

ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents,

St Dominic's Day:

It was great to see the students having such fun at St Dominic's Day here last Friday with all the face painting too. Our liturgy about all that St Dominic achieved as he served God was simply beautiful as it was presented in each class. Two other highlights were that the five satellite classes all gathered at Wahroonga and celebrated together as one. We also had the delight, after several years of absence, of hosting the Knox Pipes and Drums here on the oval in the afternoon. So many of the students and staff clearly thoroughly

enjoyed the whole kinaesthetic and sensory experience. Several students 'assisted' the Band to play their instruments as well as march with them between the ranks and danced around them. The Knox students are so understanding and supportive of our students as they celebrated being together again and we thank Knox for their strong partnership with us here at St Lucy's. The pipes and drums were a true highlight of the day and brought a tear to many an eye as we witnessed the sheer joy, pleasure and engagement of our students on this occasion.

Dov Kresner – A Celebration of His Life:

After the sad and sudden passing of Dov in Pelican class during the recent holidays, the School and his parents Karen and Ben are hosting an event to celebrate his life. I know many in our community, as well as in the family's network, are keen to gather and remember Dov's courage and connection with all who he touched in his short life. All families and students of St Lucy's are welcome to attend and support Karen and Ben and his brother Joel on Tuesday 30 August at 6pm at our main campus at Wahroonga. Please see the invitation on page 4 and use the Try Booking link to rsvp.

We look forward to an evening of joy and celebration as we remember Dov.

MOVING K-12 TOWARDS

19 August 2022

Term 3

TUESDAY 30 AUGUST

Dov Kresner -Celebration of Life 6pm

FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST

Book Week 9.30am

DRESS-UP PARADE (PRIMARY)

CRAZY HAIR (SENIOR)

FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

Father's Day Liturgy and open classrooms 9.00am-10.15am

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Term 3 Concludes

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Knox Buddy Program Resumes:

It was so pleasing to see 20 Knox students from Year 6 return this week since the onset of Covid to assist with our K-4 junior play time on Wednesday lunchtimes. The seven Year 6 classes from Knox will gradually rotate through the weeks that follow and may increase the number of days each week that they attend. The Year 6 students were briefed by our staff last week in preparation and they are all fully vaccinated and playing with our students outside in Covid safe settings. Both our juniors and the Knox boys were engaging so beautifully together yesterday playing games with great joy and lots of fun being had by all.

Kind regards,

David Raphael

Principal

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PARADE



Dear families,

We will be holding our Annual Book Week Themed Dress Up on Friday 26th August, and we encourage you to let your imagination run wild with an authentic dress up for your child/young person if they are in primary and 'crazy hair' if they are in high school.

We are inviting parents to attend the 'parade' as this is an outdoor event. To attend you will need to; be double vaccinated/or have a negative RAT test the morning of the event; wear a mask and physically distance from other parents. We would love to see you after the primary assembly at 9.30 for 9.45am to join in the fun with the students as they parade around the oval. Please book by Thursday 24 August using the following link:

https://www.trybooking.com/CBZDU

FATHER'S DAY LITURGY AND OPEN CLASSROOM: FRIDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER

We are delighted to invite our dads' on-site for a class-based liturgy, where we will celebrate the fathers, father figures, and significant men in the lives of our young people.

The arrival time is 9.00am for a 9.15am start, and all visitors are required to sign in at the Gallery door.

In the interests of keeping our community safe, we require all our visitors to wear a mask. Additionally, visitors to our school must be fully vaccinated (3 doses) or produce a negative RAT test on arrival. Please note – due to Covid restrictions, students are limited to 1 visitor. The morning will feature a liturgy, open classrooms, and morning tea. The event will conclude at 10.15am.

We would love to see you there!

Please book using the QR code or the following trybooking link:

https://www.trybooking.com/CCAXG

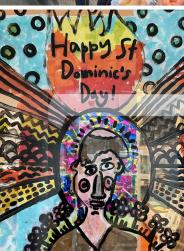


Elizabeth Webster Head of Mission and Identity K-12: Class Teacher































Dov Kresner - Celebration of Life

Families and friends of the Kresner Family and students, families and staff of St Lucy's School most welcome.

St Lucy's School • Tuesday 30 August at 6pm
21 Cleveland Street, Wahroonga. RSVP via TryBooking link or QR code

https://www.trybooking.com/CBYYR

Dedication of Dov's Buddy Bench
Light supper and optional School Tour afterwards (no alcohol)

Please bring a cold plate to assist with catering





HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

In Science this term, Magpie class has been exploring some of the different ways people can care for and improve the environment. One such way is by composting – a great way to reduce waste, improve soil health, and promote healthier plant growth. This week, we began collecting our fruit and vegetable scraps to put in our compost bin. We also added some hay, coffee grounds, and eggshells, all on a bed of shredded paper that we hand shredded ourselves!

Following along with this theme of sustainability, our Technology Mandatory lessons this term have been about planning for and implementing a worm farm. This week, we assembled our 'farm'. We created a natural fibre bedding to lay in the bottom before adding 1000 very wiggly worms. Next week, we will start feeding our worms with scraps very similar to what we are putting in our compost bin. Then it won't be long before we can feed the garden beds with worm tea and worm castings – the best natural fertiliser ever!



















RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

On Monday, 15th August, teachers were invited to celebrate The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a very special feast day which honours the Blessed Virgin Mary being assumed, body and soul, into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

As part of our morning circle, teachers dedicated a special prayer to Mary, as well as all the important women in our lives today.

The Feast of the Assumption reminds us that through God's loving grace, and because of her union with her Son, Mary enjoys the complete human communion with God.

The Praises of Mary - "Assumption"

Poem by Saint Anthony of Padua (1195-1231) Doctor of the Church

O how wondrous is the dignity of the glorious Virgin!

She merited to become the mother of Him who is the strength and beauty of the angels and the grandeur of all the saints.

Mary was the seat of our sanctification, that is to say, the dwelling place of the Son who sacrificed Himself for us.

"And I shall glorify the place where my feet have stood."

The feet of the Saviour signify His human nature.

The place where the feet of the Saviour stood was the

Blessed Mary, who gave Him His human nature.

Today the Lord glorifies that place, since He has exalted Mary above the choirs of the angels. That is to say, the Blessed Virgin, who was the dwelling of the Saviour, has been assumed bodily into heaven.

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



Focus on Ability Film Festival

Please be sure to take a look at the focus on Ability Film Festival online.

Four Students from our Secondary School, Ben, Joshua, Alex and Paddy have entered a short film which they devised, filmed and edited together with the support of Drama Specialist Simon Freestone.

Another film has been entered by the sister of Year 8 student, Karuka, Year 8.

Satara's film about Karuka "A Heavenly Piece of Art", is part of the official selection of the Focus in Ability Film Festival, showcasing the talents of those with disabilities. A Heavenly Piece of Art, which is the meaning of 'Karuka' in Sanskrit, is a story of resilience and autonomy, challenging the notion that those with a neurodiversity are unable to have an independent craft. Karuka was born with Down syndrome and severe hearing loss,

leading her family to believe that she would never have the same opportunities as other neurotypical children. However, as Karuka grew, her aspiration to be a photographer became clear. Not only has she gone on to produce a photography website titled 'Down to Earth', but she has also won awards for her work and her photos have been displayed in exhibitions. The intent of this film is to not only inspire those with a neurodiversity to chase their dreams, but to also encourage those within industries like 'the arts', to make skills like photography, dance, visual arts and music, more accessible to those who are differently abled, so that they too, may have the opportunity to autonomously pursue their ambitions.

Voting for the People's Choice Award will be open on the 24th of August, so we would really appreciate your vote for our films!

ST LUCY'S CREATIVE ARTS VACATION PROGRAM



This September, come and explore the Animal Kingdom through the Arts at the St Lucy's Creative Arts Vacation Program.

Discover how Drama, Music, Dance and Visual Arts can be inspired by the animal world and go on a range of safaris (on land and under the sea!), all in our Creative Arts Studios!

Each day of the Program:

- Runs from 9.00am 3.00pm
 Includes a variety of Creative Arts workshops inspired
- Includes a variety of Creative Arts workshops inspired by our theme
- A PE session on the oval

MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER: THE WOLF
TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER: JUNGLE CATS
WEDNESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER: SEA MONSTERS
THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER: BIRDS OF A FEATHER
FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER: BUGS IN THE BALLROOM

Creative Arts Vacation Program, September - ANIMAL KINGDOM

Please note that the September Vacation Program enrolment form will be sent to parents/cares via email on Monday 22nd August.

Enrolment will open AFTER that has been sent out to all families.

Please note that the dates for the Program are:

Monday 26th

Tuesday 27th

Wednesday 28th

Thursday 29th

Friday 30th

All days run from 9.00am -3.00pm. Students are able to enrol in a maximum of 3 days.

Dance Project and Art Project OPEN SESSIONS

Dance Project and Art Project will have Open Sessions for parents to come along and see the students 'in action'. Please note for your diary:

Monday 12th September Art project (Monday Group) Open Session Tuesday 13th September Dance project (Tuesday Groups) Open Session Wednesday 14th September Dance Project (Wednesday Group and Art project (Wednesday group) Open Session

On each of these days, parents of the students involved in these programs may view the session. Please come to the Gallery door at 4.00pm.

Kind regards,

Alessandra Picone Head of Creative Arts









MERIT AWARDS WEEK 4

EagleAnna SimpsonMagpieKaruka UthayakumarauFantailNicholas AntounOspreyGidon Budai

Whipbird

Luke di Staso

Galah Eddy Livingstone-Foggo

Cruz Balfour

MERIT AWARDS WEEK 5

EagleLeo PapaMagpieLivia MaltbyFantailOliver WhittakerOspreyBen SherlockFernwrenJacob HillardWhipbirdBenson Hiser

Galah Pedro Boyle



Fernwren

STAR OF THE WEEK PRIMARY AWARDS



STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 4)

Bellbird Matthew McArthur **Finch** Jack Kirby **Bowerbird** Beau Lyall, Orlando Seibel, Kestrel **Axel Maloney** Brolga **Christian Leenderts** Kingfisher Stella Shen Cassowary Uriel Cheah, Alsher Manlapao Lorikeet Ruby Daddia Cockatoo Naomi Baumgartner Lyrebird Nathan Banks Corella Hugo Le Roy **Parrot** Orlando Guidaci Currawong Elliot Dinsdale Plover **Alex Squires** Egret Tyler Posford Robin Jai Campo

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 5)

Bellbird Inika Sandman Finch Joshua Uler Bowerbird Joseph Oh Kingfisher Madison Garcia Brolga Maddox Wong-See Lorikeet Daisy Bradbury Cassowary Leo Seeto, Rocky Knox Lyrebird Heidi Foxall Cockatoo Rose White **Parrot** Isaac Xu

CorellaJordon SzetoPelicanTrey Simon-PritchardCurrawongZef de BruinRobinMatheus KullmanEgretLuke ChoSwanBella Tantillo





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Hello!

We're Australia's leading Young Carer organisation, supporting young people who provide care for a family member with a disability, illness or addiction.

Our direct support programs for Young Carers include:



Dream Experience - AUS

Dream Experiences give Young Carers the chance to live their dream for a day, rewarding them for all their hard work!



Holiday Program - VIC, NSW, QLD

Our Holiday Programs give Young Carers some respite on the school holidays with fun group activities and days out.



Big Dreamers Personal Development Program - VIC, NSW, QLD

This six-month program develops life skills, creates lasting friendships and empowers Young Carers for the future!



Mentoring - VIC, NSW

Mentoring develops new skills, creates role models and reduces the social isolation often felt by Young Carers.



The Dreamers Hub - AUS

Our online community of Young Carers is filled with useful resources, fun activities and ongoing support for Young Carers.



In-Person Peer Support - NSW, QLD

This Carer Gateway program is delivered to Young Carers in QLD and NSW regions of South West Sydney and Nepean Blue Mountains.



The Young Carer Project - VIC, QLD

The Young Carer Project works across whole school communities to build a kind, safe and supportive school environment where Young Carers can thrive.

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