



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our parents and community volunteers.

Reading Room Program Returns:

We have been waiting for the return of our Reading Program Volunteers for nine long months. The Reading Room has felt empty and lost without them.

On Monday we welcomed both long standing Volunteers back on to our Campus and many new Volunteers, into the Reading Room.

It was instantly buzzing with the excitement of community and learning. Some of the volunteers were visibly tearful with the joy of being back in this special place again.

The students came into the Reading Program with smiles and excitement. They jumped straight back into their learning as if it was just yesterday.

There is certainly a sense of normalcy with the return of our hard-working Reading Program Volunteers. Our little engine room of reading is pumping with learning, energy and excitement once more!

To say it felt good was an understatement! SO MUCH JOY and LEARNING!!!! It's so wonderful to have adults visiting us again and especially our Volunteers enabling us to return to some normality.



MOVING TOWARDS **K-12** 18 March 2022

TERM 1

Friday 25th March

Years 1-4 swimming carnival

Transition Meetings

Wahroonga Campus

Monday 28 March, 9.30am

Narrabeen (H2O Café)

Wednesday 30 March, 9.30am

Thursday 31st March

Men's Group 6.30pm

St Edmunds

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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High School Swimming Carnival:

The weather blessed us last Friday to enable the High School Swimming Carnival to take place. We almost got through the whole program. It was great to see parents coming on to the campus to enjoy the event for the first time in almost a year. The students loved the competitive events as well as the novelties. We look forward to catching up the balance of the Carnival soon. Thanks to our dedicated PDHPE and other staff as well as parent volunteers who helped by jumping in to the pool to assist the smooth running of the Carnival.

Meanwhile we look forward with anticipation to the Junior School Swimming Carnival scheduled for next Friday 25 March where I am sure we will see even more parents coming along to rev up the participants and show their support.



Vaccinations:

Last Newsletter I encouraged parents to strongly consider vaccinations for their children and young people both in the Primary and High schools. Since then we have learned of the spread of yet another variant of the virus – Omicron B2 – supposedly even more infectious. So, it is now even more important to act regarding vaccinations and boosters so we can all be less anxious. Vaccination is simply the best way to help safeguard your sons and daughters from the Covid virus and help protect them as well as yourselves and extended family and the staff too. Please 'maintain the rage' and where possible get your child vaccinated as soon as possible and if medically approved according to their particular medical profile.

The latest figures for student vaccinations are as follows:

Primary 1 dose- 27 students

Primary with 2 doses- 25 students

High school with 2 doses- 34 plus one with a booster

Parents and Friends Association Meeting: New President and Canteen Volunteers Needed

Last Wednesday evening we held our first on-site P&F meeting for a long time in conjunction with other parents on Teams.

Our P&F President, Ross Hay, is stepping down due to work

commitments. We thank Ross for his efforts during the last 12 months as President. If there are any budding Presidents out there please let Terry Williamson know of your interest or ring Terry to ask what is involved. There is an excellent P & F Committee with enthusiastic members who cover finance and administrative duties who could ably assist you.

One topic of interest is the management of the Canteen. We hope to re-open the Canteen in Term 2. If this is to happen, we need parent volunteers to organise the catering and service for the students. It usually only open one day per week but if sufficient volunteers came forward then could open more regularly. Anyway, please consider where you could assist mums and dads to help run the canteen for the students and staff here and let Terry Williamson know if interested.

Harmony Day:

It was lovely to see the students arrive for Harmony Day this week all dressed in their lovely orange coloured mufti. Thank you to Mrs Liz Webster for all her organisation of this event and the liturgy to celebrate all the races of the world coming together and valuing the richness and diversity of the human condition.

36th Diocesan Schools Mass

On Thursday 10th March, over 500 staff gathered from Catholic Schools Broken Bay to celebrate the 36th Diocesan Schools Mass. The event was held in the Light of Christ Centre at St Leo's Catholic College. New staff were welcomed to the diocese, and received a special blessing from Bishop Anthony Randazzo. St Lucy's was represented by Ms Liz Webster, Ms Michelle Le Patourel and myself. Liz Webster was presented with a Certificate of Commissioning, by Bishop Anthony and Mr Danny Casey, Director of Schools, Broken Bay.



Take care and stay connected. We hope to see you in person at school at some stage very soon.

David Raphael
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE



Reminder: 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 each student's spiritual growth.

If you would like to enrol your young person 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 (School 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.

Harmony Day at St. Lucy's - Friday, 18 March, 2022

Today, continued our tradition of celebrating Harmony Day. The overarching message of Harmony Day is '*everyone belongs*'.

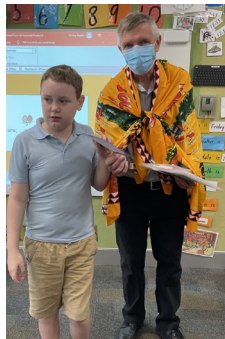
We asked all staff and students to wear either an item (or items) of orange clothing and/or their traditional cultural dress.

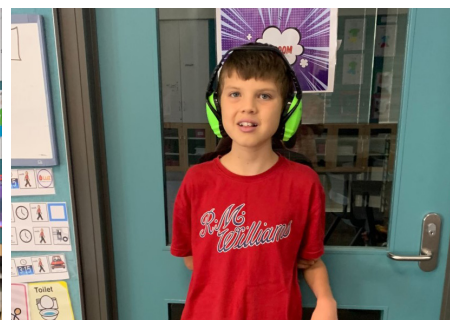
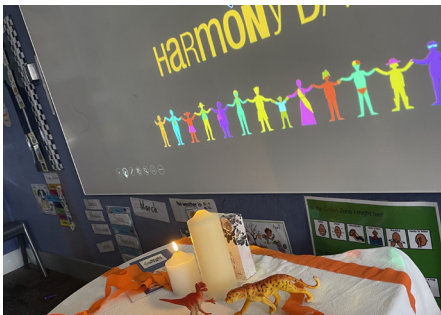
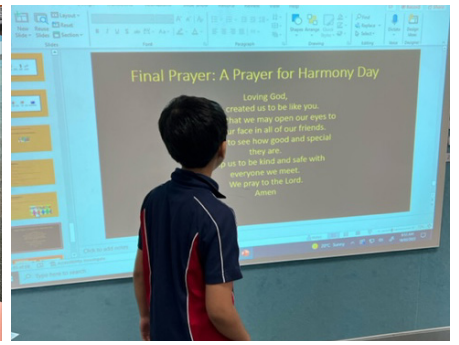
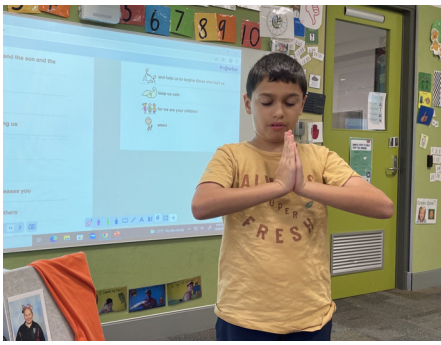
We celebrated the day through a beautiful class-based liturgy, where we gave thanks for inclusive sacred spaces and cultural diversity. We also reflected on the unique gifts and abilities that our students bring to our wonderful community.

Thank you for your support of this important initiative.

Ms Liz Webster

Head of Mission and Identity K-12





CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

Year 8 student and talented artist, Karuka, has some of her photographs included in the 'Wisdom in Focus' Exhibition which is on at the Lane Cove Library. When she visited, Karuka was very excited to see her photographs (#9, #17 & #21) on the wall. The displays are on till the 3rd of April and there is online voting for people's choice award. Well done, Karuka!

The link is given below:

<https://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/Community/CommunityServices/Pages/ForPeopleOver55.aspx>



BON VOYAGE Creative Arts Vacation Program in April is FULLY BOOKED. Thanks for your interest in the Program!

Kind regards,

Alessandra Picone

Head of Creative Arts

MEN'S GROUP: THURSDAY 31 MARCH

Our first Men's Group meeting will be held at St Edmund's on 31 March at 6.30pm for a light dinner and drinks followed by our discussion session. It will be great to see everyone and chat about all the stresses and joys of family and work life.

We have about 12 to 20 dads come along each time and we would love to see you. We never cease to be amazed at the honesty and frankness of those who come. Spread the word and invite all the dads you know.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Warren, Brendan and Jono

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HIGH SCHOOL MERIT AWARDS



MERIT AWARDS WEEK 7

Eagle	Jai Watson
Fantail	Oliver Whittaker
Fernwren	Bradley Chien
Galah	Pedro Boyle
Magpie	Oliver Tobin & Isabella Chen
Osprey	Michelle Law
Whipbird	Poppy Botheras & Alex Gordon

MERIT AWARDS WEEK 8

Eagle	Lachlan Hunter
Fantail	Nicholas Antoun
Fernwren	Gavin Hunter
Galah	Pedro Boyle & Oscar Hay
Magpie	Jack Olling
Osprey	Mia Richardson
Whipbird	Christopher Oppen



STAR OF THE WEEK PRIMARY AWARDS



STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 7)

Bellbird	Stephen Tarantilis	Kingfisher	Luke Hughes & Alex Crowley
Bowerbird	Orlando Seibel	Lorikeet	Annabelle Zabulic
Brolga	Anastasia Price	Lyrebird	Kinsley Woo
Cassowary	Leo Seeto	Parrot	Isaac Xu
Cockatoo	Monty McNeil	Pelican	Diesel Grey
Corella	Max Macgugan	Plover	Luke Donaldson
Currawong	Sawyer Langan-Stark & Connor Anderson	Robin	Matheus Sgiers
Egret	Isabel Jefferson	Swan	Mikaeel Karami & Keshav Ivaturi
Finch	Axl Morales-Morris		
Kestrel	Leo Hart		

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 8)

Bellbird	Claudia McWilliam	Kingfisher	Ayden Lacana
Bowerbird	Timothy Wang	Lorikeet	Ethan Bortolussi
Brolga	Maddox Wong-See	Lyrebird	Neo Suprasert
Cassowary	David Salsano	Parrot	Tobias van der Sluys
Cockatoo	Max Torbarac	Pelican	Trey Simon-Pritchard
Corella	Branson Atkins	Plover	Charlie Harris & Holly Clarke
Currawong	Eva Quinn & Mia Morrissey	Robin	Levi Richey
Egret	Luke Cho	Swan	Liliana D'Silva
Finch	Lennox Pollock		
Kestrel	Isaac Saade & Ruby O'Brien		