

## ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents.

#### **Parent Information Night:**

It was great seeing so many of our parents on campus at Parent Information Evening this week to socialise together and hear valuable class information, meet the teaching team and learn of the exciting construction of the Catherine Centre (high school classrooms) and fundraising for the Playground Pledge Appeal. Thank you to two of our high school parents Shanan Hall and Adam Lawrence-Slater for their talks about their experience of our wonderful secondary school with our Primary parents.

For those parents who were unable to attend, both the Primary and Secondary presentations slides are available upon request via our Fundraising and Community Manager, Lana Huntley lanah@stlucys.nsw.edu.au. Feel free to approach your child's/young person's teacher to get their class presentation.

#### **Parents Connecting Together:**

As we begin the year it is important for parents, especially new families to the School, to be aware of how to link into and get support from our wonderful parent and school community. You may choose to walk your journey yourself but there are plenty of ways to join with others and get any support you may need. Some of those ways are listed below.

#### Connect and be supported within our parent community:

- Meet our P&F President elect Danijela FitzGibbon
- Attend the P & F meetings each term with the next one being on Wednesday 29 March 6.30pm at Wahroonga
- Join the closed Parent Facebook page to ask questions of other parents who 'understand the journey'. Where do I get good respite care? Is there a dentist who understands ASD?
- Become a Class Parent for your new class and share contact details with other parents in your class.
   This helps for organisation of any play dates and birthday celebrations as well organising camping trips...
- Be a volunteer in the swimming program and canteen
- Access the Family Support Worker, Justine Spurrs

16 February 2023

#### **2023 DATES**

**TERM 1** 

20th February - Canteen returns

27th Feb - 3rd March IEP Week - Week 6

**7th March - Open Day** K-6 Wahroonga 9.15am

**8th March - Open Day** High School 9.15am

**10th March** High School Swimming Carnival

**15th March - Photo Day** School Photo Day

**16th March - Open Day** Satellite Class Narrabeen 9.15am

24th March

Primary Swimming Carnival

**29th March - Open Day** K-6 Wahroonga 9.15am

6th April - Term 1 concludes

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS** 





#### Playground Pledge Appeal: Rest of Term 1

As promised in my Parent Information Night presentation to parents, please find important information about our Playground Pledge Appeal on pages 3 and 4. Here is the <u>link of the flyer</u> for you to share with your extended family, work and friendship networks more easily.

This QR code can be scanned if you wish to make a donation.

We look forward to following the fundraising progress of our whole community and its network. The Playground Pledge Appeal is an important undertaking for the benefit of all students across the whole school during the rest of the Term 1.

Our aim is to raise some \$200,000 from our family networks and a further \$100,000 from our corporate connections towards the overall cost of over \$500,000 for the renewal and refurbishment of our playground. If you know of corporates that we could approach feel free to contact Lana Huntley, Fundraising and Community Manager at the school.

Let us all get behind this important Playground Pledge to provide the play facilities (an important extension of our learning in classrooms) which your children and our students so richly deserve. These areas are where our students socialise, reinforce vital communication skills, are active, problem solve and regulate.

#### Assemblies: Parents are welcome back!

The **Primary School** Assembly is held each week on Friday from 9.00am to 9.30am at Wahroonga. Parents are welcome to attend if convenient from next Friday 24 February onwards. Please wear a mask and sign in as usual at Reception.

The **High School** Assembly is held each Monday and is quite short so instead we are inviting parents of 7-12 to attend special liturgical assemblies from time to time which are longer occasions. The dates of these will be communicated shortly. When attending please wear a mask.

We look forward to seeing you all again at these special events.

David Raphael Principal





#### \$150 back to school vouchers



NSW Parents, guardians, carers or students can apply for 3 x \$50 vouchers, totalling \$150 for each eligible student.

The vouchers can be used:

- towards the cost of school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks and stationery
- At a registered business
- For more details visit the <u>Service NSW website</u>

#### **CONGRATULATIONS ETHAN**

The amazing Ethan from the Lotus class, competed at Regionals for the first time last weekend in the 100m, 200m, 800m and long jump and came away with 4 golden medals. We are so proud of his achievements and the Lotus class loved wearing his medals and cheering him on while they watched his races on video! Go Ethan!





# ST LUCY'S SCHOOL PLAYGROUND PLEDGE



- 1 SCAN THE QR CODE
- Pledge and make your gift amount
- Click on "Share cause" to share on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Email or Copy link and Click on "Fundraise for this cause" to share and create your family network gift page
- Celebrate with your family as you watch your fundraising page grow towards our goal!

#### DONATE VIA THE QR CODE OR BY VISITING

https://www.givenow.com.au/stlucysplaygroundpledge

You can also pay over the phone by calling our Fundraising and Community Manager Lana Huntley on (02) 9487 1277





# ST LUCY'S SCHOOL PLAYGROUND PLEDGE











#### **High School Development: Catherine Centre**

During 2023/24 our state-of-the-art, architect designed Catherine Centre classrooms and specialist high school facilities will be constructed at the Wahroonga campus. This includes 12 classrooms with adjacent designated Year 7-12 adolescent centred recreational spaces as well as refurbished whole school playground spaces. At St Lucy's we believe our classrooms and related playgrounds are essential learning environments where your children, our students, form friendships and connections for life.

As government funding does not fund playgrounds, we seek your help.

Your child deserves the best most sensory and exciting play spaces to engage with others, learn in their own safe environment, explore and regulate.

The construction of the Catherine Centre requires significant earthworks beyond the building itself to help make the whole K-12 playground accessible and fit for purpose. The new playground areas will be available for your child and importantly be accessible to both our Senior and Primary students: including new swings, new climbing spider frame, new wheelchair accessible trampolines, a basketball hoop with Softfall, outdoor dance stage area, a covered walkway link to the whole school, and restored bike track and related fencing. With construction costs and Softfall and Astroturf areas, the total estimated cost is in excess of \$500,000.

Please join us, together with your family network of grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbours, friendship groups and work colleagues. Pledge as much support as you and they can, to the Playground Pledge for the direct benefit of your child now and in the future, as they continue their educational journey with St Lucy's to Year 12.

Each new high school classroom includes a core explicit instruction teaching area with kitchen facility and social area for eating and gathering together as well as two complementary learning spaces: one for small group work and the other for student regulation. Modern toilet facilities and change places are also incorporated as well as lifts and access ramps. The Catherine Centre is situated on the campus so that our children have easy access to the oval, the bike track and swimming pool. As part of this project a renovation of an existing facility will accommodate a Vocational Education Training facility for Hospitality and adjacent dining room.

In 2017 the school was able to purchase neighbouring land. In 2020 the construction of the Dominic Centre (new K-6 classrooms) was completed and the Catherine Centre (Years 7-12 classrooms) will commence building in 2023. These two developments will accommodate specialised teaching and learning spaces needed for education in the 21st century in a specialist setting for students with a disability across K-12.

With your support the dream of you - our parents and community - can now be brought to tangible reality!

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# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT



## A Two Part Positive Behaviour Support Workshop Series

Positive Behaviour Support focuses on empowering the individual and those around them with tools and strategies to help enhance the quality of their lives. We invite you to join us for a two-part Positive Behaviour Support workshop. Behaviour Support Practitioners Carla Laroco and Zan Hopkins- Baum will be presenting the workshop.

Part 1 Date: 23rd Feb 2023

The aim of our Part 1 PBS 101 workshop is to enhance understanding around the functions of behaviour and look at the importance of data collection.

**TIME:** 6.00pm-7.30pm

PBS part 1 booking link: https://www.trybooking.com/CFYGT

Part 2 Date: 9th March 2023

Part two of our PBS 101 workshop will cover how to identify and implement proactive strategies to support Positive Behaviours in the home.

TIME: 6.00pm-7.30pm

PBS part 2 booking link: https://www.trybooking.com/CFYJG

Please note, each workshop builds on the content of the previous ones.

It is preferred that participants try to attend both sessions.

If you are experiencing any Covid/flu like symptoms please do not attend the event. All guests are required to have had 2 Covid vaccination doses. Masks must be worn while indoors.

LOCATION: Possibility Space, St Lucy's, 21 Cleveland St, Wahroonga

COST: Free! Tea and coffee will be provided



For further information please contact:

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#### ST LUCY'S PARENT "WALK and TALK"

Get off to a great start this school year! Make the most of the opportunity to tick off two important wellbeing essentials (at the same time)! Exercise and connect with others.

When: Every Monday in Term 1 (unless raining heavily)

Where: Meet at St Lucy's front gate (Cleveland Street Wahroonga)

Time: 9.00am-9.45am. Prams (and dogs) welcome.

If you would like to know more please email <u>familysupport@stlucys.nsw.edu.au</u> or call Justine on 0456 681 710.



#### ST LUCY'S "BEACHES PARENT WALK and TALK"

Make the most of the opportunity to tick off two important wellbeing essentials (at the same time)! Exercise and connect with others.

When: Every Tuesday in Term 1 (unless raining heavily)

Where: Meet outside St Joseph's Primary School-Lagoon Street Narrabeen

Then onto Narrabeen Lake (prams welcome)

Who: Any parent of St Lucy's School

Time: 9.00am-9.45am. Prams (and dogs) welcome.

If you would like to know more please email <a href="mailto:familysupport@stlucys.nsw.edu.au">familysupport@stlucys.nsw.edu.au</a>

or call Justine on 0456 681 710.







## STAR OF THE WEEK PRIMARY AWARDS



#### STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 3)

Aconite	Josiah Wormald	Grevillea	Nikki Herbert
Azalea	Rose Younan	Jasmine	Jordan Sriprom
Bluebell	Annabelle Zabulic	Lotus	Cruz Candelori
Buttercup	Luke Hughes	Magnolia	Gus Lindsay
Camellia	Aaron D'Silva	Orchid	Uriel Cheah
Cosmos	Andrea Manaday	Peony	Jordan Szeto
Firethorn	Lennox Pollock	Sunflower	Ari Sharma
Frangipani	Austin Cameron	Tulip	Trinity De Palo
Freesia	Daniel Shim	Violet	Eva Quinn

#### STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 4)

Aconite	Connor Anderson	Grevillea	Ruby O'Brien
Azalea	Ruby Daddia	Jasmine	Nash Cameron
Bluebell	Scott Roberts	Lotus	Oskar Groenewald
Buttercup	Jamie Hunter	Magnolia	Jude McPherson
Camellia	Billy Garrod	Orchid	Ethan Mbereko
Cosmos	Quinn Markham	Peony	Aiden Williams
Firethorn	Archie Killian	Sunflower	Leon Aitken
Frangipani	Monty McNeil	Tulip	Heidi Foxall
Freesia	David Salsano	Violet	Luna Huwazan



# ST LUCY'S SCHOOL OPEN DAYS







St Lucy's is a special education primary school and high school for children with disabilities located in Wahroonga on Sydney's North Shore.

We invite you to one of our Open Days to see how your child will benefit from St Lucy's intensive instruction in: literacy, numeracy, social and emotional competence and independence skills in a dynamic and creative environment.

For more information contact the Enrolments Manager on 8355 3157 or enrol@stlucys.nsw.edu.au. Applications close 19 May 2023.

#### ST LUCY'S 2023 OPEN DAY SESSIONS:

WAHROONGA CAMPUS St Lucy's School, 21 Cleveland Street, Wahroonga

K-6 Open Day #1

Tuesday 07 March Wednesday 08 March

High School Open Day

9.15am -11.00am

Wednesday 29 March

K-6 Open Day #2

9.15am -11.00am

9.15am -11.00am

NARRABEEN CAMPUS St Joseph's Primary School, 108 Ocean St, Narrabeen

**Thursday 16 March** 

Satellite Class Open Day

9.15am -11.00am

To book an Open Day session in March, visit

https://www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au/enrolment-open-day-special-needs-school/

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# ST LUCY'S SCHOOL

SPECIAL EDUCATION IN A MAINSTREAM SETTING

# ST LUCY'S SATELLITE CLASSES



St Lucy's is a K-12 special education school for students with disabilities with Satellite classes located in Wahroonga and on the Northern Beaches.

Our Satellite program is for eligible students whose goal is to transition to a mainstream school. Each satellite class provides students with the opportunity to engage with mainstream peers on the playground and school events.

We have St Lucy's Satellite Classes across 3 schools:

St Joseph's Narrabeen: Years K-1 • St John's Narraweena: Years 2-4
Prouille Wahroonga: Years 2-4

We invite you to our Open Day at St Joseph's Narrabeen on Thursday 16 March 2023 at 9.15am - 11.00am

Come and see how your child will benefit from St Lucy's intensive instruction in: literacy, numeracy, social competence and independence skills in a dynamic and creative environment. Alternative tours can be arranged at other satellite campuses where appropriate through the enrolments team.

For more information contact the Enrolments Manager on 8355 3157 or enrol@stlucys.nsw.edu.au. Applications close 19 May 2023.

To book in for a tour in March, visit

https://enrol.stlucys.nsw.edu.au/events/st-lucys-narrabeen-satellite-open-day-2023-03-16

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