



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome:

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our continuing families here at St Lucy's for 2022. It has been lovely starting to connect again with you all as best we can manage at the moment and see your lovely children and young people again. The lovely smiles as they each returned on Monday, even the really new Kindy students, was just amazing. They all transitioned into school so well and have had a remarkably settled week after the long summer break and disruptions of last year.

We also welcome our new staff to the school this year who came to their induction training on Tuesday 25 January.

Elizabeth Webster (Head of Mission and Identity K-12), Lili Guirguis (Classroom Teacher), Michelle Le Patourel (Classroom Teacher), Odile Wilkins (Classroom Teacher), Mia Boyd (Classroom Teacher), Deborah Boffa Music Teacher), Clayton Neeson-Smith (Teacher's Aide), Jessica Green (Teacher's Aide), Louise Jamieson (Teacher's Aide), Sally Hawkins (Teacher's Aide), Belinda Barton (Teacher's Aide), Tony Mead (Teacher's Aide), Kaley Wall (Teacher's Aide), Raquel Bennett (Teacher's Aide), Tammy Allen (Teacher's Aide), Tiffany Rose (Database Administrator)

Staff Training:

We commenced the term as a staff with a liturgy and two days of professional learning which covered off CPR/ First Aid as well as the Crisis Prevention Institute – Safety Intervention Course (previously known to some as MAPA). The CPI course covered the topics of the Crisis Development Model, Integrated Experience, Communication Skills, Responding to Defensive Behaviours, Safety Interventions, Disengagement Skills, Restrictive Interventions, Decision Making, Holding Skills, Post Crisis Responses. It combined on-line learning and practical sessions to practise the recommended techniques of calming an escalating student behaviour and help keep students and staff as safe as possible. Our thanks to Kathleen Walsh for organising our CPR session as well as Mimi Fraser and Lynne Pinker for being our train the trainers. In addition, there were various planning meetings and time for class teams to meet and prepare the classroom itself for the commencement of the year.

MOVING
TOWARDS **K-12**
04 February 2022

2022 DATES

TERM 1

Parent Information Night:
17 February (online)

IEP Week - Week 6
(details to come)

Term 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

Principal: Mr David Raphael
www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au
Ph: 9487 1277

Covid Update:

Thank you for your cooperation with the RAT testing each Monday and Wednesday morning. We are due to receive our next batch of tests at school at some point during next week and will let you know the arrangements for the next distribution of tests for Weeks 3 and 4.

Just a few quick reminders:

- Parents/carers are to remember if your child or young person has tested positive to Covid to register the results on the Service NSW app and contact the school asap and forward your notice to absent@stlucys.nsw.edu.au.
- If your child or young person is displaying any Covid symptoms, they are to stay home, have a PCR test and only return if a negative result is received and experiencing no symptoms.
- High school students must wear masks at any time while indoors unless the student in question has a significant aversion to wearing a mask. Primary students are strongly encouraged to also wear a mask when indoors. Any mask is better than no mask but preferably not vented masks or cloth masks. The ideal is to wear a surgical quality or similar mask which gives better protection.
- If anyone in your household tests positive, your St Lucy's child is required to complete 7 days of isolation and return after a negative RAT.
- Please continue to advise us as your child receives their vaccinations.

Car Park Reminder:

Parents are requested to turn LEFT when turning IN to the car park off Billyard and turn LEFT when turning OUT. This is so we maximise your safety and that of your children in what can be a very busy zone of congested traffic especially in the afternoon pick up period when street vision is restricted. Please also remain in your vehicle and turn the engine off when below and drop and collect your child from the door, so we maintain the air quality for all concerned.

In the afternoons when your child is brought down to the glass vestibule exit the vehicle and go to the door to collect and load them. Also, if we can ensure we all move our cars as far forward as possible when traffic clears to allow as many cars to be loaded simultaneously to help speed the process of pick up and drop off. Thanks for your patience and support of these measures. Further, given the high numbers of families now using the underground car park we will be introducing a new system next week to better manage the flow of traffic. This will include name cards for your windscreen.

Parent Information Night: 17 February 2022

PIN will take place on Tuesday 17 February at 6pm and will be via Teams. This is an opportunity to link with your class team and hear all the nitty gritty practical details about the class and what your teaching team need from you to assist the cause of learning for our students. Each class will suggest some items

(Wish List) that parents may wish to group together and provide funds for so that these can be purchased for your specific class needs. This is the only fundraising 'ask' we make of parents each year. More information will be sent by your class team shortly.

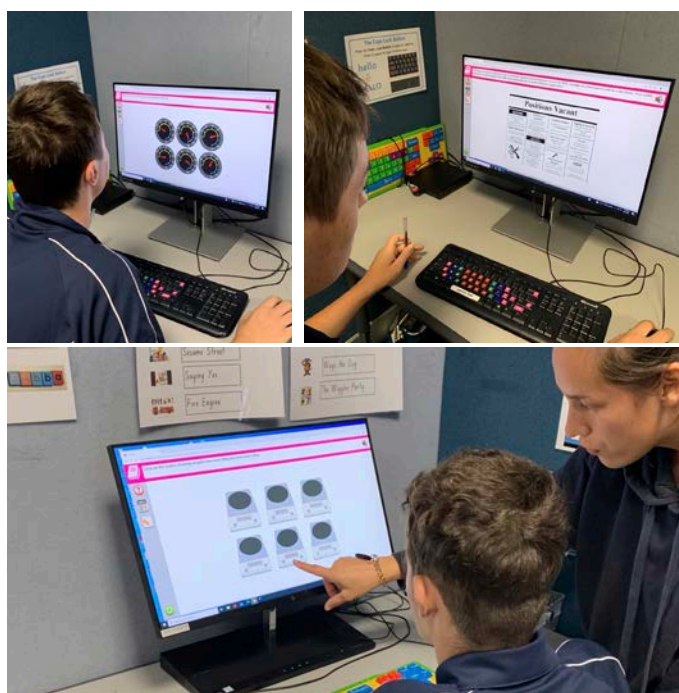
Individual Education Plan Meetings:

IEPs will be held in Week 6 starting from Monday 28 February through to Friday 4 March and your class team will let you know nearer the time of the particular day and booking arrangements and details. These important goal setting meetings can be held face to face or via Teams if you prefer. You are welcome to involve external therapists at these meeting to assist in the close cooperation between home and school as the goals for this Semester are set for your child or young person. It will be a pupil free day on the day of your child's IEP meeting. Child minding for St Lucy's students will be available for the IEP meeting and specialist meetings at Wahroonga campus.

Please note that satellite class IEPs will be held at Wahroonga campus not the respective host school sites unless otherwise specified by your class teacher.

Vocational Educational Training (VET):

This week a group of our Stage 5 students attended their first VET (Vocational Educational Training) session! St Lucy's is offering the Certificate I in Active Volunteering in 2022 to students in Years 9 and 10 as an elective subject. The students will engage in units of work that teach them about the role of volunteer workers and equip them with the foundation skills that they are required to have to effectively undertake volunteer work. In the first session students completed a mandatory Induction Program and then their Language, Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. Watch this space for more exciting news and below are some photos of the students doing their training!



David Raphael
Principal

PARENT CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE

We will also be sending home in your child's bag a sheet with the key contact information held on our database. Please review this sheet, making any changes in red pen and completing any gaps. If you have any questions please contact Terryw@stlucys.nsw.edu.au . Please return to us in your child's bag by Friday 11 February 2022.

ASSISTED TRANSPORT

The Department has asked us to advise parents that they have a heavy load at the moment and are asking for patience with processing of variations.

PHOTO PERMISSION FORM 2022

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. We will be sending a purple form home in your child's schoolbag that needs to be completed and sent back by Friday 11th February. Narrabeen and Narrabeen classes you will receive these early next week.

SKOOLBAG APP

For families new to Skoolbag, we encourage you to download the app. We publish our newsletter on this and send notifications to families through this communication platform. Please visit <https://www.moqproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/> to see instructions on how to download the app.



ST LUCY'S SOCIAL MEDIA

St Lucy's social media platforms are a great way to see what is happening around the school as well as see upcoming workshops or events that may be of interest to you.



You can follow **St Lucy's Facebook page** by using the following link:
<https://www.facebook.com/STLUCYSSCHOOL>



You can follow **St Lucy's Instagram page** by using the following link:
https://www.instagram.com/stlucysschool_wahroonga/

St Lucy's P&F Facebook page.

The Parents & Friends have set up a Facebook page for parents to message useful information to each other. If you would like to join this closed group please see the ad below.

Join Our Facebook Community

How to find our group:
Search for "St Lucy's Parents and Friends Community" or follow the link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/283397009022692> after answering some questions, an admin member will verify and approve your access.

About our private Facebook group: it's accessible only to parents & guardians of currently enrolled students at St Lucy's School. Created and maintained by parents, this group is a fun, helpful and safe place to connect with other parents. With the aim of building rapport, creating opportunities to connect and strengthen our school community.

The Group Rules are simple:

1. Always follow the Parent Code of Conduct.
2. No School Grievances
3. Be Kind and Courteous
4. No Promotions or Spam
5. Respect Everyone's Privacy
6. We're all in this together

JOIN NOW

PARENTS & FRIENDS



High School

Our year 7 students have settled in well to High School and had a great week. They are enjoying being part of the big kids gang!



Year 10 Food Technology

Our year 10 Food Technology students for 2022!! This week the students made Davidson plum jam as part of their studies of Australian Aboriginal bush tucker. Students will enjoy their plum jam on some wattle-seed damper that they will make next week.



CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

Welcome to Creative Arts at St Lucy's. Students have impressed us this week in the Studios! Here are a couple of highlights:



Stage 1 student drawing by Matheus in Robin class

Our Creative Arts after school Project begin in Week 4 (week beginning Monday 14th February).

Mondays: Theatre Project & Art Project

Tuesday: Dance Project

Wednesday: Dance Project and Art Project

If you would like any information about these programs, you can find it on the school website or please contact me at alip@stlucys.nsw.edu.au



Stage 3 students meet 'Solomon the Scientist' in Drama and create dramatic scenarios for their Science Unit of Work: 'May the Force be with You'.

The Creative Arts Team is made up of professional 'specialist' artists. We are:

Alessandra Picone, Drama Specialist and Head of Creative Arts

Anneliese Kirk, Dance Specialist

Deborah Boffa, Music Teacher

Ed Hayes, Visual Artist and Teacher

James Hine, Dance Specialist

Lucy Egger, Music Specialist

Marci Ordonez, Visual Artsist and Teacher

Simon Freestone, Drama Specialist

I am looking forward to sharing our students' creative and artistic journey with you in 2022

Kind regards,

Alessandra Picone

Head of Creative Arts

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE

Even though we were unable to physically come together as a school for our Opening School Liturgy, all teachers created a sacred space in their classroom and engaged in prayer and reflection centred on the theme of new beginnings. Sr Helen and I agreed that an appropriate Gospel passage for this event would be The Road to Emmaus.

Located in the final chapter of the Gospel of Luke, The Road to Emmaus is a simple yet beautiful story about two of Jesus' disciples who are deeply distressed and confused, as they are trying to come to terms with Jesus' death. They then find themselves in deep conversation with the risen Jesus himself- only they do not recognise him.

When they finally get to Emmaus, they invite this mystery

companion to stay with them and instead of continuing in his journey, Jesus agrees.

When they are at the table, Jesus gives thanks and breaks the bread with them: it is then that they recognize Him. Immediately, Jesus disappears, and they rush back to Jerusalem that very evening, find the 11 apostles, and tell them what happened.

The ancient wisdom in this story is still pertinent for today because so often it is easy for us to become blinkered and lose sight of the love, joy and hope that is always present in our daily lives.

Wishing everyone a wonderful 2022!

Elizabeth Webster

Head of Mission and Identity

UNIFORM INCREASE

Dear Parents

Due to an increase in price from our uniform suppliers we will be increasing the cost of our uniforms from the 14th of February 2022. This increase is beyond our control and please know we do try to keep the cost down by absorbing costs where we can.

If you would like to order any items please use your Flexischools account and place your order there. We will be filling all uniform orders daily over the next 2 weeks and we will then revert to our once a weekly delivery.

If you have any questions about our uniform please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Patricia McCarthy



HIGH SCHOOL MERIT AWARDS



MERIT AWARDS WEEK 1

Eagle	Anna Simpson & Matthew Threlfo
Fantail	Joshua Lawrence-Slater
Fernwren	Matthew Beadman
Galah	Pablo Rostirola
Magpie	Paddy Sweeney
Osprey	Gidon Budai
Whipbird	Samara Macklin & Luke Di Staso



STAR OF THE WEEK PRIMARY AWARDS



STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 1)

Bellbird	Elina Arevalo	Kingfisher	Austin Sproats
Bowerbird	Sophia Torbarac	Lorikeet	Austin Cameron
Brolga	Brydi Mara	Lyrebird	All of Lyrebird Class
Cassowary	David Salsano	Parrot	Leo Donath-Hale
Cockatoo	Fahad Omar	Pelican	Talha Tanzeel
Corella	Aiden Williams	Plover	Abigail O'Keefe
Currawong	Sawyer Langan-Stark	Robin	Darcy Richards
Egret	Winnie Harvey	Swan	All of Swan Class
Finch	Joshua Uler		
Kestrel	Angeline Boyadjian		

ST LUCY'S SCHOOL

A Community enriched by difference; inspiring learning for a life of purpose



St Lucy's is a K-12 school for students with disabilities located in Wahroonga. We invite you to one of our Open Days to see how your child will benefit from:

- A personalised and balanced education
- St Lucy's Primary students participate in a rich NESA curriculum which is the same as their mainstream peers with Key Learning Areas being: English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science and Technology, Creative Arts, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.
- St Lucy's High School students participate in a NESA Life Skills Curriculum from Years 7-12 with the inclusion of electives
- On-site speech pathologists, occupational therapists, behavioural staff and psychologists who work with classroom staff
- A creative arts program including Visual Arts, Dance, Drama and Music
- Physical Education program including swimming in our heated pool
- A brand new state of the art building
- We have 2 bursaries available in 2023

ST LUCY'S OPEN DAY SESSIONS:

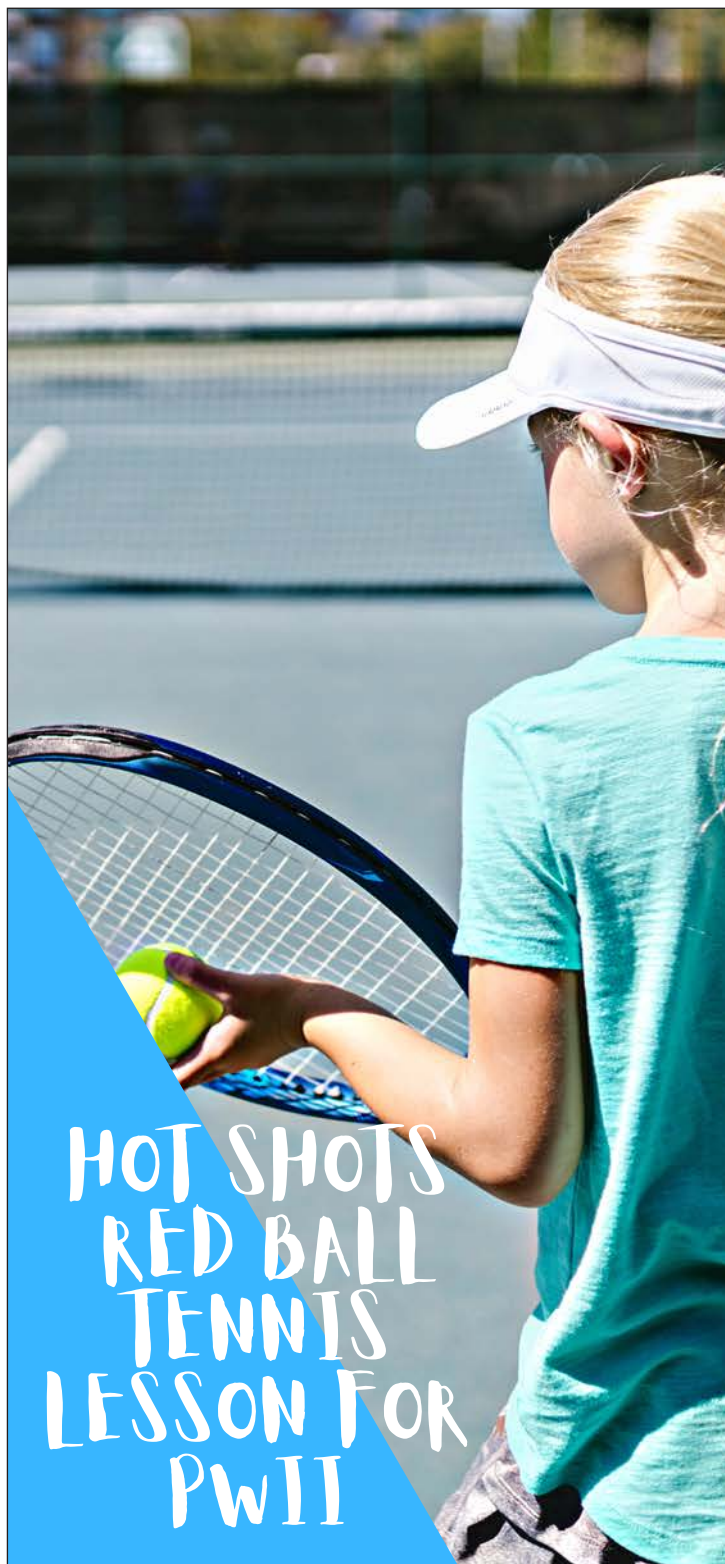
For more information contact the Registrar on 8355 3157 or enrol@stlucys.nsw.edu.au. Applications close 15 May 2022 for commencement in 2023.

Tuesday	08 March	K-6 Open Day # 1	9.15am
Thursday	09 March	High School Open Day	9.15am
Thursday	17 March	Narrabeen Satellite Class Open Day	9.15am
Thursday	24 March	K-6 Open Day # 2	9.15am

To book into an open day session, please visit:

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

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HOT SHOTS RED BALL TENNIS LESSON FOR PWII



All abilities Coach Paula: 0403 347 898 (M), paulagibsonroy@gmail.com (E)

Evolve Tennis Academy

has received a
Tennis Australia
Inclusion Club
Grant to run
subsidised tennis
lessons for Players
with Intellectual
Impairment

-**Location:** Collaroy Tennis Club,
Griffith Park, Anzac Parade
Collaroy

-**Date:** Term 1 2022, 6 week
period commencing 9/02/22 -
16/03/22

-**Day and Time:** Wednesday 4:15-
5:00pm

-**Cost:** Free

*Maximum 4 players per group

