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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. Trust you have coped in all the difference of ANZAC Day and self-isolation holidays.

Holiday Program:

Lots of positive feedback has been received from parents who sent your children and young people to the recent Holiday Program. Thank you to the staff for organising this especially Mrs Picone and Mrs Pinker. Hopefully, it provided a change of scene for the participants and gave you, as parents, some respite from the long haul. Certainly, the children had great fun.



Attendance and On-going Pandemic Procedures:

It has been very pleasing to see the increasing number of students returning to school after the holidays. At the end of Term 1 we were running at about 40 plus percent attendance. Since our return to Term 2 numbers are increasing by the day to more than 80 percent attendance. Thank you to you, the parents, for your vote of support by sending your children and young people in such positive numbers. The staff are excited to have whole classes back and significant numbers in attendance to further the teaching and learning programs face to face (and at as much of a social distance as possible).

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

TERM 2

Monday 8 June

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 26 June

Term 2 Concludes

TERM 3

Thursday 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

Naturally, we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation here and conduct extra cleaning of classrooms, public areas and swings and seek to enforce social distancing amongst adults and as much as possible with the children. We aim to resume small scale very local excursions (upon advice from authorities) sooner rather than later so our students can continue to complete their social learning and community learning which are such features of our curriculum. Class teachers will be in touch about this at the appropriate time.

Liturgies:

We commenced term in class with ANZAC Day commemorations as well as a Catherine of Sienna liturgy. Thank you to Mrs Dillon for organising these.

Mens' Night via Zoom:

Several dads from St Lucy's and St Edmund's connected by Zoom this week to check in on how things are going for them and their families thanks to Warren Hopley and Brendan Wingrave.

Men were able to share about the current family and financial circumstances, how they were coping and what they have been enjoying. There was common discussion around Covid-19 and its effect on the community and the future impacts into our day to day lives. There was much to laugh about as well as connect about. A further Zoom meeting may be held again soon.

Building Progress:

The new building continues at pace. The internals are now the focus and will be right to the end of May. The final stage will be completion of the underground car park and driveway and landscaping around the building during June. We plan to move in gradually over the latter part of the term and in the next holidays in readiness for the start of Term 3. An official building opening is being planned to occur at a date to be fixed in Term 4. We will of course provide parents with the drop off and pick up arrangements in the new car park nearer the time once this area becomes available to us.



David Raphael
Principal



A message to our volunteers...

Our St Lucy's Volunteers are like sunshine, sending rays of happiness to all.

To our wonderful volunteers self-isolating, we miss you.

To those still volunteering at school we are so grateful.



*“Her love is like an island in life’s ocean, vast and wide
A peaceful, quiet shelter from the wind, the rain, the tide.
‘Tis bound on the North by Hope, by Patience on the West
By tender Counsel on the South, and on the East by Rest.
Above it like a beacon light, shines Faith, and Truth and Prayer,
And through the changing scenes of life, I find a haven there.”
(author unknown)*

*We wish all our mums and carers a truly beautiful Mother’s Day this coming Sunday!
May God bless you always, as you have blessed your children with life, with lessons, with love.*

Celebrating Mother’s Day: Today we gathered within our classes to celebrate the gift of our mothers, grandmothers, aunts and all the special women who play such a special, nurturing role in our lives! Each class was able to participate in a liturgy that had been prepared by Lunar Class, as well as to complete special handmade cards/craft/artworks that each class had prepared and organised. Thank you also to the wonderful P&F who organised for a special gift and bookmark to be sent home with each child, too. There are some very lovely gifts coming home to enjoy over the weekend – you certainly deserve such love and attention! We will be thinking of you all!

Commemorating ANZAC Day: The staff and students commemorated this special day upon our return to school last Tuesday. An ANZAC Day liturgy and associated resources were provided to each class, so that they could facilitate their own focus and prayer session in their classroom. As always, the St Lucy’s children demonstrated the incredible awareness they have regarding solemn and spiritual occasions. There was some beautiful reverence and participation experienced by all involved! Lest We Forget.



St CATHERINE of SIENA LITURGY: Last Friday we celebrated the Feast Day of the St Catherine of Siena with a specially themed mufti day and some beautiful in-class liturgies! St Catherine of Siena was known for her strong sense of social justice and the courage she showed in advocating for the needs of others. She was intelligent and inspiring, and was driven by her faith in God and the mission of Jesus to be inclusive and loving towards all. Thank you to all of you for sending in your donation for the Caravans4Bushfires initiative. We raised over \$250 which we know will be greatly

appreciated by them! I also thank all the class staff for being so adaptable during these times to bring the sense of faith and spirituality into the lives of our students in ways that are still significant and meaningful! There were some wonderfully decorated caravans created by one group of students with some very important inclusions – no doubt this will inspire the wonderful people behind Caravans4Bushfires .



SAVE THE DATE: C3 CARES Shopping Trip: As this cold weather quickly settles upon us, we have another shopping trip being provided by our wonderful friends from C3 Church to their C3 Cares Warehouse at 108 Silverwater Rd, Silverwater. The date for the next trip is Wednesday 3rd June. If you are interested in attending, we ask that you RSVP by Friday 29th May via the following TryBooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJOIW>. You will need to find your own way to the venue, arriving by 10.00am. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me!



Wishing you peace and blessings,

Vanessa Dillon

ST LUCY'S CLASS AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 1)

Aquarius	Ethan Bortolussi	★
Asteroid	Oscar Jessup	
Calypso	Branson Atkins	★
Eclipse	Arlo Tombolato	
Galaxy	Annabelle Johnston	
Luna	Stella Shen	
Mars	Austin Sproats	
Meteor	Oliver Pride	

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 2)

Aquarius	Natasha Wong	★
Asteroid	Dylan Ainscow	
Calypso	Tayla Tobin & Caitlyn Shin	
Eclipse	Claire Zhao	
Galaxy	David Salsano	
Luna	Diesel Grey	
Mars	Andrew Chibika	
Meteor	Talha Tanzeel	

Moon	
Nova	
Pulsar	★
Saturn	
Star	
Titan	
Venus	

Hugo Hayler
Elina Arevalo
Matthew Lo
Pablo Rostirola
Finn Tokic
Sophia Shepherd
Matthew McArthur

Moon	
Nova	
Pulsar	
Saturn	
Star	
Stardust	
Titan	
Venus	

Loki Smith
William Statis
Molly Greer
Bradley Chien
Dylan Farmer
Zac Chen
Poppy Botheras
Edward Price





CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

Creative Arts, during the first weeks back this term, has been filled with lots of new work and the exploration of themes and techniques.

The Artists have lead students in exciting workshops that complement integrated work units including 'Space Invaders', 'Bend and Stretch', 'Australia and Another Country' and more! Students consolidate their learning in the Creative Arts session and have the opportunity to explore themes in different and imaginary ways.

After school programs have begun again this week. Theatre Project students are working on their new production 'Scenes from a Restaurant' which tells stories about characters in restaurants all over the world, the chefs, the waiters and the customers are all developing into colourful characters!

Places are available to join Theatre Project. If you would like to know more about it, please contact me at alip@stlucys.nsw.edu.au. You can find the enrolment on the school website: www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au/wp/wp-content/uploads/All-Abilities-Theatre-Project-Form-2020.pdf

Dance Project students are working with a variety of genres and are enjoying learning and constructing new choreography. We also have places available if your child would like to join Dance Project! Please contact me if you are interested or visit our website: www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au/wp/wp-content/uploads/All-Abilities-Dance-Project-Form-2020.pdf

Art Project students will be working on collaborative works this term and are a dedicated group of artists. We look forward to sharing their work with you! Art Project is currently FULL. If you would like to add your child's name to a wait list, please contact me.

Our Creative Arts Scholarship Program is also underway. This program offers students with a particular interest in Visual and Performing Arts, the opportunity to extend their skills and to work towards individual goals that address technique and collaboration. We see many students gain confidence and express themselves very effectively through the artform they are most interested in.

Alessandra Picone
Head of Creative Arts
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FAMILY SUPPORT

Dear Parents,

There is lots of information being passed around about Covid-19 in regard to the NDIS and Services. For many it can be overwhelming however what has been helpful is to create a document called 'Covid Useful Info' and just cut and paste any key information into a table. It will help simplify what we need to know.

Below are services information that I have been receiving. I have condensed them into summary for your use. Please reach out if you need further support with services, NDIS and with your families' general

Please note: St Lucy's doesn't 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;

wellbeing. I encourage families to continue finding time daily to look after yourself, whether it be exercise, laughing at a silly movie, enjoying a new hobby, connecting to friends/family or seeking external service support. The consistency and discipline to regularly self-care is imperative and can re-energise us for the responsibilities of daily life.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Carey

Family Support Worker

Mob: 0456 681 710

COVID USEFUL INFO

Community Connections

A community service with volunteers that will drop off fruit, veg, meals and a chat. Nominate yourself or others for support.

Website: www.sydneynorth.fusion.org.au/community-connections

Phone: 9477 1110

Mob: sydneynorth@fusion.org.au

Hornsby Support Group Online Supporting Complex Learning and their families in the Hornsby Shire. (Relationships Australia, NSW Government and Communities and Justice)

Relationships Australia are now offering a weekly online Zoom group for families of children with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities. The group will be facilitated by Helen Tozer.

It's a safe place to connect with other families at your school. Come for a minute or stay for the hour. We'd love to catch up and be of mutual encouragement to one another.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Helen. See you online!

Where: Online- Zoom

When: Wednesday 8-9pm

Weekly Cost: Free

Facilitator: Helen Tozer

Contact: 0403 113 810

Home Schooling Workshop & Extension to Music Therapy (Kuring Gai Council)

Tuesday at 8pm we have our zoom workshops facilitated by the Resilience Centre. Tomorrow nights topic is on how to manage home schooling. The workshops were targeted towards carers of people with disability however I think this topic and content is relevant to lots of people in our community. To book you can email me or go to http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services_facilities/Basics/Life_online

Kuring Gai Council is also running on-line music therapy which is facilitated by The Rhythm Village each Thursday at 10:30am. It has been so popular that we have decided to extend the sessions another 4 weeks. That means we will have a music therapy session on each week until Thursday the 4th of June. To register please email me on smarren@kmc.nsw.gov.au and I will send you the zoom link. If you have registered for the first four sessions there is no need to re-register.



FAMILY SUPPORT

COVID USEFUL INFO

COVID-19 eSafety Resources

- Open letter to Australia's parents and carers
- Online safety kit for parents and carers
- COVID-19: Protecting children from online abuse
- COVID-19: keeping schools and learning safe online
- COVID-19: online safety tips to help older Australians with social distancing
- COVID-19: online safety help for domestic and family violence workers
- COVID-19: advice for women experiencing domestic violence
- Australian Edition COVID-19 Global ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE for parents and carers

Disability Help Line

The Disability Information Helpline (1800 643 787) provides information and referrals for people with disability who need help because of coronavirus (COVID-19). The Helpline can help families, carers, support workers and services, too. Visit www.dss.gov.au/disabilityhelp for more information, including Auslan and Easy Read materials.

Wellbeing Links

This handout is from the UK and has some great advice, links and info for working with young people - both with your students but also with your own kids

https://emergingminds.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID19_advice-for-parents-and-carers_20.3_.pdf

And this one is for you or anyone you may know who, like most of us, is finding this time a bit challenging and at times overwhelming. It is based on ACT - Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, and was put together by Russ Harris who wrote "The Happiness Trap" (which is also a brilliant book).

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1egT4Gdk8bayqyFRd-Clq9hi1YI6tKPTX/view>

Access Programs – EAP on Mental Health and Covid-19

https://www.vision6.com.au/v/32096/1438765/email.html?k=VmEWD-CUn3CbKpUqcmh-y6p_Wrpf3dhy_m4ZpFCG3zzs

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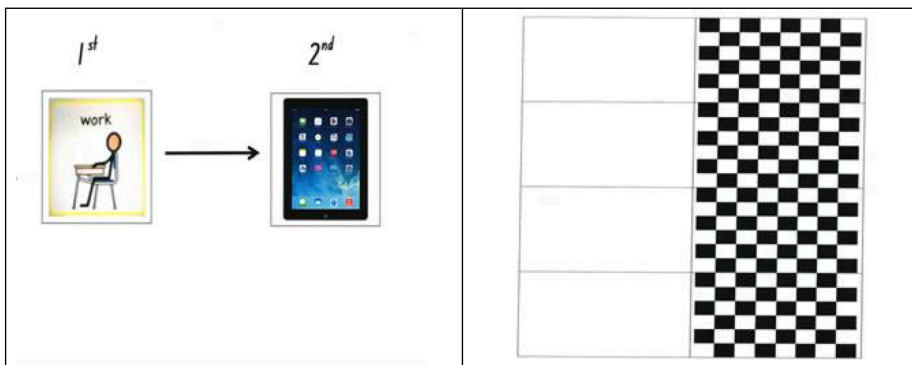
Hello from the therapy team,

This newsletter we thought we would focus on routines and schedules.

It's been great to see so many of you back at school for the start of Term 2.

Now, more than ever, it is important to provide stability and predictability for our students where possible.

A great way to do this is through the use of visual schedules and timetables – see examples below:



We hope the ones provided in the home resource packs have been beneficial.

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

Stay safe!

Elle & Allannah

BOOK CLUB IS HERE—Virtual Catalogue
while Students Learn from Home

In these unprecedented times we're all being asked to change the way we work and live. Our tradition of putting books into the hands of kids isn't going to change, but for Term 2, we're doing things a little differently.

Doing things differently does not change our goal, that goal is more important than ever!

For the first time in the history of Scholastic—we will have a Virtual Book Club for Term 2

Every child will still have the opportunity to access their Book Club catalogue. The same carefully selected, best-value books will still be available, so the enjoyment Book Club is known for will not change!

We ask that you continue to work with us to maintain our unique distribution partnership with schools. This means we can keep on putting traditional delivery costs back into offering the best prices and the best selection of books!

All orders will still be delivered to the child's school as normal, but

getting the books into their hands is where we are asking for your help!

Ready to Run

Click below to access the Virtual Catalogue.

Recommended return-by-date Monday 18th May.



Click here for your Virtual Book Club

Any questions or need help

Please call us on 1800 021 233*

We are here to help.

*Please contact us by 1st May 2020.



Copy the link below and share

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU...

Encouraging kids to read is our goal, **but we need your help!**



1 Let your school community know there is a Virtual Book Club in Term 2

YOU COULD:

- Send the link to the catalogue to students and parents advising them of the closing date
- Use the school email distribution list
- Attach the link to the school e-newsletter
- Share with students on a student portal or have teachers share as part of their class communication
- Ask your Principal to share with families supporting reading at home in Term 2.

2 Sending your order to Scholastic won't change...

LOOP ordering is the easiest way to order during Term 2. But, we know some of you will want to accept cash orders so we will have the portal running as usual. We really want you to run Book Club the best way for your school community.



3 Kids have placed their orders, how can you get the books to their homes?

YOU COULD:

- Set up a Book Club pick-up station at school
- Pack book-club orders in Take-Home Learning packs
- If you can, do a drive-by Book Club order drop-off
- Share any ideas you have for other Book Club organisers on our Facebook Page or use the hashtag #scholasticAustralia