

ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Artist is Me Day:

Last Friday 16th October, St Lucy's Creative Arts Team organised our annual 'Artist is Me' day. St Lucy's students enjoyed a day of Creative Arts workshops (music, dance, mural painting) designed to celebrate the significant creative capacity and artistic talents of our students. The series of workshops were filled with creativity, joy and fun. It was lovely to see students and staff dressed in bright coloured Mufti too.

The reason we celebrate 'Artist is Me' day as part of our school calendar since 2016 is to commemorate the lives of Eli and Martin Manrique and their mother Maria Lutz. For many in our community, this day also marks the anniversary of their passing and is a time to remember their special gifts and the friendships we had with them. Out students also celebrated Friendship with our in-class Friendship Liturgy.

Maria's Bench, outside of the Gallery Door was festooned with butterflies and flowers and was used by a number of parents to sit, reflect and remember them.



MOVING K-12 TOWARDS K-12 23 October 2020

TERM 4

Friday 30 October All Saints Day Liturgy

Friday 13 November Rememberence Day Liturgy 9.00am

Year 6 Graduation Thursday 26 November 10.30am

Wednesday 9 December Term 4 concludes for students



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Book Week 2020:

Mrs Ledlin has organised a wonderful Covid friendly Book Week this year and this week. The Creative arts incorporated the theme of Book Week which is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds' into all their sessions. A story by an author was presented on the smartboard for each session and on Friday students and staff had a Dress Up day. There could not be a Dress Up Parade but students had lots of fun dressing up in their favourite book character. Lots of families also entered the Reading Challenge as part of the celebration too. Please see some of the wonderful Book Week outfits on pages 3 and 4.

Class Groupings 2021:

Term 4 is when we start looking at class groupings for the following year. It is important to know exactly which students will be with us in 2021. If there is any chance (even if it's not a final decision at this stage) that your child mightn't be with us next year and you haven't already advised us, please contact Terry Williamson - 8355 3157 or Terryw@stlucys.nsw.edu.au Please also keep in mind our policy regarding fees in lieu of notice. It is condition of enrolment that 8 week's notice of intention to leave is given in writing.

Staff Day:

Just prior to students returning staff this term, staff gathered to undertake some professional learning. This

term our day included curriculum groups, Key Word Sign workshops and a session on self-care and a suitable practical activity to step aside from the 'busy' and 'anxious' and have an opportunity to consider a self-care plan and restore balance in mind, body and spirit led by our Be You team.

I trust parents too are taking time as we near the end of this torrid year to calm and steady oneself and restore balance. Feel free to reach out to our Family Support Worker Jono Carey if you need suggestions on who to contact for assistance in this important area of parental self-care.

Annual Parent Survey:

Each year in Term 4 parents are asked to complete an anonymous survey on the school and all that has worked well or not through the year. We use this in our planning as a staff and a Board for the following year. So it is important for as many parents as possible to participate so we can gain the benefit of your individual and collective perspectives as we continually strive to improve our services. Please participate when the survey is released shortly.

David Raphael Principal



Best Costumes for Book Week



BOOK WEEK AT ST LUCY'S 2020

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE

Someone I love has gone away And life is not the same... The greatest gift that to me you can give, Is just to speak their name. I need to hear the stories, And the tales of days gone past. I need for you to understand, These special memories must last. We cannot make more memories, Since they are no longer here... So when you speak their name to me, It's music to my ears.



Last Friday 16th October, we commemorated the 4th Anniversary of Eli, Martin and Maria with many wonderful, special happenings around the school. One such way was a sacred space that was created around Maria's bench. As staff, students and parents arrived, they were met with photos of Eli and Martin, as well as some of their beautiful artworks. Butterflies, roses and prayers were made available for people to either take or pin to the trees, and soft instrumental music helped ensure the space was calm and inviting for all who entered into it.

Whole School Friendship Liturgy and The Artist Is Me Day: A massive thank you to the Galaxy class staff for coordinating our whole school Friendship Liturgy which each class was able to hold in their rooms on Friday. An equally massive thank you to Ali and her incredible team of creative artists for the fabulous and fun workshops that were offered on rotation throughout the day. The children thoroughly enjoyed all aspects and looked wonderful in all their brightly coloured mufti clothing, too!



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All Saints Day and Grandparents Day Liturgy: Next Friday 30th October, we will celebrate All Saints Day and Grandparents Day to give thanks for the many saints that are our grandparents! Each class will participate in a whole school liturgy within their rooms that has been kindly prepared by the Aquarius Class staff.

All Saints Day is an important feast day in the Catholic Church, and it takes place every year on the 1st November. We feel that grandparents are wonderful examples of living saints, particularly in the lives of the St Lucy's children. They love and accept their beautiful grandchildren for who they are, and demonstrate great faith and belief in recognising their grandchildren's gifts and ensuring they can live by them in a true and honest way. Next Friday will be one small way to acknowledge and honour the wonder and beauty that is our grandparents!

THANK YOU for supporting our end of term 3 fundraiser! It was so fabulous seeing so many of our staff and students dressed as farmers in support of our end of term fundraising focus for RuralAid. The amount raised is over \$300 which will indeed assist this very worthy charity in all they do to help our rural communities! Thank you again for your generosity!



LAST FREE SHOPPING TRIP FOR 2020! Our fourth and final shopping trip, kindly provided by our friends at C3 Church, will take place on Wednesday 11th November. Helen will meet all who are attending at their C3 Cares Warehouse at 10am. The warehouse is located at 108 Silverwater Rd, Silverwater. Due to COVID-19 regulations, it is encouraged that those attending wear a mask, and that all who want to go along MUST register via the following link by Friday 4th November: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=670485& If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to send me an email.

Wishing you peace and blessings!

Vanessa Dillon Classroom Teacher - REC

PAPER RAFFLE TICKETS FOR ST LUCY'S SCHOOL



ST LUCY'S 2020 RAFFLE

Please support the St Lucy's School 2020 Raffle to raise funds towards new playground equipment suitable for K-12 students

Dear families,

You were sent home one packet of 10 raffle tickets at the end of last term with your child in hope that you can help St Lucy's by selling some raffle tickets. **Please return all sold tickets by Friday 30 October.** If you need more time to sell tickets, please email alexf@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

If you would like be sent home more tickets, please fill out the form below and we will send home additional packs:



https://www.cognitoforms.com/StLucys1/StLucysSchool-RaffleTicketOrderForm2020

We very much appreciate your support in selling raffle tickets in the hope to raise funds for a new playground suitable for K-12 students with disabilities. Please see the next page with all the raffle details and a link if you wish to purchase tickets online.



1ST PRIZE HISENSE 75" 4K UHD SMART TV



Hisense 75" 4K UHD Smart TV (2020)

- Ultra HD Panel
- (3840 x 2160)
- VIDAA 3.0
- HDR10.
- 100 smooth motion rate

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Please support St Lucy's School by purchasing tickets in our 2020 raffle to develop a playground suitable for K-12 students with disabilities.

11 WONDERFUL PRIZES TO BE WON!

2ND PRIZE 2 NIGHTS AT HEADLANDS



2 nights accommodation for up to 2 guests in a one bedroom apartment at Headlands in Austinmer Beach.

Donated by Steve Crowe

• 5 facials

4TH PRIZE FACIALS & NUTRIMETICS HAMPER



5TH PRIZE

Includes:

- \$300 Bunnings gift Card 80L Wheelbarrow
- Garden blower
- 1 Spade & 1 kids shovel • garden gloves & hats
- watering can
- seedlings & trowl bulbs
- mega coir garden soil
- Donated by Bunnings Thornleigh



 Hamper pack including: Eye mask, Silk pillow case, body cream, body satin, bathing bar, intensive lip treatment, Loofa shower gel, OLC wipes, **Beauty Bag** Donated by Dalal D Baumgartner

6TH PRIZE BOARD GAME HAMPER



NINTENDO SWITCH Includes:

- Nintendo Switch
- Joy-Con Neon Blue
- Joy-Con Neon Red
- Joy-Con Neon Straps
- HDMI Cable
- Switch Dock
- Joy-Con Grip
- Switch AC Adapter
- Donated by Sarah Threlfo

7TH PRIZE LITTLE GIRLS TOY HAMPER

FurReal Cubby Curious Brown Bear, Baby Alive Doll, Play dough Preschool FUNdamentals Box, Play-Doh My Little Pony Ponyville Pies Set, Play-Doh Kitchen Creations, Play-Doh Plus 8-Pack for Decorating, Frozen Figurine (donated by Hasbro).

8TH PRIZE STAR WARS HAMPER

Star Wars: Monopoly Board Game, Rey Starkiller centrepiece, Clone Wars Action Figure Pack, Evolution The Legacy Collection figurines, Revenge Starfighter, Lightsaber (donated by Hasbro).



Board games including: Monopoly junior, Monopoly Ultimate Banking, Cluedo Clue Lost in Vegas, Jenga, Mon Petit Art, Rata tat Cat, Guess Who Cluedo, Uno, Risk Mastermind, Fantastic Gymnastics, 3D Puzzle, Educa Puzzle 3000

9TH PRIZE BOY'S ACTION TOY HAMPER

Nerf, Delta Trooper, Iron Man, Captain America, Bumble Bee Bee Vision AR Experience, Optimus Prime Voice Changer (donated by Hasbro).

10TH PRIZE PROJECTOR & SCREEN PACKAGE

Projector/screen Package with 2 EV Speakers (1 night's hire). This package is used for a family event or a kids party watching a movie (donated by Element ICT)

11TH PRIZE GLASSHOUSE HAMPER

Glass House Candle, Fragrance Diffuser and body lotion (donated by TerryWhite Chemmart Hornsby).

Drawn on 2nd December 2020

1 Ticket for \$10 | 3 Tickets for \$25 | 7 tickets for \$50 | 15 tickets for \$100

To purchase tickets, please visit: rafflelink.com.au/stlucysraffle2020 or scan the QR code





Our Digital Arts Holiday Program was a wonderful success! Students impressed with their talent in the Arts once again and everyone had a great time! Here are a few highlights!



This week in Creative Arts, we explored the Book Week theme: Wild Creatures Curious Minds. Students and artists have had a ball!



Stay tuned for information coming to you soon regarding our End of Year Concert and our January Holiday Program!

Alessandra Picone Head of Creative Arts