

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2. We are looking forward to a more relaxed term compared to Term 1 as it appears restrictions are easing. We are also looking forward to parents being able to attend the school in person more and more as Term 2 progresses and as we resume more normal events such as assemblies and liturgies.

New Staff:

We welcome new staff to St Lucy's this term:

Ms Eunice Viceno and Ms Sophie Paterson teaching Corella Class

Ms Liz van Zoggel teaching Kestral Class

Ms Jodi Davis TA in Whipbird Class

Ms Jin Chen TA in Kingfisher Class

Staff Day:

We commenced the Term after ANZAC Day with a staff professional development day.

Nicky Sloss, from the Association of Independent Schools NSW – Senior Education Consultant, Student Services led our staff in a workshop Wellbeing Foundations and Framework

It was a very informative and interactive presentation and was well-received by the staff. We met as a whole staff face to face for the first time in over a year and there was a huge buzz of conversation and connection. This program will be further developed over the coming months with a focus on the key elements of student, family and staff wellbeing.

Covid Restrictions and Vaccinations:

I have sent the latest version of the St Lucy's Covid Guidelines to parents in an email earlier this week for your attention and action. **Please note that these are OUR guidelines not the State's guidelines.**

It is important to recognise that here at St Lucy's we have a range of students and staff who have significantly compromised immunity to disease. Consequently, we take a more cautious approach to the lifting of restrictions based upon our own context and level of risk.

MOVING
TOWARDS **K-12**
29 April 2022

TERM 2

Canteen will open
Monday 2nd May

Friday 6 May

Mother's Day Liturgy 9.15-10.15am
(in your child's classroom)

Wednesday 11 May

School Photos

Saturday 7 May

New Family Picnic 12-3pm
(only for families who started
in 2022)

Friday 17 June

Siblings Day Liturgy
9.00-10am

Term 2 Concludes

24 June 2022

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Nevertheless, we anticipate there will be a gradual relaxation of restrictions this term.

It is still very important that we all remain vigilant if symptoms develop and undertake RAHT testing in case. Plus, it is important to only return to school after a negative RAHT test and if there are no symptoms. A further batch of testing kits will be distributed shortly via student bags to assist in this process of surveillance. For the moment staff and all visiting adults and as many students as possible will be required to wear masks when indoors. In these ways students, staff and families can be best kept safe from Covid. Please do keep getting your children vaccinated, as and when appropriate, so we have as many of our students fully vaccinated. Remember that all staff are at least double if not fully boosted as well in terms of Covid vaccination.

Flu Vaccination:

It is anticipated that this winter the flu will be quite intense. Consequently, it is highly recommended to be vaccinated as soon as possible. Please arrange for your child to be vaccinated, if that is your wish, to assist the cause of keeping everyone as healthy as possible in the next few months. Staff are also undertaking these vaccinations to play their part as well.

Mothers' Day:

We are delighted to welcome back our mums to the campus next Friday 6 May to celebrate Mothers' Day. Please see booking details on page 4 of the Newsletter or via this [link](#) so we can prepare and cater accordingly. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible of our wonderful Mums.

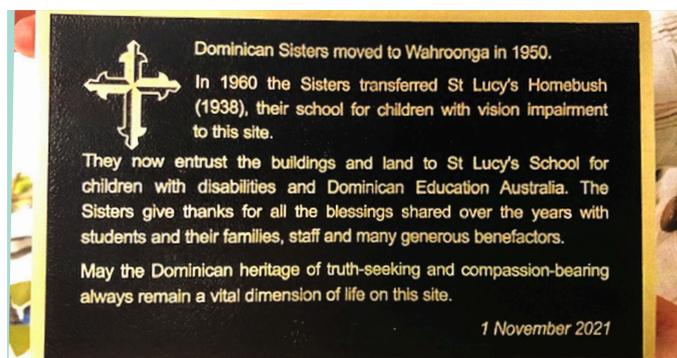
New Family Picnic:

We are also gearing up for the New Family Picnic on Saturday 7 May here at Wahroonga campus from 12 noon to 3pm **for families who have commenced this year**. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate all the new families that started in past Covid years. It is an open-air and fully catered event. Do come along as a whole family and bring along chairs or blankets upon which to sit in the grounds. The purpose is for families to finally meet each other as parents, meet the staff, make supportive connections and see the school. It is always such a lovely time. There is no wet weather plan as it usually involves several hundred people who cannot be accommodated indoors. We will review the weather forecast nearer the time and communicate on Wednesday evening 4 May whether it is going ahead or cancelled. Families will receive an invitation with a link to register their attendance. Keep an eye out for Terry's email. Let us all hope for a sunny day.

Ritual of Transfer – Transfer of Property from Sisters to Dominican Education Australia

Wednesday, 6th April 2022

Sr Mary-Clare prepared a ritual for the transfer of property and key people from St. Lucy's (Board and Staff), the Dominican Order and Dominican Education Australia were present. At the conclusion of the ritual, Sr Mary-Clare presented me with a plaque, which outlined the origins of the school, as well as the details of the exchange. I expressed our gratitude, and reiterated that St Lucy's school will remain committed to the on-going formation of staff and students in the Dominican tradition of compassion and justice. In addition, I reiterated that we are acutely aware of the school's responsibility to continue to be wise stewards of this sacred inheritance. At the conclusion of the ritual, Sr Mary-Clare was presented with an Artwork, which had been completed by St. Lucy's students.



David Raphael
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB/ SPIRITUALITY ON THE SOFA (S.O.S)

4th May 2022 | 7.30pm – 9pm

Via Zoom/SOS

YEAR'S THEME: Being Heard

4th May TOPIC: “Being heard – the role of Radio & Social Media”

Come, and from the comfort of your own home, engage with Simon Marnie from the ABC, Elizabeth Webster teacher and parent & Tylah McConnell a young midwife from the Northern Territory

[ZOOM LINK](#)

Topic: SOS 4 May 2022

Time: May 4, 2022 19:30 Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89985771510?pwd=aC9qNlZJdkJmVlJXYlZtbFViWVNOQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 8577 1510 Passcode: 083269

Or go to www.catalystforrenewal.org.au

ANZAC DAY LITURGY

This week we held our Anzac Day Liturgy in class to recognise and commemorate the contribution of all those who have served Australia (including those who died) in time of war and in war-like conflicts.



Thank you to the wonderful Karabi Knitting Group

who knitted/crocheted poppies for staff to wear to commemorate ANZAC Day.

PRAYING FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE

I am sure that you have been deeply troubled by the war in the Ukraine. Whilst we are unable to influence President Putin, or the course of the war (though we can donate to humanitarian groups on the ground), as a faith community, we believe that praying for peace is one way we can help.

Author and Jesuit priest, James Martin, recently stated that we need to pray for peace because:

Peace and unity are at the heart of the Christian message. *We should beg God to help us effect this peace, especially in war-torn places like Ukraine.*

I thought I would share with you an extract from a beautiful prayer which Pope Francis recently delivered in Rome:

Pope Francis' Prayer for the Ukraine

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary Basilica of Saint Peter 25 March 2022

O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you.

Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence!
You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace

Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded.

How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer. Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.

Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.

Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world. Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.

Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons. Queen of the Rosary, make us realise our need to pray and to love.

Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity. Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

May you, our "living fountain of hope"; water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace.

Amen

You can read the full extract and see Bishop Anthony's message and prayer here [Prayer of Consecration for Ukraine and Russia - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay \(bbcatholic.org.au\)](#)

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA - FRIDAY 6TH MAY

St Lucy's invites our mums to an Open Morning on Friday 6th May. The morning will include a liturgy, open classrooms and morning tea.

We would love to see you there!

Date: Friday 6th May

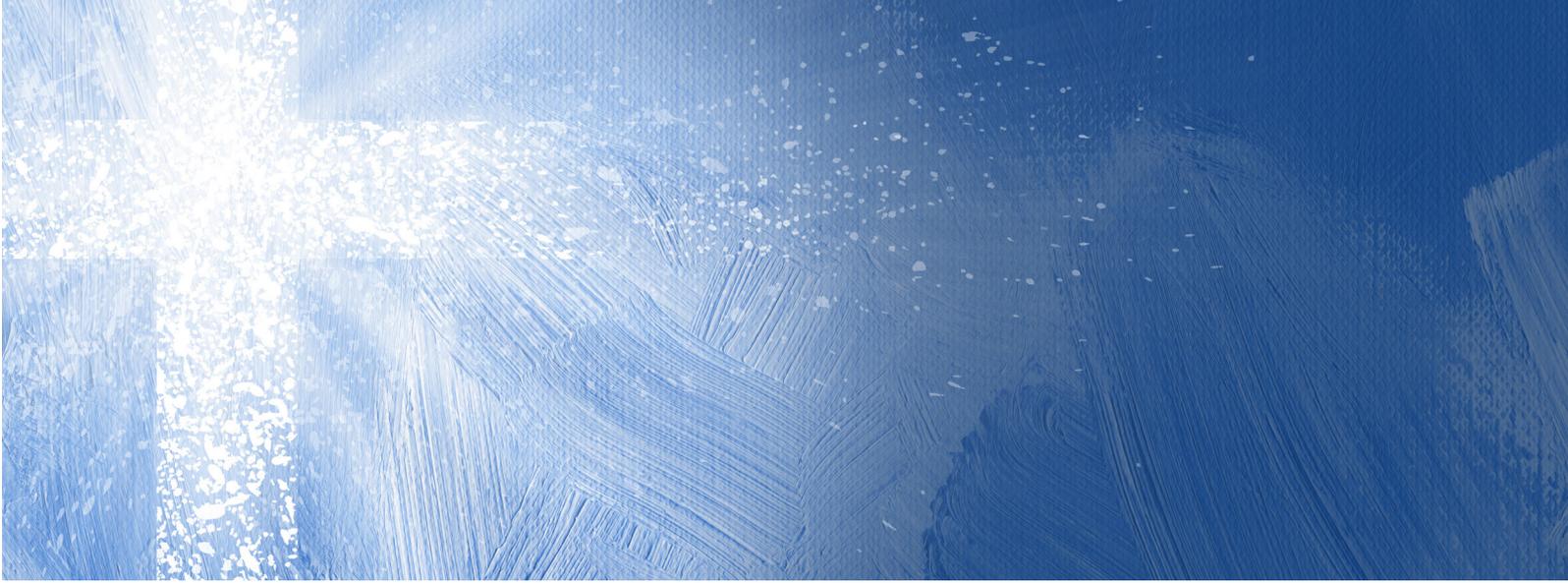
Time: 9.15-10.15am

RSVP by: Wednesday 4th May



Booking link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BZFWL>



ST LUCY'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

Many thanks to the parents and caregivers who have been in contact about our sacramental programs. Just a reminder that we need to receive your paperwork so that we can proceed with our enrolment process.

Wednesday, 8th June, we will commence our first Confirmation preparation lesson with the students.

The Confirmation ritual will be held on site at St. Lucy's on **Thursday, 23rd June at 10.30am**, and the presider will be Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

I will be hosting an online information session for parents and caregivers of any student who has signed up to make their Confirmation on **Tuesday, 10th May at 6pm**.

Just a reminder: in our Diocese of Broken Bay, **Confirmation** is celebrated after Baptism, but before Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

As such, any student who is already confirmed, or is confirmed in June 2022, can also complete their other two sacraments this year in Term 3.

We are very fortunate to have such strong ties with our local Parish, *Holy Name Wahroonga*, and Fr Paul Durkin will preside over our Reconciliation and First Eucharist rituals – dates are still to be confirmed.

You can still enrol your young person in any of the sacramental programs, so please contact me by the end of next week if you have any questions or would like to add your child's name to one of the programs.: elizabethw@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

Ms Liz Webster
Head of Mission and Identity K-12

CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

The Creative Arts Vacation Program in the holidays was a wonderful success! Thanks to all of the staff for their efforts and to the Creative Arts Team for their imaginative workshops! Here are a few highlights:



Theatre Project, Dance Project and Art project all begin next week (Week 2)

St Lucy's students have collaborated on a painted pig artwork which will be a part of 'The Painted Pig' exhibition and competition at the Hawkesbury show. The link for the show is here and if you are able to attend, please look out for our entry!

<https://www.hawkesburyshowground.com.au/events-and-shows/2022-hawkesbury-show>



Alessandra Picone
Head of Creative Arts



MERIT AWARDS WEEK 1

Eagle	Jai Watson
Fantail	Nathan Brown
Fernwren	Sofia Shepherd
Galah	Joshua Gill
Magpie	Jack Olling
Osprey	Lucas Vizcaino Lua
Whipbird	Rafa Macpherson



STAR OF THE WEEK PRIMARY AWARDS



STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 1)

Bellbird	Matthew McArthur	Kingfisher	Chace Erceg
Bowerbird	Orlando Seibel	Lorikeet	Kavin Baskaran
Brolga	Jayden Wang	Lyrebird	An-Yu Chueh
Cassowary	Alsher Manlapao	Parrot	Nash Cameron
Cockatoo	Monty McNeil	Pelican	William Daly
Corella	Matilda Owler	Plover	Charlotte Low
Currawong	Eva Quinn	Robin	Brandon Polito
Egret	Luke Cho	Swan	Jade Merrett
Finch	Lachlan Childs		
Kestrel	Gabriel Cheah		