

# ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

#### Swimming Carnivals:

What a lovely day we had last Friday for the Senior Swimming Carnival. The highlight, apart from the joy of seeing the students enjoying it so much, was to see you our parents back on campus!! Simply wonderful. Enjoy the photos of the event.

We look forward to the Junior Swimming Carnival next Friday and all the fun of the event for them too and seeing our parents again.



#### Harmony Day:

Today was a celebration of our inclusive and diverse community as we celebrated Harmony Day. It was great to see the students and classes all celebrating in their own ways reflecting their heritage.

Enjoy the various photos of the children and class celebrations on the next page.

#### David Raphael Principal

MOVING **K-12** 19 March 2021

TERM 1

Thursday 25 March K-6 Open Day # 3

**Thursday 25 March** Men's Group 6.30-8.00pm St Lucy's Wahroonga

> **Thursday 1st April** Last day Term 1

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# MEN'S GROUP Thursday 25 March 6.30pm

Where: St Lucy's School, Wahroonga

Hi dads, granddads and uncles of St Edmund's, St Gabriel's and St Lucy's. Our next gathering is Thursday 25 March from 6.30-8.00pm.

Food and drinks followed by our discussion at 7pm. It will be great to gather at the school again.

It will be held at St Lucy's School, 21 Cleveland St Wahroonga in our Possibility Space.

A chance to catch up as men and share in our experiences. Our event will follow general expected guidelines such as QR code check-in.

Please RVSP to: Brendan and Warren hopleywarren@hotmail.com brendan.wingrave@gmail.com 0407 943 115

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# STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD

### STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 7)

AMETHYST	Elina Arevalo
CITRINE	Monty McNeil & Gus Lindsay
DIAMOND	Sofia Shepherd
GARNET	Gavin Hunter
JADE	Rachel Stewart
JASPER	Chace Erceg & Boston Smith
MOONSTONE	Alsher Manlapao & Daniel Shim
ONYX	Josiah Wormald & Leo Seeto
OPAL	Zef de Bruin & Ruby O'Brien

### STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 8)

Eva Quinn
Ruofan Liu & Roufan Liu
William Daly
Bradley Chien
Alexander Squires
Luke Hughes & Matthew McArthur
Gabriel Cheah & Elliot Dinsdale
Bella Tantillo & Josiah Wormald
Claire Zhao & Tahla Tanzeel

PEARL	Dranse
RUBY	Dylan
SAPPHIRE	Finn T
SUNSTONE	Andre
TANZANITE	Angus
TOPAZ	Daisy
TOURMALINE	Zac C
TURQUOISE	Aiden

Branson Atkins & Ante Maric Dylan Denley Finn Tokic Andrew Chibika Angus Walsh Daisy Bradbury Zac Chen & Leo Hart Aiden Williams

PEARL	Benson Hiser
RUBY	Levi Richey
SAPPHIRE	Charlie Harris
SUNSTONE	Sophia Torbarac
TANZANITE	David Salsano
TOPAZ	Elijah El-Agha, Oskar Groenewald &
	Keshav Ivaturi
TOURMALINE	Claudia McWilliam
TURQUOISE	Kinsley Woo

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

Lord,

Make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet. Make this house a house of prayer and a gateway to your kingdom.

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This is a prayer that appears above a church door in Ireland. Its message is powerfully simple and significant as it conveys that all are welcome in this house of love. This prayer is all the more pertinent as this week we celebrate the Feast of St Patrick – 17th March. St Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland, the country from where our founding Dominican Sisters journeyed to Australia. St Patrick spread the message to his followers that God is present always. It was as a young man (and whilst he was a captive) that he had much time to think and reflect, and he grew in his relationship with God. Spending days and nights in the open countryside, looking after the animals, he became more and more aware that God was there with him. Patrick learned to live in the Presence of God.

Let us use the words of St Patrick to remember that we are in God's presence at this time...and all time!

Christ be with me and within me. Christ be behind me and before me. Christ be beside me to comfort and restore me. Christ be below and above me in peace and in danger. Christ be within the hearts of all who love me. Christ be in the words of friend and stranger.

**Harmony Day:** We are currently in the midst of Harmony Week! Here at St Lucy's we have embraced this opportunity to celebrate the theme of this special focus, which is all about welcome, inclusion and cultural diversity! In our classes, we held a whole school mufti day and liturgy that embraced the rich diversity of the many cultural backgrounds that are represented here at St Lucy's. The message of this liturgy is to love and learn from one another because we are all special, and this makes our world/nation/ school special! Thank you so much for supporting the theme of this day – the children all looked amazing!!! And thank you to the Amethyst Class staff for providing the liturgy.



#### Harmony Day Art

**Installation:** A big thank you to Miss Marci and her Art Project students who created a beautiful collaborative artwork to symbolise Harmony Day! You can view this fabulous creation in our Admin area... it will be on display until the end of term.



**SAVE THE DATE: End of Term Easter Celebration:** We are currently in the midst of planning an Easter celebration for parents to come along and attend on our last day of Term 1, which is Thursday 1st April. The time for this celebration will be from 1.30pm until 2pm to enable parents the opportunity to take their children home once the event is finished. For children in K-6, this celebration will include an Easter Hat parade, so feel free to get those creative hands and minds working! For our High School students, there will be a

presentation of a different kind yet to be announced. If you would like to come along, please RSVP by Friday 26th March using the following TryBooking link https://www.trybooking.com/BPWBY.

For our Beaches Classes, we are currently determining the level of involvement our classes have in the celebrations being held at St Joseph's and St John's. We will inform our Narrabeen and Narraweena families as soon as possible.

**Sacramental Program 2021:** If your child is Catholic and turning 9 this year, then they are eligible and indeed invited to join our St Lucy's Sacramental Program this year! As well, any of our Catholic students who are already 9 or older, are also invited to participate! Last year we were unable to facilitate our Program due to the COVID restrictions that were put in place, however this year holds more promise that this Program can once again be undertaken. If this is something you would like to register your interest in learning more about, please email me on vanessad@stlucys.nsw.edu.au and I will get in touch.

Wishing you peace and blessings, Vanessa Dillon Classroom Teacher - REC





## ST LUCY'S HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY FRIDAY 30 APRIL

To attend an Open Day visit: https://www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au/enrolment-open-day-special-needs-school/

## **SCHOOL FEES REMINDER**

Dear families, just a reminder that Term 1 school fees were due on 19th of February. If you are having difficulty with payment please contact the school on 9487 1277 and ask to speak with the Business Office. Thank you