-Kennedy Livia Maltby Daniel Shim

## 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.



#### **CANTEEN THIS TERM**

Dear families, School Canteen will resume on **Monday 3rd August.** Many thanks, **Kylie** 



#### **PHOTO PERMISSION FORMS 2020**

A big reminder to families that we need any forms that have not yet been sent in for Permissions 2020. This was sent home in Term 1 as we have new social media platforms we are using so all families are required to update the form. Thank you to the families that have returned the form and for those that still need to do so please see the last page of the newsletter. Regards,

TerryWilliamson

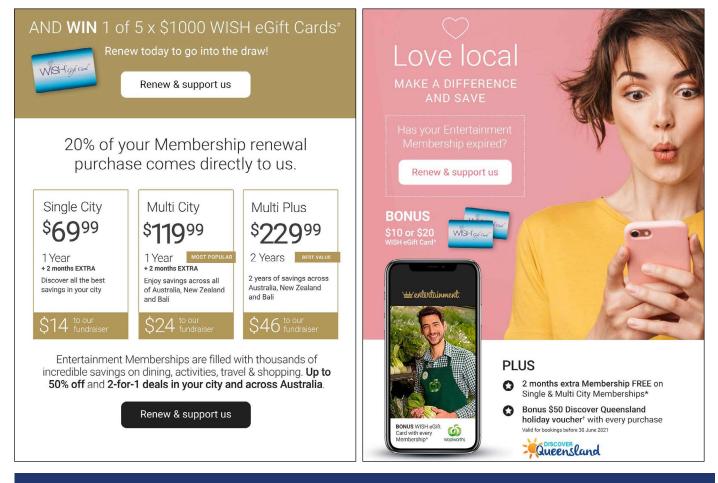
#### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

Just a reminder to families that you can can still support the P&F by purchasing the electronic Entertainment Book. Some memberships may have expired but its easy to renew. Click the link...

#### https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/20373z0

Many thanks,

St Lucy's P&F



# 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.

# YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE EVENT! THE 2020 ONLINE EMPLOYMENT, LIFE SKILLS AND LEISURE EXPO

# ONLINE LIVE DATE TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST 2020 FROM 12PM TILL 6PM

www.employmentlifeskillsleisureexpo.com.au

## Who is the expo for?

The Online Expo is an opportunity for Year 9 – 12 high school senior students with disability, and their families, from the Greater Sydney area to explore and understand their pathways for the future.

# What services will be exhibiting?

Organisations representing Employment, Education and Training, Community Participation, Greater Independence, NDIS and Getting Support.

# How do I attend?

Visit the Expo website above - it includes lots of great resources and guest speakers.

Why should I attend during Expo times? During Expo day, all exhibitors will be available to answer questions and guest speakers will be participating in a 'live' scheduled Q&A.

# What if I can't attend on Expo day?

If you can't visit during these times, the website will be available from 21st July 2020 until February 2021.

### How do I stay up to date with the Expo?

Like our Facebook page to stay up to date with the expo - <u>Employment-Life Skills Leisure Expo</u>

For further information, please send a message via our website: http://employmentlifeskillsleisureexpo.com.au/contact-us/

#### **PERMISSIONS 2020**



Please sign the following Permissions. In the case of excursions, these notes are to cover incidental outings (eg going to Mass, visiting the local shops or park etc). This does not involve public transport or the use of school or private vehicles. For all other excursions you will receive a separate note giving specific details of the outing. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible. Please contact us with any queries.

#### PERMISSION TO USE A CHILD'S PHOTOGRAPH:

At certain times throughout the year, our students may have the opportunity to be photographed or filmed for our school publications, such as the school's newsletter, website, Facebook and other social media. We also on occasion take photographs of our students for promotional material.

I give permission for a photograph/video of my child to be used in the agreed publications without acknowledgement, remuneration or compensation.

I understand and agree that if I do not wish to consent to my child's photograph/video appearing in any of or all of the publications, or if I wish to withdraw this authorisation and consent, it is my responsibility to notify the school in writing.

#### PERMISSION TO CALL AN AMBULANCE:

I give permission for St Lucy's to call an ambulance in case of an emergency involving my child.

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*School Newsletter	Yes	No
Classroom Use	Yes	No
St Lucy's Website	Yes	No
St Lucy's Facebook	Yes	No
St Lucy's Instagram page	Yes	No
St Lucy's Linked-In page	Yes	No
**Promotional Material	Yes	No
Please circle your preference.		
CHILD'S NAME:		

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*newsletter uploaded on Skoolbag & St Lucy's website

\*\*including promotional videos

#### PERMISSION TO VISIT LOCAL AREA:

I give permission for my child to be taken on excursion to the local area (eg Church, shops, park). This will be within walking distance and will not involve public or private transport.

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Please email form to janicew@stlucys.nsw.edu.au