



MERRY Christmas

May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you
today and throughout the New Year

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Graduation:

It was lovely to finally greet parents on-site at the Year 6 Graduation last Friday. Father Paul came to assist in the Graduation Liturgy. It was so wonderful to see the way our students stepped up for the occasion and gathered its importance as we all recognised this milestone in their lives. Thank you to Mrs Vanessa Dillon for all her organisation as well as the other Year 6 staff who assisted. As you can see from the pictures on page 9 a wonderful time of celebration was had by all. Congratulations to all our Year 6 Graduates: Benson, Chris, Luke, Jacob, Cruz, Gavin, Bradley, Sofia, Poppy, Rafa, Samara, Alex, Xavier and Rachel!

End of Year Carols and Dominican Awards Assembly:

We all enjoyed this lovely occasion where the students were able to showcase their talents in preparation for Christmas and receive their Dominican Awards. Thanks especially to our Creative Artists and the class staff for all their hard work in preparation and planning especially Ms Ali Picone for being so flexible in the planning trying to navigate the weather forecast and all the changing Covid restrictions. We hope you enjoy the photos of this wonderful event on page 3.

High Tea in Amber Class:

Classes have been enjoying some end of year class Christmas parties this week. Amber class takes the award for "gentility and refinement" as can be seen from the beautiful pictures included later in this Newsletter from their Christmas-themed High Tea. It celebrated all the hard work they have completed in Food Technology this year. The students worked incredibly hard these last two days to help prepare the feast they enjoyed. Apparently, the Black Forest Mousse cups were the favourite to make... and eat!



Congratulations to Amber class and all our classes this year on another year of hard and productive work. We as staff, and I know parents too, are very proud of them all. Enjoy the photos on page 8.

Parent Survey Results:

Thank you to the 50% of our families, who responded to our recent Parent Survey this year. The results have been overwhelmingly positive in all respects as can be seen from the summary on the next page.

MOVING
TOWARDS **K-12**
10 December 2021

2022 DATES

TERM 1

Commences 31 January 2022
Concludes 7 April 2022

TERM 2

Commences 27 April 2022
Concludes 24 June 2022

TERM 3

Commences 19 July 2022
Concludes 23 September
2022

TERM 4

Commences 11 October 2022
Concludes 9 December 2022

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1. 97 parents across all satellites and Wahroonga campus and across all age groups of students responded to the survey (approximately 50% of our families).
2. The survey asked 35 questions about levels of effective communication between school and home; effectiveness of IEPs; receiving useful feedback from teachers; openness of communication; high staff expectations of students; partnership with parents; safety and behaviour management; support services (therapy, psychology and family support); quality of school leadership; maintenance of the school; value for school fees; cocurricular and other educational programs; holiday program; therapy provision; religious education and spirituality; response to Covid.

In all of these questions across the whole life and operation of the school during 2021 parents indicated they either agreed or strongly agreed that the school was doing an excellent job in each of the questions asked or rated answers as being between 90 to 100 percent to each question.

3. These are very affirming responses from our parent body and reflect the incredible hard work and professionalism of the staff this year in a very challenging set of circumstances in the unfolding pandemic as we remained 'open for business'. It is so lovely that this is appreciated and recognised by you, the parents.
4. Workshops of interest to parents in order of priority include: Self-Regulation; Positive Behaviour Support; Supporting Siblings; NDIS Support; Family Wellbeing and Self Care; Puberty and My Child; Post School Planning for High School Students.
5. Many of the comments from parents were especially positive as well and included:
 - "The new classrooms are just lovely. So beautiful."
 - "The Dominic Centre looks fabulous and very well-thought out."
 - "I am so happy that St Lucy's will be soon K-12."
 - "Let's have more satellite classes."
 - "St Lucy's is a fabulous school."
 - "We are blessed to have our child at St Lucy's."
 - "We are totally delighted with all areas of St Lucy's."
 - "You are a wonderful school run by an outstanding and caring staff."
 - "The school remaining open throughout Covid lockdowns was a life-saver for our family."

Farewell Mrs Dillon:

We farewell Mrs Dillon today as she takes up her appointment as the Head of Wellbeing at St Edmund's College next year. Their gain is our loss and we want to send her on the way with every blessing and thanks from this community for all her hard work and devotion as our Religious Education Coordinator over these last 5 years. Much has been achieved by Mrs Dillon in this role and we thank her and wish her well in her next exciting adventure.

Happy Christmas:

In what has again been another memorable year of progress for the School and our whole St Lucy's community I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff and you, our parents for your support and flexibility in these on-going strange times in which we all live. Please take care over the holidays and enjoy a well-deserved rest with family in whatever way that happens for you and yours. May God continue to bless and protect us all this Christmas as we remember the saving gift He sent us all in the form of the baby Jesus. Take care and do stay connected with the school over the break if need be.

David Raphael
Principal





CHRISTMAS CAROLS CONCERT



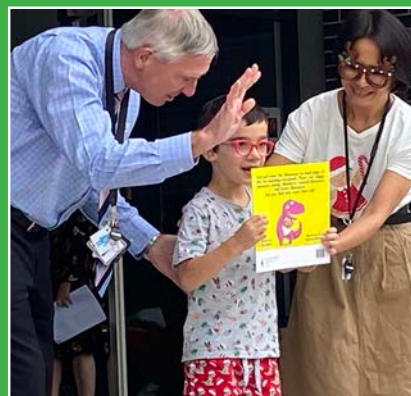


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St Lucy's School Values Award for TRUTH

We seek to understand, respect and believe in **Truth**

Nicholas Antoun – Emerald

Dylan Ainscow – Jade

Finn Tokic – Sapphire

St Lucy's School Values Award for COURAGE

We act with **Courage** to inspire risk taking for growth

Owen Evans – Emerald

Joseph MacDermid – Emerald

Cruz Balfour – Garnet

St Lucy's School Values Award for JOY

The Spirit is ever present here as we embrace the **Joy** of moments

Anna Simpson – Amber

Oskar Groenewald – Topaz

Aiden Williams – Turquoise

Charlotte Low - Jade

St Lucy's School Values Award for COMMUNITY

We foster **Community** through connections, relationships, and collaboration

Hugh Wechsler – Aquamarine

Angeline Boyadjian – Turquoise

Gus Lindsay – Citrine

The St Dominic Prize for:

Building community joyfulness generosity to others inclusion.

Daniel O'Connor – Garnet

Oscar Hay – Peridot

The Sheila Flynn Prize for:

Love of beauty, compassion for those who are hurting, self-expression through art, music, drama, dance or writing, prayer and contemplation

Ayden Lacana – Pearl

Owen Davis Brown - Tanzanite

The St Albert the Great Prize for:

- Curiosity and exploration
- Love of nature and fascination with aspects of nature
- Wisdom

Albertus Magnus was a Dominican who became a doctor of the Church. He was renowned for his knowledge in theology and shared this through many appointments as a lecturer in many European universities. One of his students was Thomas Aquinas. He was also fascinated with biology and became a highly sought after mediator.

Gidon Budai – Malachite

Milla Hammer – Onyx

Matheus Kullman – Ruby

Connor Anderson - Amethyst

The Antonio de Montesinos Prize for:

- Justice
- Speaking out for others in need
- Publicly expressing what is right
- Courage

Antonio de Montesinos was a Dominican Friar in Hispaniola who gave the first modern speech of social justice, demanding that rich mine and plantation owners stop abusing their Indian workers or slaves.

Alexander Gordon – Aquamarine

Fahad Omar – Citrine

Andrew Chibika – Sunstone

The Rose of Lima Prize for:

- Care and compassion for others
- Love of God
- Prayer and faithfulness
- Integrity

St Rose of Lima is the patron saint of Latin America and the Philippines. She rejected her own beauty in order to serve God through service of others. She lived a life of self-denial and compassionate giving to others.

Rafa MacPherson – Diamond

Ava Szalay – Sapphire

Rose White - Tourmaline

The St Catherine Prize for:

- Compassion
- Outreach to others beyond immediate circle
- One who struggles with their demons and overcomes them
- Peace: one who seeks to bring peace and unity

Catherine of Siena entered the Dominican Family in her late teens, and became a renowned mystic writer. She was an advocate for the poor and sick, often visiting homes and hospitals to care for them. Catherine also became a peace activist, and was instrumental in restoring the Papacy to Rome during deeply factional times.

Alsher Manlapao - Moonstone

Josiah Wormald – Onyx

Zef DeBruin – Opal

The Thomas Aquinas Prize for:

- Love of knowledge and learning
- A searcher for truth, a thinker
- Love of God
- Humility
- Respect for and valuing of others

Thomas Aquinas was born into a wealthy family but sought a life of dedication to the Dominican Order of Preachers, studying theology and becoming a prolific writer. He challenged many writings of other theologians at the time.

Isabella Chen – Peridot

Matthew Lo – Tanzanite

The St Martin de Porres Prize for:

- Inclusion of all, especially those who are excluded by others
- Compassion to the sick, the needy
- Good citizenship
- Courtesy

Martin de Porres grew up in extreme poverty after his dad left him, his mum and sister when Martin was very young. As a result, Martin was sent to work and gain a trade at the age of 7. He volunteered at a Dominican Monastery in his early teenage years, later taking his vows and becoming a Dominican. Throughout much of his life, Martin experienced racist taunts and mistreatment, which encouraged him all the more to become an advocate for the downtrodden, showing much compassion and care for one and all.

Gavin Hunter – Garnet

Aris Peri – Jasper

Award for improvement:

Leo Papa – Amber

Sofia Shepherd – Diamond

William Daly – Diamond

Luna Huwazan – Onyx

An-Yu Chueh – Pearl

Dylan Denley – Ruby

Orlando Seibel – Tanzanite

Kinsley Woo – Turquoise

The Principal's Award for Leadership in 2021:

Xavier McKie

Poppy Botheras

Rachael Macrae

The Principal's Award for Leadership in High School:

Joshua Gill (Aquamarine) – independently completing jobs around the school – demonstrating great work ethic – welcoming new staff through tours of the school

Lachlan Hunter (Amber) always courteous & respectful, helps with jobs around school, very patient when waiting for swings

Ben Sherlock (Malachite) being a good role model.

Student Leaders 2022

1. Holly Clarke

2. Matilda Oowler

3. Kwasi Adukonu



The graphic features the text 'ST LUCY'S RAFFLE' at the top. Below it, the word 'RAFFLE!' is written in large, colorful, blocky letters. Underneath that, the word 'WINNERS' is written in large, white, bold letters. The background is a dark, textured surface. Below the text, there is a list of winners and their prizes, followed by a thank you message.

Congratulations to the following winners of the St Lucy's 2021 raffle:

1st PRIZE WINNER: Tamara Oppen
2nd PRIZE WINNER: Heejin Shin
3rd PRIZE WINNER: Laurel Akra
4th PRIZE WINNER: Kevin Woo
5th PRIZE WINNER: Keith Townsend
6th PRIZE WINNER: Katie McDonagh
7th PRIZE WINNER: Gary Duff
8th PRIZE WINNER: Mitchel Price

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets this year!

AMBER CLASS HIGH TEA

This week Amber class enjoyed a Christmas-themed High Tea to celebrate all the hard work they have done in Food technology this year. The students have worked incredibly hard the last two days to help prepare the feast we enjoyed. Due to Covid we couldn't go and enjoy a high tea out, or make one for the parents as we were hoping to do. Instead we enjoyed one in the comfort of our own classroom and the foods you see below are what we have made this term. The Black Forest Mousse cups were definitely the favourite to make... and eat!

Congratulations to Amber students on their hard work this year, we are very proud of you all!

Amber team



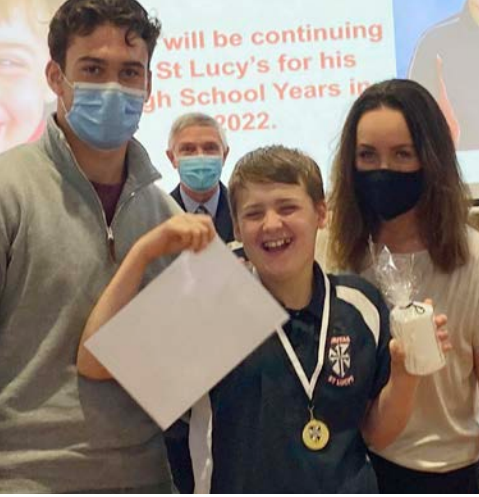
ASSISTED TRANSPORT

Being the last day of the Assisted Transport year, I recommend you discuss with your driver to organise the removal of any equipment - child seats, buckleguards, harnesses etc from the car. We can't be sure that you will have the same driver next year, and this is the time when buckleguards etc go missing. It's also a great opportunity to clean the car seat for a fresh start in 2022.

If you're advised of a new driver, I'd suggest trying to meet them over the break, for an easy transition to the new year.

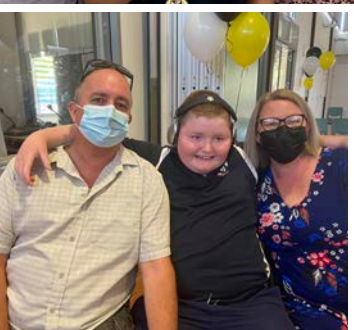
Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas, and a restful break.

Terry Williamson



congratulations graduates

CLASS OF 2021



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE

“A Blessing for our Year 6 Students”

We give thanks to God for the gift that you have been to our School and Parish communities.

May you treasure your gifts and talents and use them well for your own good and the good of all whom you meet.

May you know God's great love for you and always believe and trust that God has a great plan for you.

May you always treasure the gift of faith and continue to grow in friendship with Jesus.

May God bless you as you set out on the next part of your journey in life.



This prayer was shared recently at our Year 6 Graduation, and captures beautifully the journey these incredibly special children have been on with us thus far, and the endless potential and possibilities still to be encountered as they journey forth.

It was a truly joyful occasion that was shared with Fr Paul, Sr Helen, parents and staff. It celebrated the evident growth and development these children have undertaken throughout their time with us in the Primary Years, so much of what they have contributed has enhanced our sense of Community. It is always an honour and a privilege to bear witness to the Truths that are revealed to us as school staff, and to share in this in moments like Graduation creates life-long memories.

To all our Year 6 Graduands, we thank you for the gift you are and blessing you are in our lives, and the lives of your families!

Congratulations Benson, Chris, Luke, Jacob, Cruz, Gavin, Bradley, Sofia, Poppy, Rafa, Samara, Alex, Xavier and Rachel!



Year 6 Graduation Liturgy Acknowledgements: A very special thank you to Fr Paul, Sr Helen, Mr Raphael, Ms Jones, Maria Manzatti, Alex Fisher, Caroline Fowler, Jenny Liu, Lynne Pinker, Sara Balfour and Leanne Ratcliffe for the instrumental role you helped play in our recent Year 6 Graduation!

And a massive expression of gratitude to the awesome Year 6 Teaching Team for all your dedication and collaboration in bringing together a beautiful Graduation liturgy for our Year 6 students – Nikki, Larrissa, Katherine, Annika, Brooke, Beck, Bella, Johny, Emma B, Emma L, Immy, Nicole, Siobhan, Allison, Katie J and Kate M.

Special Thank You to C3 Church, Wahroonga: We just wanted to acknowledge and thank our wonderful friends at C3 Church for their continued kindness, generosity and support extended to our school community throughout this year! The provision of free shopping trips for our families to attend, as well as some very generous donations, have been so gratefully received and much appreciated! We look forward to a continued relationship and connection next year and throughout the years to come!

Farewell and Thank You from me to you... It is hard to believe that this will be my final Newsletter to you all... Next year, I will start my newest professional journey at St Edmund's as their Head of Wellbeing. It is with bittersweet emotions that I contemplate the notion of moving on from St Lucy's, as there has been so much that I have experienced here these past 5 years, which have shaped me into the person I am today. Thank you for the many kindly worded and beautiful sentiments I have received from you via email these last couple of days... I know that I will be forever grateful for the way in which you have welcomed me here, and enabled me to walk with you along many journeys – whether there be high points or low, challenges or rewards; every moment is one that I have truly cherished, been forever inspired by and shall remain etched forever on my heart and soul.

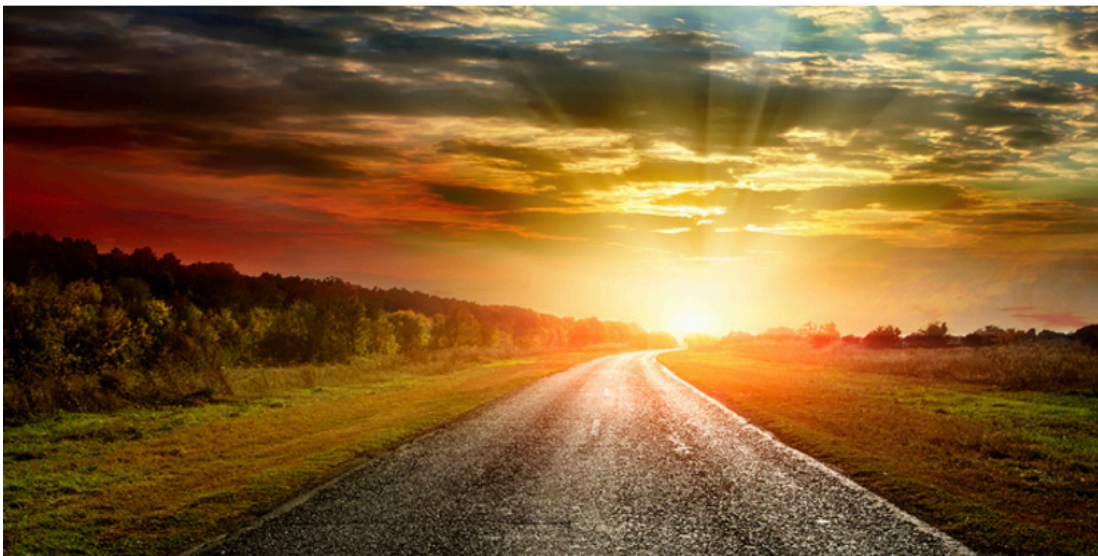
May the road rise up to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back

May the sunshine warm upon your face,

and may the rain fall soft upon your fields.

Until we meet again, may you be held in the palm of God's hands.



Wishing you peace and blessings now and always.

Vanessa Dillon

Classroom Teacher - REC