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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Parent Information Night:

It was good to see so many parents at Wahroonga and I believe at the various satellite campuses at Narrabeen, Narrabeena and Prouille enjoying the opportunity of meeting your respective class teams and discovering the exciting units of work for this year for your child and young person as well as learning about the important class routines. A pity that we could not all gather, as is our custom with staff and parents together for drinks and nibbles to help engage with our new families this year but that's Covid for you! Maybe next year when we are all vaccinated.

Individual Education Plan Meetings:

We look forward to parents returning to St Lucy's for the IEP goal setting meetings early in March. These are such an important and essential part of us all working in partnership together for the benefit of the students – home and school together. Please ensure you are booked in and know and respond to the details as below:

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 4.00pm

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)

* In addition to the above, there is an IEP night on Thursday 4th March 3.30pm-6.30pm.

MOVING
TOWARDS **K-12**
19 February 2021

TERM 1

**Monday 1st March -
Friday 5th March**
IEP Meetings

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

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Latest Covid-19 Advice to Schools Regarding Responding to Unwell Students:

“Students and staff must not attend school or work if they are unwell, even with the mildness of symptoms including fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell. Students need to be symptom free and a negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school prior to their return to school.

- Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test are not permitted to return to school for a 10 day period and they must be symptom free for at least 3 days prior to their return.
- Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition.

- COVID-19 testing for very young students or students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools are to ask the parent/carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not indicated, a medical certificate must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to the school environment.

Thank you parents for managing these Covid arrangements as best you can for your young person so we all remain safe and well through these changes of season as we enter autumn and indeed the winter months.

Class correspondence

If you are not receiving any emails from your class teacher or the school, please contact our IT Co-ordinator, Maria Manzatti: mariam@stlucys.nsw.edu.au.

David Raphael
Principal



STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD



STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 3)

AMETHYST	Will Statis
CITRINE	Gus Lindsay
DIAMOND	Matilda Owler
GARNET	Kwasi Adukonu
JADE	Luke Donaldson
JASPER	Matthew McArthur & Luke Hughes
MOONSTONE	Elliott Dinsdale & Luca Cohen
ONYX	Luna Huwazan & Ethan Bortolussi
OPAL	Dov Kresner

PEARL	Nathan Banks
RUBY	Matheus Sigiers
SAPPHIRE	Sydney Cameron
SUNSTONE	Andrew Chibika
TANZANITE	Edward Price
TOPAZ	Jade Merrett & Mikaeel Karami
TOURMALINE	Naomi Baumgartner & Izzy McDonald
TURQUOISE	Aiden Williams

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 4)

AMETHYST	Maye Akra
CITRINE	Ruofan Liu & Fahad Omar
DIAMOND	Samara Macklin
GARNET	Daniel O'Connor
JADE	Jessica Mettam
JASPER	Inika Sandman
MOONSTONE	Stephen Tarantilis
ONYX	James Deasy-Kennedy & Max Torbarac
OPAL	Ruby O'Brien & Caitlyn Shin

PEARL	Nathan Banks & Tayla Tobin
RUBY	Ethan Richey
SAPPHIRE	Rocky Knox
SUNSTONE	Beau Lyall
TANZANITE	William Fitzgibbon
TOPAZ	Oskar Groenwald, Ruby Daddia & Elijah El-Agha
TOURMALINE	Elliot Chislett & Rose White
TURQUOISE	Jordan Szeto

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE

*If you want to become whole,
let yourself be partial.
If you want to become straight,
let yourself be crooked.
If you want to become full,
let yourself be empty.
If you want to be reborn,
let yourself die.
If you want to be given everything,
give everything up.*

*Lao Tsu, Tao Te Ching**

On Wednesday we marked the beginning of the Church's Season of Lent, with our whole school Ash Wednesday liturgy. Lent is a 40 day period leading up to the celebration of Easter. The name 'Lent' derives from the Old English word 'Lencten' meaning 'Spring season'. Given that many of the traditions we celebrate today began in the Northern Hemisphere, this choice of term is indeed an appropriate one. The theme for Lent as Christians is to find time in our lives for growth and renewal, which aligns perfectly to the Season of Spring. The ways in which the Church suggests we achieve this growth and renewal is through prayer, giving and fasting.

Christopher DeGiovine references Lao Tsu's meditative poem in his writings about the Season of Lent. Essentially, DeGiovine identifies that in many Eastern religious traditions, spiritual seekers are invited to reflect about life as a paradox. Indeed, we are often challenged to consider the revelation that life is contradictory and it is in this realisation that we find ways in which to live and grow. Lent is a Season within the Christian Church Year that invites us into such prayerful reflection.

Whole School Ash Wednesday Liturgy: Thank you to the Opal Class staff and students for organising and facilitating our whole school Ash Wednesday liturgy this week. This liturgy was circulated to all classes so that the class staff could celebrate the beginning of Lent in a special way with their students. The children were reminded of the ways in which Jesus showed love to others, and how we are asked to try and



make good choices each and every day. They were also invited to receive a sprinkling of ashes as per this year's COVID-19 safety protocol, either on their head or on the back of their hand to be reminded of this message. They were so incredibly amazing with this which enhanced the spirituality of this occasion!

SAVE THE DATE: Harmony Day: From the 15th until the 21st March, our nation will celebrate the cultural richness and diversity of our country with its annual Harmony Week, culminating in Harmony Day on the 21st March. Here at St Lucy's we will celebrate the significance of this day on Friday 19th March with a whole school liturgy and mufti day. The children will be asked to come dressed in clothing that represents their cultural heritage or traditional background. Alternatively, they can also come dressed in the colour orange which is the symbolic colour of Harmony Day. We are so fortunate to have such amazing cultural diversity amongst our families here at St Lucy's, and celebrating this diversity each year during Harmony Week, is indeed something we continue to embrace going forward.

Wishing you peace and blessings!

Vanessa Dillon

Classroom Teacher - REC

VOLUNTEERS TRAINING FOR MATHEMATICS PROGRAM

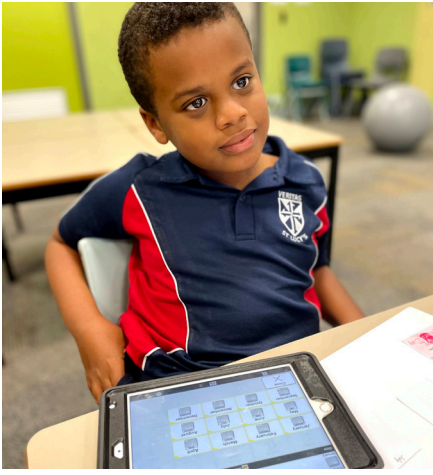
This week our volunteers attended a training for a new Mathematics program we are introducing as part of our Mathematics with Meaning program at St Lucy's. One of our incredible volunteers, Kathy Adams, designed this program using inspiration from working with our students for many years as well as using her Covid isolation time as a time to be productive and create something that will benefit the learning needs of our students.

Kathy has been working closely with our Mathematics with Meaning program co-ordinator Lisa Grimmond, to refine the program, link it to St Lucy's scope and sequence for Mathematics and include all the components from the NSW syllabus. The result is an incredible program called Piccolo Maths. The program has taken Mathematical concepts and broken them into the smallest steps of learning for our students. It also has an effective recording system for volunteers to use to record student progress in a more uniform way.

The program contains four modules: Whole number (with addition and subtraction); Money; Multiplication and Division and Dimensional Maths (Time, Space and Measurement). We are very excited to be implementing the Piccolo Maths program as part of our Mathematics with Meaning program. We are so grateful for the incredible amount of time, patience, effort, talent and skill that Kathy has invested in creating this program for St Lucy's students. Thank you Kathy! The volunteers are all very excited to begin its roll out this coming week!



CLASSROOM NEWS



Amethyst class have been working on a Celebrations unit in History.

Here is a photo showing one of our students identifying the month of various celebrations using Proloquo2Go.



We started work experience recently with Year 8 and 9 as part of their Work Readiness Program. The students really enjoyed it and it was amazing to see them in action!



This week our Year 9 students made some delicious scones in Food Tech following a recipe, preparing the dough, baking and finally tasting!



HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 30 APRIL



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL SATELLITE CLASS OPEN DAY NARRABEEN CAMPUS

THURSDAY 18 MARCH

TO ATTEND AN OPEN DAY VISIT:

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



LORIKEETS HOLIDAY CAMP

FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN UP TO 18 YEARS

Come and make some friends and join in our great excursions with our experienced staff



9.00am - 4.00pm
5 January - 22 January 2021
5 April - 16 April 2021
28 June - 9 July 2021
20 September - 1 October 2021



Arranounbai School
5 Aquatic Drive
FRENCHS FOREST

Holiday program activities may include:

- Ferry rides
- Taronga Zoo
- Picnic/park days
- Reptile Park
- BBQ/park days

We can support on a 1:1 or 1:2 NDIS ratio (daily price exclusive of excursion costs and resources).

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES:

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positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

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:

Tuesday 9th March 2021

Time

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



<http://>

For more information and to register, visit www.positivepartnerships.com.au or contact Laura Owens lauraowens@autismspectrum.org.au