



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome:

Welcome to 2021. It was lovely to meet and greet the new students and families as they joined us on Monday especially for the start of Kindergarten and Year 7. Plus we have welcomed all our new staff last week.

Holiday Program:

It was great to see so many parents taking the opportunity to enlist their child or young person in this 2 week program and also wonderful to have the assistance of the Marian Street Youth Theatre staff. Thanks especially to Mrs Lynne Pinker and Mrs Ali Picone for leading the program again this year.

Staff Learning:

Last week before students returned we conducted staff training in First Aid and CPR as well as being trained in the Management of Actual and Potential Aggression (MAPA) so all staff new and continuing could have their accreditation in these important areas refreshed.

Therapy Model:

As a consequence of staff and parent surveys conducted in 2020 on our Therapy model we have instituted a new team called the BEST (Behaviour, Emotional, Social and Therapy) Team made up of psychologists, occupational therapist, speech pathologist and led by the Ms Alldis in her new role of Facilitator of Student Engagement. The aims of the group are:

- use the Response to Intervention model to help students best access and participate in the curriculum
- assist teachers and class staff to optimise learning environments and help students participate and engage
- strengthen social and emotional competencies and capacity
- build connections between home, school and external services

You will hear about the new model of delivery for Therapy and Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) in the coming months. We have moved from our previous Early Intervention model for

MOVING TOWARDS K-12

TERM 1

Thursday 18 February
Parent information Evening

**Monday 1st March -
Friday 5th March**
IEP Day's (see page 2)

Tuesday 9 March
K-6 Open Day #1

Wednesday 10 March
K-6 Open Day #2

Thursday 18 March
Narrabeen Satellite Open Day

Thursday 25 March
K-6 Open Day #3

Thursday 1st April
Last day Term 1



the delivery of Therapy Services and adopted a different research-based approach, RTI, which is based on a tiered model of support like the School currently has for Positive Behaviour Support (PBS). The BEST Team will work across all Years of schooling and use a needs-based approach. The aim of the new program is for access to Therapy to be more equitable across the school. We are also in the process of employing additional therapists.

Safety on the Roads and Carparks and Campus:

Please remember to drive safely in and around the school grounds. Especially in the parent kiss/drop in the underground car park obeying the speed signs that are clearly marked. Also be aware that cars and taxis are moving in the area of parent pedestrian pick up/drop off at the Cleveland Street side of the school and to keep a watchful eye and firm hand on your child at all times in this area.

Parent Information Night (PIN) 18 February:

This event will be managed differently this year as we are not allowed to gather as a whole parent body and remain socially distanced for drinks and food before breaking off to meet the class team. Consequently, on arrival parents will be guided directly to their respective classroom to meet the class team, understand the class routines, communication methods to be employed as well as the topics of work to be covered. Please note that satellite classes will meet in their classroom at Prouille and Narrabeen. Narrabeena will be meeting their teachers at Wahroonga.

Individual Education Plan (IEP) Meetings: Term 1, Week 6

We are planning a different approach to scheduling IEP meetings this year partly in response to Covid regulations but also so parents and specialist staff (particularly the BEST Team), can have more time together in a

collaborative meeting. This will better allow our therapists to be able to be present to add value to these important goal setting meeting for your son or daughter. Child minding will be available on the relevant IEP day as each one will be a student free day for the particular Stage or Class for whom IEP meetings are being held. An IEP letter will be sent to you in the coming weeks, confirming arrangements for meetings and asking you for your goals for your child/young person for the coming year.

Below are the IEP meeting days/pupil free day for each class:

Monday 1st March: 8.00am till 4.00pm

Topaz, Citrine, Ruby, Sapphire

Tuesday 2nd March: 8.00am till 4.00pm

Tourmaline, Onyx, Moonstone, Tanzanite, Sunstone

Thursday 4th March: 8.00am till 6.30pm

Opal, Jasper, Turquoise, Amethyst, Garnet, Jade

Friday 5th March: 8.00am till 4.00pm

Diamond and Pearl and high school classes (Aquamarine, Peridot, Malachite, Emerald, Amber)

Rotary Award

A huge thank you to Rotary Pennant Hills for their fundraising efforts on behalf of St Lucy's School. Rotary Pennant Hills have generously donated \$8000 towards our bursary program from the ticket sales of their annual Christmas trailer raffle. We are truly grateful of the unwavering support the Rotary Pennant Hills has shown St Lucy's School over the years.

David Raphael

Principal

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 1)

AMETHYST	Scotty Roberts	OPAL	Diesel Grey
CITRINE	Fahad Omar	PEARL	Ayden Lacana
DIAMOND	Oliver D'Souza	RUBY	Jai Campo
GARNET	Cruz Balfour	SAPPHIRE	Sophie Elder
JADE	Abi O'Keefe	SUNSTONE	Timothy Wang
JASPER	Boston Smith	TANZANITE	Ethan Mbereko
MOONSTONE	Sebastian Murray	TOPAZ	Jade Merrett & Oskar Groenewald
ONYX	Milla Hammer	TOURMALINE	Izzy McDonald & Joshua Drummond
		TURQUOISE	Madison Garcia

ST LUCY'S SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT



Thursday 18 February • Time: 6.00pm-7.00pm

A warm welcome is extended to both new and existing St Lucy's families. You are invited to this special evening to spend time with your child's teachers as they outline their plans for the year ahead.

This year we will be holding the evening in the following locations:

Wahroonga and Narrabeena students to be held at:

St Lucy's School • 21 Cleveland St Wahroonga

RSVP online by clicking the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOQHA>

Narrabeen satellite students to be held in your child's classroom

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

108 Ocean Street Narrabeen (Enter via Ocean Street gate)

RSVP online by clicking the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOQHY>

Prouille satellite students to be held in your child's classroom

Prouille Catholic Primary School • 5 Water Street, Wahroonga

RSVP online by clicking the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOQHU>

Please RSVP by Friday 12 February

More information to follow in relation to COVID measures closer to the time.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT WISHLIST



Your children's teachers have created a Wishlist of items that would enhance their teaching programs and the environment at St Lucy's.

There is a wide range of items and I encourage you to have a look and choose an item(s) and make a donation towards those which appeal to you.

It is through the philanthropic support of current and past

parents and our generous community donors that St Lucy's is able to offer the amazingly vibrant learning environment that our current students enjoy.

All donations will be gratefully received so please do consider supporting the annual St Lucy's Wish List.

Your class teachers will let you know what they specifically require before the evening.

THANK YOU STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

A big shout out to our wonderful 20+ High School Student Volunteers, who travelled from Sydney Metropolitan and Central Coast areas to volunteer in the January, 2021 School Holiday Program. Thank you Student Volunteers for your flexibility and generosity in supporting St Lucy's Staff and Students. Your help is greatly appreciated.



PRIMARY SCHOOL JACKET



Dear Parents

We are very happy to announce that we have now received our first supply of our new Primary School Jacket.

This jacket is for sale through Flexischools at a cost of \$75. We have sizes 6 Kids to 14 Kids available.

Please go to [Flexischools.com.au](https://flexischools.com.au) to order.

Please note we are phasing out the pink and grey tracksuit this year.

How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

for Apple users



for Android users



for more info visit skoolbag.com.au





WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR SWIMMING PROGRAM

Dear Families,

Welcome to another exciting year in PE for 2021!

During the summer months of Terms 1 & 4 students from K-9 participate in Swimming Lessons during their scheduled PE lessons.

During these lessons we focus on building swimming and survival skills as well as water safety whilst having lots of fun!

This program heavily relies on the generosity of volunteers including parents, grandparents and family friends and other members of our school community.

WE NEED YOU!

If you or anyone you know could spare a few hours once a week for 8 weeks, please let me know as soon as possible. All you need is a Working With Children Check (volunteer) and the willingness to get wet and have fun!

If you are tentative to work with your own child's class, we would still love for you to volunteer with us with another class or age group. You can also help us by asking your parents, neighbours, babysitters, etc, if they would be interested in this fantastic school program!

The best way to help is to volunteer for your child's class and the other class in that session. Feel free also to stay the whole day!

Please let us know if you are interested by calling us at St Lucy's on (02) 9487 1277 (ext.: 3303) or via email at:

garye@stlucys.nsw.edu.au AND

juliam@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

Warm regards,

Gary Edwards & Julia Murphy
PDHPE Teacher at St Lucy's

We particularly need volunteers for the following days and times:

Thursday 11:30am (Sunstone)

Friday 9:00am (Garnet)- need several volunteers for this session

Friday 1:30am (Diamond)

SATELLITE NEWS

Mr Raphael visited Jade class on Tuesday during our Maths Lesson.

We had to work out who was the tallest in the class and who was the shortest. We then measured how tall we are using a tap measure and recorded our height on a chart.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE

*Blessed are you who take the time to listen, and understand me,
for you help me to know that if I persevere I can be understood.*

*Blessed are you who never bid me to “hurry up” or take my tasks
and do them for me,*

for often I need time rather than help.

*Blessed are you who stand beside me as I enter new and untried ventures,
for my challenges will be outweighed by the times I*

surprise myself and you.

Blessed are you who ask for my help,

for my greatest need is to be needed.

*Blessed are you who understand me even when
it is difficult for me to put my thoughts and knowledge into words.*

Blessed are you who, with a smile, encourage me to try once more.

*Blessed are you who recognise the gifts and talents I have within,
and nurture them so that others may see.*

*Blessed are you who take the time to teach me, learn with me, grow with me
and see my full potential.*

*Blessed are you who RESPECT ME and LOVE ME “JUST AS I AM”,
for I am made in the image of God.*

**We welcome you all back to a new school year! It has been so lovely seeing all the happy faces
of our children as they return to school, or begin with us for the first time!**

We also welcome back all our staff and those who are new and joining us this year!

**We look forward to a year where all our school values are lived each and every day – Joy, Community,
Courage and Truth!**

Beginning School Year liturgy: Thank you to the staff of Pearl Class for preparing a beautiful liturgy for classes to hold within their rooms to mark the beginning of our school year on Friday morning! It was a lovely way for us all to gather in spirit as a whole school community and pray for the year ahead!

Farewell to Mrs Farah Hojjaty: Over the holidays, we received the news that Mrs Hojjaty had decided to resign. We were all very sad to hear this news as Mrs Hojjaty has been a wonderful colleague and educational practitioner at St Lucy's for the last number of years. She has introduced many wonderful initiatives during her

time, including a Play Skills focus for our students and supporting students in their transition to mainstream settings. As well, she has shown dedication, compassion and care to the students and families she has encountered throughout her time here. We send Mrs Hojjaty our every best blessing, and continued good health, as we wholeheartedly thank her for all she has done for so many years!

Wishing you peace and blessings!

Vanessa Dillon

Classroom Teacher - REC

ST LUCY'S SCHOOL OPEN DAYS



St Lucy's is a special primary school and high school for children with disabilities located in Wahroonga on Sydney's North Shore, with satellite classes in Wahroonga and on the Northern Beaches.

We invite you to one of our Open Days to see how your child will benefit from St Lucy's intensive instruction in: literacy, numeracy, social competence and independence skills in a dynamic and creative environment.

For more information contact the Registrar on 8355 3157 or enrol@stlucys.nsw.edu.au. Applications close 15 May 2021 for Commencement in 2022.

ST LUCY'S OPEN DAY SESSIONS:

WAHROONGA CAMPUS St Lucy's School, 21 Cleveland Street, Wahroonga

Tuesday 09 March	K-6 Open Day	9.15am	SESSION FULL
Wednesday 10 March	K-6 Open Day	9.15am	
Thursday 25 March	K-6 Open Day	9.15am	
Friday 30 April	High School Open Day	9.15am	

NARRABEEN CAMPUS St Joseph's Primary School, 108 Ocean St, Narrabeen

Thursday 18 March • Narrabeen Satellite Class Open Day • 9.15am

To book a session, visit:

<https://www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au/enrolment-open-day-special-needs-school/>

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CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

The Creative Arts Team have been very excited to welcome the students back in to the Creative Arts Studios this week!

Creative Arts sessions are an opportunity for the students to work with professional artists in a creative process which encourages imagination, communication, collaboration and technical skill building. Creative Arts themes are designed to complement the Units of Work that students explore in History, Geography and Science.

The Creative Arts Team for 2021 are:

- Alessandra Picone, Head of Creative Arts and Drama Specialists
- Simon Freestone, Drama Specialist
- Lucy Egger, Music Specialist
- Anneliese Kirk, Dance Specialist
- Marci Ordenez, Visual Arts Teacher
- Ed Hayes, Visual Arts Teacher

After School Creative Arts Projects

Our after school programs will begin in Week 4. We are excited to announce that we have a second Art Project group starting this year. If you would like some more information about these projects, please see the website and email me alip@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

Theatre Project	MONDAY afternoons 3.00 – 4.30	(FULLY BOOKED)
Art Project	MONDAY afternoons 3.00 – 4.30	Places available)
Dance Project	TUESDAY afternoon 3.00 – 4.15	(Places available)
Art Project	WEDNESDAY afternoons 3.00 – 4.30	(FULLY BOOKED)

Here are some highlights from the Creative Arts Holiday Program in January.



Please note that the dates for the next Creative Arts Holiday Program are:

- Tuesday 6th April
- Wednesday 7th April
- Thursday 8th April
- Friday 9th April

Kind regards,
Alessandra Picone
 Head of Creative Arts



An all-abilities integrative dance program for kids and teens available in Bexley, Castle Hill, Five Dock, Lane Cove & Oxford Falls.



Our dance classes are specifically designed to help support your child's existing therapy goals! Through exciting movement and rhythm lessons, your child will work on:

- GROSS/FINE MOTOR SKILLS
- SOCIAL SKILLS
- BODY CONTROL + AWARENESS
- FOCUS
- MOTOR PLANNING
- MEMORY + RECALL SKILLS
- CO-ORDINATION
- RECEPTIVE/EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Contact info@allinlife.com.au for more information.



ALL ABILITIES DANCE CLASSES

SUNDAYS

10AM - 11AM K-Y2 12PM - 1PM Y7+
11AM - 12PM Y3-6 1PM - 2PM ADULTS



BOOK ONLINE TODAY!

WWW.DANCE-REPUBLIC.COM.AU
1/129 MILITARY RD, NEUTRAL BAY 2089



NSW PARENT/CARER ONLINE WORKSHOP



Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young people on the autism spectrum, from across New South Wales.

This online workshop is for parents, full-time carers and grandparents. Join other families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership.

During the online workshops, we will cover three topics:

- diversity of autism
- understanding behaviour
- working together with your child's school

Location:
New South Wales
via zoom online

Date:
Wednesday 24th February 2021

Time:
Wed 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM (AEDT)

For more information and to register, visit www.positivepartnerships.com.au or contact Alison Macrae amacrae@autismspectrum.org.au



NSW PARENT/CARER ONLINE WORKSHOP



Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young people on the autism spectrum, from across New South Wales.

During the online workshops, we will cover four topics:

- diversity of autism
- working together with your child's school
- understanding sensory processing
- understanding behaviour.

These workshops are part of a series of sessions but you can choose if you would like to register for each session or just the individual ones you are able to join.

*Please note that this is not a webinar but is an online workshop where we will work collaboratively together online across the sessions.

Location:
NEW SOUTH WALES
via zoom online

Dates & Times (AEDT):

Diversity of Autism Tues 2 Feb, 2021 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Sensory Processing Tues 9 Feb, 2021 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Understanding Behaviour Tues 16 Feb, 2021 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Working Together Tues 23 Feb, 2021 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

For more information and to register, visit www.positivepartnerships.com.au or contact Rachael Dillon rdillon@autismspectrum.org.au

SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL BEGIN IN WEEK 3

Dear families, Canteen will begin in Week 3. Please see the pricelist below:

ST LUCY'S NEW CANTEEN PRICE LIST



HOT FOOD

Cheese and bacon Pizza	\$2.50
Large meat Pie	\$3.50
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets	3 for \$1.20
Hash Brown	\$0.70
Plain Burger (Meat only)	\$3.50
Cheese burger (meat and cheese)	\$4.50
Burger with the lot (meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, carrot beetroot)	\$6.00
(All burgers can be meat or chicken and come with tomato sauce unless you request BBQ, mayo or no sauce)	
Chicken Burger (chicken, lettuce and mayo)	\$4.50
Hot Cheese Roll	\$2.50
Chicken Wrap (with lettuce and mayo)	\$4.50
Sauces - Tomato or BBQ	\$0.20

SANDWICHES (wholemeal bread - toasted extra 20c)

Vegemite	\$2.00
Cheese and ham	\$3.00
Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber and carrot) add cheese 0.50c add avocado \$1.00	\$3.00
Please write any special preferences e.g. crusts off, on the bag	

ROLLS (white and wholemeal)

Vegemite	\$2.50
Cheese or ham	\$3.00
Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber and carrot)	\$4.00
Extra fillings: lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber, beetroot	\$0.20
Ham, cheese, avocado	\$1.00

SALADS

Salad Box	\$5.00
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FRESH FRUIT

Fruit Salad cups - seasonal fruit (with fork)	\$2.50
Apple slinky	\$1.50

SNACKS

Smiths chips - Plain or Salt and Vinegar	\$1.00
Red Rock Deli Chips - Honey Soy	\$1.00
Quelch Ice block	\$0.50

LOLLIES

	small	large
One Bag Gummi Bears (small)	\$0.50	\$1.00
One Bag Natural confectionery snakes	\$0.50	\$1.00
One bag mixed lollies	\$0.50	\$1.00

DRINKS

Orange or Apple Juice	\$1.50
Chocolate or Strawberry Milk	\$2.00

To order: Write name, class and order details on a paper bag (or please add 10c for us to provide the bag).

2 bags are preferable if ordering a mix of hot or cold food/drink. Please try to include correct money as change goes missing or we get disappointed little faces at the canteen menu trying to buy lollies for 10c

Dear families, each year we require a new photo permission form for your child to be photographed. These photos may be used for classroom use, our school newsletter, our website, our social media platforms and for promotional purposes. If you circle YES to Newsletter, this also appears on the website so you would need to circle yes to website permission too. Can you please complete this form by Friday 5th February and return either via email to your class teacher or send back in your child's schoolbag.

PERMISSIONS 2021



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.

*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 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: _____

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: _____