



DOMINIC CENTRE OPENING - TUESDAY 18 MAY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Modified Mothers' Day Event:

We are looking forward to welcoming our Mums this week for our Covid delayed visit to classes which will include a Special Liturgy and class activities. I am sure there will be much excitement having mum in class tomorrow. Thank you to the staff and Mrs Dillon for all the behind the scenes organisation to help make this happen.

New social skill and play groups.

This Term, with the help of the fabulous St Lucy's staff, the BEST team have implemented a number of social and play groups across both the senior and junior break times. The aim of these groups is to support each student's development and generalization of social skills and also help foster connections and friendships.

The groups are held across the week and include a Working Bee group, Blocks and Construction, Cars and Trains, a Girls Group compete with craft and hair braiding and Imaginative Play groups.

It has been wonderful to see the engagement and enthusiasm from both staff and students in the program and we cannot wait to see the program grow and develop across the year! Enjoy the pictures of the students engaging and enjoying the experience.



MOVING
TOWARDS **K-12**
13 May 2021

TERM 2 DATES

Tuesday 18th May

Dominic Centre Opening
Families, carers and volunteers
12.30pm-2.00pm

Friday 21st May

National Volunteers Liturgy

Thursday 27th May

C3 Cares Shopping Trip

Friday 28th May

Mum's Night Out
5.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday 10th June

Men's Group Meeting
St Edmunds College (see page 4)

Friday 18th June

Last Day Term 2

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Class Parade as Students Help Open the Dominic Centre: Tuesday 18 May

We are very much looking forward to the visit of The Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay along with The Honourable, Sarah Mitchell, MLC, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning and our wonderful donors as we open the Dominic Centre next Tuesday 18 May.

It is not too late to RSVP and come along from 12.30pm on Tuesday 18 May for a sausage sizzle and witness the fun of the students as they parade around the oval with their special building focussed artworks from 1pm.

The Board Chair, Kitty Guerin and myself will be saying a few words and opening the building. Each class will also parade around the oval with their artworks representing the significance of the Dominic Centre for them.

Please note that because of the official nature of the day this will NOT be a mufti day but will be in school uniform. Afterwards parents may take their child home if you wish. If you would like to attend the afternoon event please rsvp using the trybooking link <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/754196?bof=1> and indicate whether or not you will be taking your child home with you afterwards.

We look forward to a great day of celebration as we thank God for his blessing to us of the Dominic Centre.

David Raphael
Principal



St Lucy's School invites parents, carers and volunteers to the opening of the

DOMINIC CENTRE

Date: Tuesday 18 May 2021

The time for this celebration will be from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

You are invited to enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch and student artwork parade.

At the conclusion of the parade parents and carers are welcome to take their child home with them.

RSVP: 14 May 2021 for catering purposes by using the TryBooking link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/754196?bof=1>

Please note this is a school uniform day and not a mufti day.



*"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)*

The love of a mum is often one that is shrouded in selflessness, compassion, empathy and without conditions or boundaries. here is a story that Thomas Edison, the famous inventor, often shared about his own mother's love for him. It goes like this:

"One day Thomas Edison came home and gave a paper to his mother. He told her, "My teacher gave this letter to me and told me to only give it to my mother."

His mother's eyes were tearful as she read the letter out loud to her child: 'Your son is a genius. This school is too small for him and doesn't have enough good teachers for training him. Please teach him yourself'.

Many years later, after Edison's mother had died, he was looking through old family things. Now one of the greatest inventors of the century, he suddenly saw a folded piece of paper in the corner of a desk drawer. He took it and opened it up.

On the paper was written: 'Your son is mentally disabled. We won't let him come to school any more'.

Edison cried for hours and then he wrote in his diary: "Thomas Alva Edison was a mentally disabled child that, by a hero mother, became the genius of the century."

To all our wonderful, inspiring, generous and loving mums and carers within the St Lucy's Community, we hope that you enjoyed a truly beautiful Mother's Day last Sunday!

May God bless you always, as you have blessed your children with life, with lessons, with love.

Celebrating Mother's Day: Tomorrow we will gather within our classes to celebrate the gift of our mothers, grandmothers, aunties and all the special women who play such a special, nurturing role in our lives! Each class will host those mums/carers who RSVPd with a Mother's Day liturgy that has been prepared by Moonstone Class. Following the liturgy in class, guests will stay on to engage in some little activities with their child/children before attending a morning tea hosted by volunteers and school staff. Thank you to the High School staff and students for organising our Mother's Day Stall this year, and delivering the gifts to classes. No doubt you enjoyed your very special gift that would have been given to you by your child/children on Sunday – you certainly deserved such love and attention!

Volunteers Week: As a school community we will be acknowledging our wonderful volunteers next week, commencing Monday 17th May as part of National Volunteers Week. This will include a special liturgy to take place within our Primary School Assembly on Friday 21st May at 9.15am. Thank you to Jasper Class for preparing and coordinating this liturgy for us!

C3 Cares Shopping Trip Thursday 27th May:

Our wonderful friends at C3 Church Wahroonga, will be hosting our parents to attend a FREE shopping trip at their C3 Cares Warehouse at Silverwater. If you would like to attend, please register via the following link on TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BRIBI>

Details regarding the location and time are included in the TryBooking profile. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with me.

Mum's Night Out: With COVID-19 restrictions looking to ease once again, we have planned for our first Mum's Night Out in over a year, to take place on Friday 28th May from 5.30pm until 8.30pm at our Wahroonga school site. We have had to restrict the numbers as per current guidelines, so if you would like to come along, please register quickly to secure your place. You can RSVP via the following TryBooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BRICH>.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you peace and blessings!

Vanessa Dillon
Classroom Teacher - REC

Men's Group Meeting

An invitation to men who have a child with an intellectual disability to a Mental Health Week discussion.

Sponsored by Ku-ring-gai Council:

Thursday June 10

St Edmund's College 60 Burns Rd Wahroonga

6.30pm for dinner and 7.00pm-8.00pm discussion.

We always have a vigorous discussion so come along and enjoy the company of a most interesting group of dads.

The focus for this meeting will be facilitated by David Smith. David is the Managing Director of Employ for Ability Pty Ltd and is a neurodiversity employment specialist. David is undertaking a research degree on autism and the job search process. Amongst David's extensive qualifications is a Graduate Certificate in Autism Studies from Griffith University.

David will share his own personal story, having a son who is neurodiverse and will discuss some of the signs and symptoms to look for in our own mental health and some of the services available. David will facilitate a discussion on understanding communication and interpreting behaviour in relationships with partners and our children with psychosocial disability.

Contact Warren Hopley at hopleywarren@hotmail.com or jonathonC@stlucys.nsw.edu.au



side by side advocacy

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Tools, strategies and legal considerations for families, friends and allies of people with intellectual disability

Monday, 31 May 2021

**10am to 2.30pm - plus time to ask questions
North Ryde Golf Club, Twin Road, North Ryde**

This session is FREE but registration is essential
Lunch and refreshments are provided
Call us on 02 9808 5500 or email info@sidebysideadvocacy.org.au
<https://events.humanitix.com/planning-north-ryde>



HIGH SCHOOL MERIT AWARDS



MERIT AWARDS WEEK 3

AMBER	Matthew Threlfro
AQUAMARINE	Jack Olling
EMERALD	Oliver Whittaker
MALACHITE	Nathan Brown
PERIDOT	Oscar Hay

MERIT AWARDS WEEK 4

AMBER	Lachlan Hunter
AQUAMARINE	Hugh Wechsler
EMERALD	Joshua Lawrence Slater
MALACHITE	Ben Sherlock
PERIDOT	Isabella Chen



STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD



STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 3)

AMETHYST	Eva Quinn	PEARL	Dorothy Ding & Ayden Lacana
CITRINE	Monty McNeil	RUBY	Jai Campo
DIAMOND	Samara Macklin	SAPPHIRE	Chloe Yuen
GARNET	Cruz Balfour	SUNSTONE	Angelo Alloggia
JADE	Holly Clarke	TANZANITE	Angus Walsh
JASPER	Matthew McArthur	TOPAZ	Elijah El-Agha
MOONSTONE	Luca Cohen	TOURMALINE	Joshua Drummond
ONYX	Josiah Wormald & Leo Seeto	TURQUOISE	Jordan Szeto
OPAL	Diesel Grey		

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 4)

AMETHYST	Scotty Roberts	PEARL	Nathan Banks & Tayla Tobin
CITRINE	Robi Babagay	RUBY	Darcy Richards
DIAMOND	Finlay Jameson	SAPPHIRE	Rocky Knox
GARNET	Daniel O'Connor	SUNSTONE	Elijah Dodman
JADE	Dylan Ainscow	TANZANITE	Orlando Siebel
JASPER	Boston Smith	TOPAZ	Jade Merret
MOONSTONE	Alsher Manlapao	TOURMALINE	Rose White
ONYX	Luna Huwazan	TURQUOISE	Jamie Hunter
OPAL	Zef de Bruin		