

# ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

#### K-6 Swimming Carnival:

It was again lovely to see the parents attend our Carnival last Friday. We were blessed by the weather. The students seemed to really enjoy being in the pool as usual and having their parents and grandparents attend in support. As you can see from the pictures a great time was had by all. Special thanks to Mr Gary and the parent volunteers who assisted in the water to keep it all running so smoothly as each class enjoyed their events.



#### **Covid Vaccinations:**

Once again please keep getting your older and younger children vaccinated and or boosted with the relevant vaccine of choice and keeping us informed of any progress in this space. This is our best safeguard as we continue to track well in managing the spread within the school across both students and staff and respective families. Don't forget the flu vaccine either as another way to protect all concerned as we enter winter and Term 2 shortly.

#### MOVING K-12 TOWARDS K-12 01 April 2022

**TERM 1 Thursday 7 April 2022** Crazy Socks Day

> 7 April 2022 Term 1 concludes

**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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NSW government and Health are both keen for as many students, especially in the primary years, to get fully vaccinated asap. Currently we are sitting at about 34% vaccinated at St Lucy's across K-6 and the average across K-6 in NSW is currently about 50% vaccinated completely or with first dose. As a school we have a way to go to catch up in this space. So please look at this **link** from government on how to 'talk' with your child about vaccination. It seems, on the face of it, to be a useful resource and something each family should carefully consider.

#### Men's Night:

A group of dads and grandparents from both St Lucy's and St Edmund's gathered this week to socialise and network together with support from Warren Hopley and Jono Carey. It was good to see the 'firm' back in operation face to face again. Long may it continue.

#### **Term 1 Review:**

Once again thank you parents for supporting the School and staff in navigating Term 1 from a teaching and learning perspective as well as medically and following the ever changing rules and regulations around Covid. We have tracked very well as a School in Term 1 despite the challenges and remained open and continued with 'normality' as much as staff shortages have allowed. You can be very proud of your young people in being ever flexible despite the changes that have been operationally necessary. Our special thanks to Mrs Pinker for her daily attention to detail in managing all the casual cover that has been necessary to enable the school to function each day of term. It has not been easy but it has been achieved amazingly well and with good grace. All staff have sought to juggle their professional and family responsibilities and serve the needs of our students despite the challenges and changes forced upon us at times. Thank you, on your behalf, to all concerned across our staff for the part they have played in class and beyond each day.

Volunteers have also returned and that has added such a special dimension to our various activities. New volunteers have begun and former familiar faces have resumed with us again much to the delight of our students and staff.



#### **Easter and Holidays:**

I trust you enjoy the significance of Easter as we remember God's sacrifice of His son on the cross to provide us with a path to be redeemed.

Enjoy the break with family if and as you can. Take care and stay connected.

David Raphael Principal



#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE**



#### Project Compassion 2022 – CRAZY SOCKS DAY



Next **Thursday, 7th April** we will have a Crazy Socks Day to raise money for the annual Project Compassion fundraiser, which is co-ordinated each year during Lent by Caritas Australia.

Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations.

With our support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

**Project Compassion 2022** reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate to St Lucy's Project Compassion Appeal the following ways:



Your young person can bring in a gold coin donation next Thursday, and place it in the Project Compassion box which will be in their classroom.



You can also donate via our St Lucy's Project Compassion Fundraising page using the following QR Code.

Thank you for your support.

Elizabeth Webster Head of Mission and Identity K-12: Class Teacher

#### FINCH AND ROBIN CLASS EXCURSION TO WEST HEAD

Last week, Finch and Robin class went on an excursion to West Head as part of our Geography unit. We visited the Aboriginal rock carvings and The Red Hand Cave.



#### SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

Term 1 school fees were due on 18th February 2022.

If you are having difficulty with payment, please contact the school on 9487 1277 and ask to speak with the Business Office.

Thank you.

## **PLOVER CLASS DISCO**

The Plover Class rocked the dance floor at the St John's disco this week and put all their dance moves to the test both on and off the stage! Super effort Plovers!













# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Year 7 exploring the parts of the body as part of their science unit this term.



Congratulations on our Year 9 student Ben on his amazing self-portrait done during Creative Art Session.



Stage 5 have done a brilliant job learning about all the Food Groups during Food Technology.

#### **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

Due to the tremendous success of the Mother's Day Stall in 2021, we would appreciate your support again as our Year 9 and 10 students help package and deliver the gifts for Mother's Day this year. This allows our students to be involved in a mini project that enables them to recognise the skills needed to deliver a quality product or service and understand the importance of timemanagement and communication skills. The project also allows for the students to gain valuable experience in reading and interpreting orders, ensuring the orders are packaged correctly and aesthetically and then making deliveries. The gift packs will be sold via Flexischools and numbers are limited again so please don't forget to log on during the holidays to grab a great gift for mum. Thanks to the P&F for purchasing the gifts and allowing our students to lead this fundraiser.



# HIGH SCHOOL MERIT AWARDS



#### MERIT AWARDS WEEK 9

VERITAS

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EagleHarvey Tomicki & Jai WatsonFantailOwen EvansFernwrenCruz BalfourGalahJoshua Gill & Hugh WMagpieJake TownsendOspreyAnna BrayWhipbirdSamara Macklin

#### **MERIT AWARDS WEEK 10**

Eagle	Leo Papa
Fantail	Joshua Lawrence-Slater
Fernwren	Bradleu Chien
Galah	Edward Livingstone-Foggo
Magpie	Jacl Olling
Osprey	Ben Sherlock
Whipbird	Rafa Macpherson

## STAR OF THE WEEK PRIMARY AWARDS

#### STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 9)

Bellbird Bowerbird Brolga Cassowary Cockatoo Corella Currawong Egret Finch Kestrel Lucas Cheung Orlando Seibel Jordan Sriprom Uriel Cheah Joshua Drummond James Deasy-Kennedy Aiden Williams Will Statis Elliot Huband Jack Kirby Sebastian Murray

#### STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 10)

BBellbird Elina Arevalo Bowerbird Angelo Alloggia Brolga Zoe Sallansonnet Cassowary Alsher Manlapao & Leo Seeto Cockatoo Fahad Omar Corella Jordan Szeto Currawong Eva Quinn Egret Tyler Miller Finch Tyler Witton Smith Gabriel Cheah Kestrel

Lorikeet Lyrebird Parrot Pelican Plover Robin Swan

Kingfisher

Nikki Herbert Ruby Daddia Nathan Banks Benjamin Sukkar Oliver Zawodny Abi O'Keefe Dylan Denley Izzy McDonald

Kingfisher Lorikeet Lyrebird Parrot Pelican Plover Robin Swan Stella Shen Daisy Bradbury Heidi Foxall & An-Yu Chueh Rose Younan Will Daly & Dov Kresner Abi O'Keefe Brandon Polito Luna Huwazan