

ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Mum's Night Out:

Last week a group of over 30 mums joined Terry Williamson, Mimi Fraser and Liz Webster at the Terry Hills Tavern for a lovely evening of social conviviality. It was great to see mums from all campuses and classes across Primary and Secondary in attendance. The dinner was good too. This was the first time in over a year that mums were able to gather and share face to face.

Dad's Night:

We hosted about 20 dads last night at St Lucy's to pizza and beer and a good chat. Warren Hopley, our former Principal leads the group with our Family Support Worker Jono Carey each term either at St Lucy's or St Edmund's and the attendees are dads from both schools. The focus this time around was – What helps men overcome any barriers they might have in sharing? There was some very rich discussion and I know from past discussions there is no hindrance in our men sharing with each other about some very deep issues in their lives. It was also great to see some familiar as well as new faces attend.

Siblings Day:

Next week we celebrate our siblings and look forward to enjoying their company here at St Lucy's for a liturgy in assembly as well as class visits with their brother or sister. This is so important for our siblings and students to better understand their school context as well as enjoy the similarities and differences in each schooling experience.

Assemblies:

Our Primary (Friday morning) and Secondary (Monday morning) assemblies have resumed this term. We are currently getting our students of all ages, and some staff too, back into this routine and realise that for some they have never experienced or hardly experienced such an event in their time here over the last few years. Consequently, we are all getting used to the idea and routine of assemblies again and during next term we will gradually see the return of parents to these events too.

It's so good for our parent and wider community of volunteers and siblings to be back in person face to face. Long may that continue to be the case.

David Raphael Principal

MOVING K-1

10 June 2022

TERM 2

Friday 17 June Siblings Day Liturgy 9.15am-10.15am

Term 2 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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The St Lucy's School Foundation Advisory Committee (FAC) NEEDS YOU

If you are a business professional looking for an opportunity to use your expertise and networks in a positive, meaningful way to help children with a disability the FAC may be for you.

Introducing St Lucy's School

St Lucy's School is an independent Catholic Special School providing for children with a wide range of disabilities including cognitive impairment, autism and language disabilities from K-10 growing to be K-12 by 2024.

What does the FAC do?

The Foundation Advisory Committee (FAC) is a Board Committee tasked with raising funds by developing strategic programs including securing donations and grants, hosting functions and events all with the aim of growing the Foundation's investment fund to support the students and growth of the school.

What is the FAC?

The FAC is a group of business professionals who provide independent strategic advice on how to maximise the effectiveness of the School and Foundation's fundraising activities. We are a group of individuals, often parents of children at the school, who are passionate about ensuring all children with a disability receive the best possible eduction and realise their full potential.

What do members of the FAC do?

Members support the Principal and Fundraising Manager in developing a strategic roadmap to help secure corporate donors and sponsorships to achieve the School's annual capital fundraising goals.

We act as advocates for the School in various forums and actively promote and secure attendees and sponsors for fundraising events held throughout the year.

Collectively we assist the Principal in building external connections and networks to benefit the School.

What Time Commitment is Required of FAC Members?

The FAC meets approximately 6 times per year. Meetings are generally held online after work and run to a tight agenda of 90mins duration. In the lead up to events you may be required to attend additional meetings.

You will need to be willing to network and advocate for St Lucy's School in your own corporate networks securing donations, prizes and event attendees.

Interested to Know More?

Contact Principal David Raphael on 9487 1277or email davidr@stlucys.nsw.edu.au.







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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE



WINTER APPEAL: 2022

This year, St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal is raising money for women and children who are fleeing domestic violence.

Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children.

Our support this Winter will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support as well as material assistance to help families start again.

Donations

Goods

By donating your pre-loved items to Vinnies, they will get a new life, support Australians doing it tough and reduce landfill and the impact on the environment.

Items which Vinnies needs urgently for Winter include:

- Blankets/Manchester
- Clothing and accessories for men, women, and children.
- Toiletries
- Kids' Toys

Money

On Friday 24th June, we are going to have a mufti day and ask students to bring in a gold coin donation.



Thank you for your support.

Liz Webster

LITURGICAL & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Term, students have been learning about how two of our School Values: Courage and Truth, can be expressed through everyday actions.

It has been very affirming to be able to show students how they help build the Kingdom of God by being courageous truth seekers. Below are some examples of how our wonderful students have expressed their understanding of living out these two core values:

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Helps staff or peers to find things.
- Is open to learning about the treatment of the poor, maginalised and outcast.
- Show an appreciation for the contribution/example of key Dominicans (and other teachers/interpreters) for example, St Dominic, Catherine of Siena and St Mary of the Cross.
- Learn what it means to live a life in the footsteps of St Dominic.
- Use Zones of Regulation and is willing to reflect on one's behaviour when they act in a way which is counter to school values.
- Perseverance in the face of learning challenges.

We are so proud of how our students have engaged with all aspects of the Religious Education Program this Semester and commend them for their deep capacity for empathy and gratitude.

They always show great reverence, respect and thoughtfulness during liturgical celebrations and we are looking forward to having more opportunities for community gatherings next Semester.

Last Sunday, the Church celebrated the Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord, as he returns to the Father, having accomplished the great work of salvation.

The Ascension is not so much about the Lord having left us, but that he promises to be with us in His Spirit and in His Sacraments till the end of time.

We look forward to the celebration of Pentecost next Sunday. This is often said to mark the birth of the Church, the body of Christ. It also ends the festive season of Eastertide.

What this means for our community is summed up beautifully by Pope Francis:

"In the Ascension, Jesus withdraws his visible presence, replacing it with a new presence, invisible yet more profound. It is a presence that we find in faith, in listening to the Word, in the Breaking of Bread (in the Mass) and in fellowship."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE

SIBLINGS LITURGY: NEXT FRIDAY JUNE 17TH, 9.15-10.15AM.

On Friday June 17th we will be hosting Siblings Day here at St Lucy's. Due to our ongoing commitment to minimising risks related to Covid, in 2022, we are only inviting siblings to attend, and they must be vaccinated as per our requirements below:

Vaccination requirements:

- 12 to 15 years need to be double vaccinated, 16+ triple vaccinated.
 - 5 to 11 years need to be double vaccinated.
- Unfortunately, children under 5 years unable to attend because they are not able to being vaccinated.

Siblings are to sign in via the Gallery door between 9.00am and 9.15am Please note, visitors must be and signed in/collected by a parent/guardian.

The liturgy will take place in your young person's classroom, and the event will finish at 10.15am. Siblings will be escorted back to the Maple Courtyard and will be signed out and are to be collected from the Gallery area.

Please use this Try booking <u>Link</u> to register your young person's sibling/s.

Students at our Satellite Classes at the Northern Beaches already have activities scheduled for this time, so will not host siblings on this day.

SPIRITUALITY ON THE SOFA (SOS) – 2022 THEME "BEING HEARD"

You are invited to an evening where key speakers have been asked to share their stories about their involvement in such areas as disadvantage; depression, disabilities ... and how there might be "love and light" at the end of the tunnel.

22 June 2022 | 7:30PM - 9:30PM

TOPIC: 'Being Heard - Love and Light'

SPEAKERS:

Dr Zachariah Duke, a senior lecturer in Theology at the Australian Catholic University who is known internationally for his research in disability theology. Dr. Duke is also one of the members of our College Board.

Kate O'Connell, a young woman in her early 20's, who has competed in the Paralympics as a swimmer and has now graduated with a University degree.

Our Anchor for the evening, will be Susan Eichorn

So, don't hesitate to join us, It's easy ..

VIA ZOOM

click **here** to join the meeting

Meeting ID: 857 8208 6082 | Passcode: 936307

Venue: Spirituality on the Sofa (SOS)

DESCRIPTION:

Come, and in the comfort of your own home, on your own or with a friend or two,

engage in some stimulating conversation at SOS

More info: Marea: 0414 873 910

SATELLITE PLOVER CLASS NEWS

The Plover Class have been learning about the life cycle of different living things, in our Science Unit on 'What came First?'. We have loved learning all about stick insects and the class have had lots of fun taking care of our new pets. The Plover Class are very good at only taking the females out of the cage, as the males have wings and can fly, and they are so gentle with them and they are also great at changing the leaves and collecting the eggs. We have now collected hundreds of eggs and the class are eagerly waiting for our next batch of baby stick insects to hatch!











HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS













Galah students completing a variety of tasks and digital presentations using their iPads. We use a lot of technology in class, including scaffolded tasks to promote independence.



MERIT AWARDS WEEK 6

Eagle Leo Papa
Fantail Oliver Whittaker
Fernwren Jacob Hillard
Galah Zion Commane
Magpie Isabella Chen
Osprey Anna Bray

Rafa Macpherson

MERIT AWARDS WEEK 7

Eagle Jai Watson
Fantail Owen Evans
Fernwren Charlotte Dimmick
Galah Pablo Rostirola
Magpie Oliver Tobin
Osprey Michelle Law
Whipbird Chris Oppen



Whipbird

STAR OF THE WEEK PRIMARY AWARDS



STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 6)

Bellbird Lucas Cheung Bowerbird Orlando Seibel Brolga Maddox Wong-See Cassowary Daniel Shim Cockatoo Sydney Cameron Corella Hugo Le Roy Currawong Mia Morrisey Egret Elliot Huband Finch **Axl Morales Morris** Kestrel Angeline Boyadjian Kingfisher Madison Garcia Lorikeet Ruby Daddia Lyrebird Kwasi Adukonu **Parrot** Sasha Lipworth Pelican Ollie Zawodny Plover **Alex Squires** Levi Richey Robin

Annabel Tantillo

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 7)

Bellbird Inika Sandman **Bowerbird** Ethan Mbereko Anastasia Price Brolga Cassowary Rosalie Heath & Daniel Shim Cockatoo Fahad Omar Corella Max Macgugan Will Statis Currawong Egret Isabel Jefferson Finch Lennox Pollock Kestrel **Axel Maloney** Kingfisher Ayden Lacana Lorikeet Ethan Bortolussi Lyrebird Neo Suprasert Parrot Levi Reesink Pelican Daniel O'Connor Plover Ava Szalay Robin Brandon Polito & Darcy Richards

Swan Mikaeel Karami

Swan



St Lucy's School 2023 Term Dates & Staff Professional Development Days

Term 1, 2023		
Wednesday 25 January	New Staff Induction Day	
Thursday 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday	
Friday 27 January	Staff Professional Development Day	
Monday 30 January	Staff Professional Development Day	
Tuesday 31 January	Staff Professional Development Day	
Wednesday 1 February	Term 1 commences for students	
Thursday 6 April	Term 1 concludes for students	

Term 2, 2023		
Monday 24 April	Staff Professional Development Day	
Tuesday 25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday	
Wednesday 26 April	Term 2 commences for students	
Monday 12 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	
Friday 23 June	Term 2 concludes for students	

Term 3, 2023	
Monday 17 July	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 18 July	Term 3 commences for students
Friday 22 September	Term 3 concludes for students

Term 4, 2023		
Monday 9 October	Staff Professional Development Day	
Tuesday 10 October	Term 4 commences for students	
Tuesday 12 December	Term 4 concludes for students	
Wednesday 13 December	Staff Professional Development Day	
Thursday 14 December	Staff Professional Development Day	



All-Abilities Holiday Program for Kids & Teens







ERMINGTON: 4th - 5th July: 9:30am - 12:15pm / 1:00pm - 3:45pm

FIVE DOCK: 5th - 7th July: Times as above

NARRAWEENA: 11th - 13th July: Times as above

1:4 Support - \$100 per workshop / 1:1 Support - \$175 per workshop*

PLACES STRICTLY LIMITED

DISCO DANCE PARTY

SPORTS GAMES

ARTS & CRAFTS

MUSICAL THEATRE

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

YOGA

HIP-HOP / JAZZ DANCE

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

*Discounts available for booking multiple workshops

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