



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents.

Parents - Welcome Back to School: Swimming and IEPs

It has been marvellous last week to see some parents and others return to the campus including swimming volunteers and again this week for parents to be able to attend in person the IEP meetings. It seems we are finally having some return to normality. Let us hope it continues this way from now onwards.

I trust the IEP for your son or daughter was useful for you either in person or on Teams. Collaboration between home and school is always so important for us as we seek to serve the needs of the students here.

Welcome back!

Vaccinations: A Priority

As summer ends and autumn begins, now, before the flu season is the time to organise the flu shot as well as get your child/young person fully Covid vaccinated. The current Covid vaccination statistics that have been communicated to us by parents for our community are:

Primary aged students = 16% with first dose of vaccine (27 students of 163)

Secondary aged students = 66% double/booster of vaccine (34 students of 51)

Total enrolment = 214 students

Staff = 100% double and others as eligible with booster vaccine

We know not all students can be vaccinated as they may still be too young or may have medical issues which prevent vaccination. Equally, some parents may not have kept us informed of the vaccination status of their child. Nonetheless, I believe as parents we can do better than the statistics indicate above. I also believe it is vital to get as many students fully vaccinated as soon as possible to protect your extended family members (especially the elderly) as well as our staff and their extended family members from infection and the transmission of infection at school.

Parents, please do get your child fully vaccinated as soon as possible for the benefit of all. If you need any assistance in doing so, please contact Kathleen Walsh kathleenw@stlucys.nsw.edu.au or Terry Williamson

MOVING TOWARDS K-12 04 March 2022

TERM 1

P&F Meeting

Wednesday 16 March, 6.30pm

Swimming Carnivals

Years 5-10: Friday 11 March

Years 1-4: Friday 25 March

Transition Meetings

Wahroonga Campus

Monday 28 March, 9.30am

Narrabeen (H2O Café)

Wednesday 30 March, 9.30am

Term 1 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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terryw@stlucys.nsw.edu.au . If you have already commenced the process and not let us know please do let us know so our medical records are accurate. If there is sufficient interest, we may be able to organise a medical vaccination clinic to help the cause of us all being as safe as possible, especially during this looming winter season.

Covid Restrictions: An Update

Although many schools are dispensing with masks at this time, we will continue to wear masks indoors as adults (staff, volunteers, visitors) for the remainder of Term 1 to be safe and precautionary. Plus, only adults who are fully vaccinated, ideally with booster jab, are able to be on campus and our satellites for the remainder of this term.

We have so far done so well this term in minimising the number of students and staff with Covid infection thanks to all our efforts to wear masks, socially distance and maintain good hand hygiene and cough etiquette, RAT testing and isolating when in doubt. Please maintain the rage when at school and beyond for the rest of Term 1.

You will have received the last batch of RAT tests in your child's bag this week to see you through to the end of this term. These can be used as you see fit when you need confirmation of your child being negative or suspect your child may be positive after noticing symptoms. There is no longer the need for us all to test every Monday and Wednesday before coming to school. We will continue to send students home if they appear to be developing symptoms during the day (and although an inconvenience to parents to have to come to school to collect your young person) it is another way we can all play our part to be as safe as possible for our whole community.

Take care and stay connected.

David Raphael

Principal

ST JOHN'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Plover Class were very excited to participate in the St John's swimming carnival last week and they had as much fun cheering all their team mates on as they did racing in their own event.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE

St. Lucy's Sacramental Program 2022

Sr. Helen Merrin and I are delighted to be able to run a range of sacramental programs for the young people here at St. Lucy's. Throughout the program, we will focus on preparing the students to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Confirmation is made by those students who are baptised Catholics.

In our Diocese of Broken Bay, **Confirmation** is celebrated after Baptism, but before Reconciliation and First Eucharist. As such, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is made by students who have and have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. After the Sacrament of Reconciliation, students then prepare for First Eucharist.

We are very fortunate to have such strong ties with our local Parish, Holy Name Wahroonga. We work closely with Fr Paul Durkin and Fr Sam French, who play a vital role in supporting our student's spiritual growth.

If you would like to enrol your young person for the for any of the sacramental programs, or have any questions, please email me directly: elizabethw@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

The preparation classes will be facilitated by Sr Helen Merrin (College Chaplain) and myself here at St. Lucy's on Wednesday mornings. The dates for the ceremony (which will also be held at school), classes and parent information sessions will be finalised in due course.

Ash Wednesday

Lent began yesterday (Ash Wednesday). We celebrated a ritual in our own classes, where we encouraged the students how they can "keep a good Lent" by aiming to make good choices.

Ms Liz Webster

Head of Mission and Identity K-12





CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

Our Creative Arts after school programs: Theatre Project, Dance Project, and Art Project, are off to a wonderful start. Students continue to impress with their creativity, enthusiasm, and talent. We are looking forward to sharing more with you from the after-school programs throughout the year.



Please stay tuned for the Creative Arts April Vacation Care Program. The enrolment form will be coming to families via email next week.

ST LUCY'S CREATIVE ARTS VACATION CARE PROGRAM



This Creative Arts Vacation Care Program will take students around the world to explore the arts and cultures of sensational places, all in our beautiful Creative Arts Studios!

Students may also enrol in a day of swimming and water play (places will be allocated according to availability)

MONDAY 11TH APRIL CARIBBEAN BLUES

Explore the sounds and colours of the Caribbean with this set of workshops based on island living!

TUESDAY 12TH APRIL AMALFI COAST CRUISE

Painting citrus fruits, exploring a blue grotto, and dancing the Tarantella – this workshop is going to be 'incredibile'!

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL DAY IN THE DAINTREE

Create a forest of sounds and colours, explore indigenous music, and create a dance of the Daintree animals!

THURSDAY 14TH APRIL CALIFORNIA DREAMING

Surfs up for this workshop when we celebrate surf culture, sand, sea life and sunshine!

Kind regards,
Alessandra Picone
Head of Creative Arts

From the Registrar

Transition Meetings

With your IEP's underway some of you will be turning your thoughts to the possibility of transitioning your child to another setting in 2023 and 2024. This can be a quite overwhelming time, and it's often hard to know where to start.

We've organised the following transition meetings to help you find your way through it all:

Wahroonga Campus, 9:30am Monday 28 March
Narrabeen (H2O Café), 9:30am Wednesday 30 March.

Our psychologists Mimi Fraser and Andrea Kuepper, and I will be there to discuss the options available, the enrolment processes; requirements and processes to move into/between our satellite settings; what assessments are required; application timelines etc.

If you are considering transitioning to another setting either in 2023 or 2024, you are strongly encouraged to attend, as you

will need to start having your child assessed. You'll no doubt be talking to your child's teacher already, and they'll be able to guide you on readiness.

Please email Terryw@stlucys.nsw.edu.au if you intend joining us at either of these meetings.

P&F

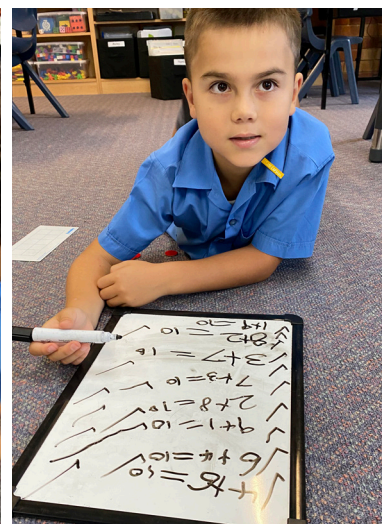
We can happily start having P&F meetings back on site! Yayy!! We're looking forward to welcome any parents who would like to join us for a glass of wine and some nibbles at 6:30pm on Wednesday 16 March.

If you would prefer to join by Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89729144576?pwd=MzdsWGhsZ2x0Wmd0bmRQTEQ1b202dz09>.

Terry Williamson
Registrar

Robin class learning about Friends of 10

Robin class making number bonds to 10, also known as 'Friends of 10' as part of their mathematics unit. The students are using 2-sided coloured counters and a tens frame.



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL 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	FULL	9.15am
Thursday	24 March	K-6 Open Day # 2	FULL	9.15am
Thursday	29 March	K-6 Open Day # 3		9.15am
Wednesday	09 March	High School Open Day		9.15am
Thursday	17 March	Narrabeen Satellite Class Open Day		9.15am

To book into an open day session, please visit:

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



HIGH SCHOOL MERIT AWARDS



MERIT AWARDS WEEK 5

Eagle	Leo Papa
Fantail	Joseph MacDermid
Fernwren	Sofia Shepherd
Galah	Joshua Gill
Magpie	Jack Olling
Osprey	Ben Sherlock
Whipbird	Benson Hiser

MERIT AWARDS WEEK 6

Eagle	Maggie Noonan
Fantail	Tiarnan Malone
Fernwren	Jacob Hillard
Galah	Eddy Livingstone-Foggo
Magpie	Karuka Uthayakumaran & Livia Maltby
Osprey	Anna Bray
Whipbird	Rafa Macpherson



STAR OF THE WEEK PRIMARY AWARDS



STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 5)

Bellbird	Lucas Cheung
Bowerbird	William FitzGibbon
Brolga	Blake Roberts
Cassowary	Rocco Knox, Rosie Heath, Kavin Baskaran
Cockatoo	Milla Hammer
Corella	Hugo Le Roy
Currawong	Zef de Bruin
Egret	Xavier Adams
Finch	Julian Mrvica
Kestrel	Axel Maloney

Kingfisher	Madison Garcia
Lorikeet	Joshua Garrett
Lyrebird	Heidi Foxall
Parrot	Sasha Lipworth
Pelican	Oliver Zawodny
Plover	Dylan Ainscow
Robin	Ethan Richey
Swan	Zac Chen

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 6)

Bellbird	Scotty Roberts
Bowerbird	Owen Davis-Brown
Brolga	Jayden Wang
Cassowary	Daniel Shim
Cockatoo	Rose White
Corella	Oliver D'Souza
Currawong	Maye Akra
Egret	Jude McPherson
Finch	Archie Killian

Kestrel	Caitlyn Shin
Kingfisher	Ruby Mercer
Lorikeet	Oskar Groenewald
Lyrebird	Jamie Hunter
Parrot	Orlando Guidaci
Pelican	Daniel O'Connor
Plover	Ava Szalay
Robin	Grayson Turner
Swan	Keshav Ivaturi

FAMILY SUPPORT



St Lucy's Family Support Worker - Welcome to 2022

Dear St Lucy's Community,

My name is Jono Carey the Family Support Worker at St Lucy's School. A huge welcome to the school community to our new families and students, it is great to have you. Greetings to our many families who have been a part of our special community for some time. The school is growing and so is our incredible community. The Covid restrictions have brought challenges to our community. With less face-to-face communication and opportunities for face-to-face connections, it can definitely make you feel less involved and included.

I hope to connect with you and to find ways to support you and your family. Please look out for my emails and newsletter details about services, NDIS, workshops and community groups that will meet this year in 2022.

Here is a reminder about my role, should your family need support from our school community. There are incredible resources and service supports available. I hope to connect with you and assist in bringing our community together. Always open to hear ideas and learn about any services you know of to assist our community outside St Lucy's.

My Role – To support families to connect with *special needs services/therapists*, in *navigating the NDIS* and with *fostering general family wellbeing*.

Jonathan Carey
Family Support Worker
Mob: 0456 681 710

How do I assist families?

Service	Description
Support with Services and Therapists	The Family Support Worker works to link families with government and external service providers assisting them gain information, to liaise, co-ordinate and navigate services systems.
Family Assessment	The Family Support Worker will assist to assess, evaluate and make referrals for families at the St Lucy's School with the aim to promote family strengthening and improved functioning.
Support with NDIS	The Family Support Worker can will assist with the following surrounding the NDIS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of documentation needed for services. • Putting together support letters on behalf of the school for NDIS Plan meetings. • To attend services meetings with parents and advocate for the needs of students when relevant. • To connect and advocate for families in developing or modifying their children's case plans as well as lodging appeals when experiencing inadequate service/funding. • Linking families to advocacy groups and support co-ordinators to assist.
Communication Support between School, Family and Services	The Family Support Worker is able to assist in communication between the St Lucy's School, Service Providers and the Family surrounding Case Plans and presenting needs. Able to assist in facilitating or participating in joint Case Conferences to develop/modify action plans for students.
Parent Wellbeing Support, and Parent Community Support	The Family Support Worker works to foster family wellbeing by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone/Face to Face check ins with parents. • Monitoring progress surrounding overall family wellbeing/mental health. • Promoting parental self-care and family relationship strengthening. • Providing information on services and linking families to wellbeing supports. • Delivery of Events, Workshops and Programs aimed to foster Parent Wellbeing, Support and increasing access to service info. • Supporting families on a need basis with donated cooked meals or other day to day support needs as appropriate.