

ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Individual Education Plan Meetings:

I trust these have been very collaborative and useful meetings for you as parents this week. I know the teaching teams always value your input and feedback as parents who know your child or young adult best. Thank you to our office team as well as class teams for preparing and facilitating these very important meetings in the lives of our students. The goals you, as parents, have discussed with your teachers form the basis of important learning for Semester 1 and these goals are reported on at the end of Term 2 in our Academic Reports.

Assemblies:

K-6: As I mentioned last Newsletter Primary Assemblies are back for parents if you are available to attend. It was great to see four parents attend last Friday. Time is 9am Friday at Wahroonga campus with entry via Parent Reception and is usually completed by about 9.30am.

7-12: I mentioned last Newsletter that the Secondary assemblies are short and not as valuable for parents to attend. Instead, we would like to invite parents of high school students to attend more significant occasions, such as liturgies, which are longer and more worthwhile for parents.

Our first such liturgy for Semester 1:

Our Harmony Day Whole School Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday 22nd March at 10.00am in the Performing Arts Centre. This will be a Mufti Day for all students. All are encouraged to wear orange, and/or clothing which reflects their cultural background. Parents and carers are invited to attend. Please note - visitors K-12 are required to wear a mask.

Playground Pledge Progress:

I'm so pleased that our Playground Pledge fundraiser has been so well received and with much enthusiasm. We have had many shout-outs from our supporters with prayers, good wishes and messages of how proud our supporters are of our students. With donations received from as far as Malaysia, the UK and the USA, along with company donations and 20 family supporter groups, over \$29,000 has been raised in 3 weeks. That's 15% of our \$200,000 goal. We have already received interest

03 March 2023 2023 DATES

TERM 1 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

22nd March -Harmony Day Liturgy 10.00am Mufti Day for all students

23rd March - Men's Evening 6.30-8.00pm, St Edmunds College

> 24th March Primary Swimming Carnival

29th March - Open Day K-6 Wahroonga 9.15am P&F Meeting 6.30pm-8.00pm

6th April - Term 1 concludes

Principal: Mr David Raphael www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au Ph: 9487 1277



from our Corporate sponsors, and are looking even more so please keep sharing our achievements by sending this <u>link</u> to your many networking groups.

Help us raise funds for our Playground Pledge Appeal so our children can learn important life skills in a safe, familiar environment.

Please share this <u>link</u> with your friends, extended family, work colleagues and anyone else who could help us reach our \$200,000 goal by the end of Term 1 and together we will make our plans for an exciting and state-of-the-art playground a reality.

Stay tuned for more updates on St Lucy's Playground Pledge!



Parent Volunteers:

Don't forget mums and dads and grandparents and friends that you are most welcome to contact Gary Edwards garye@stlucys.nsw.edu.au if you wish to assist in the swimming program for your child's class in Term 1 and 4. It is so pleasing to see parents and others linked to the family volunteering for the first time in these first few swimming weeks of Term 1 especially from our new Kindergarten classes. Thank you for your willingness to help make the Program so successful and well supervised.



Open Days for 2024 Enrolment:

Please see and spread the word about our Open Days for 2024 enrolment included in this newsletter. Your recommendations to potential new families are vital in spreading the word.

David Raphael

Principal





St Lucy's Senior Swimming Carnival 2023 Friday 10th March 2023 9:10am-2:20pm

You are invited to support our students at the upcoming St Lucy's Senior Swimming Carnival.

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9:10	Waratah	12:00	Grevillea
9:30	Marigold	12:20	Peony
9:50	Zinnia	12:40	Buttercup
10:10	Acacia	13:00	Iris
10:30	Aster	13:20	Clover
11:00	Break	13:40	Anemone
11:40	Tulip	14:00	Gardenia

Students will compete in 'race style' laned events including: - Freestyle, backstroke, seahorse with noodle, kickboard, Boogie Boards.

NOTE: Each group does all their events in a row * All times are approximate and subject to change *As soon as your child's swimming session has been completed you may leave

St Lucy's Junior Swimming Carnival 2023

Friday 24 March 2023

Session 1: 9:10am-10:50am Session 2: 11:30am- 13:30pm

You are invited to support our students at the upcoming St Lucy's Senior Swimming Carnival.

Program

Session 1			Session 2	
09:10	Freesia	11.30	Firethorn**	
09:30	Azalea	11:50	Lotus**	
09:50	Frangipani	12:10	Violet	
10:10	Jasmine	12:30	Aconite	
10.30	Magnolia	12:50	Bluebell	
10:50	Break	13:10	Orchid	

Students will compete in events including:

Treasure Hunt, Noodle Race, Swimming Race, Volleyball Shootout

NOTE: Each group does all their events in a row. All times are subject to change. *As soon as your child's swimming session has been completed you may leave **Firethorn and Lotus classes please use reading room and library to change and have as a base.

2023 PARENT PICK UP AND DROP-OFF IN UNDERGROUND CARPARK (OFF BILLYARD AVENUE)

DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES

GENERAL:

Parents intending to use the underground driveway for pick up must inform the school in advance – absent@stlucys.nsw.edu. au. The underground car park arrangement is for those parents for whom it will be a regular and ongoing arrangement rather than on a day by day or ad hoc basis. Please specify which days of the week you will be picking up your child using the underground driveway and St Lucy's will provide you with a sign with your child's name to place on your windshield.

Parents are still welcome to park and drop off their child at the school entrance on Cleveland Street via the Gallery and pick up with be via the door at Reception.

Parents should enter the car park by turning left into the driveway off Billyard Avenue. This is to avoid congestion of right turning vehicles. Follow the arrows which will lead you in a U-shape around the car park starting on the left-hand side.

All stationary cars should have their engines turned off.

On reaching the line closest to the glass vestibule – please park your car and come to the door to drop off or collect your child/young person from/to the staff member on duty.

Please then return to your car promptly, ensuring your young person is secured (for pick up), and exit the driveway. A reminder that drop off and pick up times are not a time for handover of information between staff and parents/carers.

A staff traffic marshall will then direct the cars on the other side of the car park to move up and those in the line nearest to the glass vestibule should then follow the same procedure (above).

All speed and other signs need to be obeyed as a 4 kmph zone either off Cleveland Street or Billyard Avenue.

Entry and exit to the car park off Billyard is a two-way traffic area so please stay on your side of the driveway and be aware of cars coming in the other direction.

There is a height restriction for cars of 2.1m – please do not enter the underground car park if you think your car is close to this height as it could do damage to the sewage pipes.

FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS: Note we have slightly changed the times for primary pick-up Drop off

The car park will be opened to parents between 8.30 to 8.50..

Pick up

Parent pick up for primary students will be from 2.45 - 3.00. The underground car park will be opened to parents at 2.35. Students will be brought to the glass vestibule area at 2.40. Underground car park will close at 3.00 for parent pick up, after that time pick up will be from Cleveland Street.

FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS:

Drop off

The car park will be open from 8.20 – 8.30 for high school students drop off. Parents of Secondary students can still park and drop off their young person by foot through the Gallery.

Pick up

Parent pick up for high school students will be from 3:00 – 3.15 from either the underground car park or on foot from the Reception gate.

Thank you in advance for your careful attention to these details.





Siblings Photos

For any families who wish to have sibling photos, this will happen between 8.30-9.00am. Please contact juanitam@stlucys.nsw.edu.au to schedule this in.

St Lucy's School 2023

Hi There!

Your School photo day is coming up on Wednesday 15 March 2023 Ordering

your school photos is quick and easy using our MSP Online Platform!

You can also order your Family Sibling Photos at the same time you order the individual photos by selecting "Family Photos"

Online ordering Closes Wednesday 15 March 2023

Archive fee applies after this date.

Family orders must be placed BEFORE photo day.

Please use the link below to order your photos on your desktop.

Click here to get started

On the log in page select "Sign in with Shoot Key", enter your shoot key and follow the prompts You can add multiple children by selecting "Add another child" once you have placed your order for your eldest child

You can also order using an iPhone or Android device by downloading the MSP Online app and following the below steps!



Search for 'MSP Online' and download the MSP Online App from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store



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Open the MSP

Online App and

search for your

school name

Click "ordering for the first time" to create a new account for our new platform



Enter your temporary username and password



Place your order

If you need any assistance please call us on 94996555 or email sydney@msp.com.au



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL PLAYGROUND PLEDGE



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Celebrate with your family as you watch your fundraising page grow towards our goal!

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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!

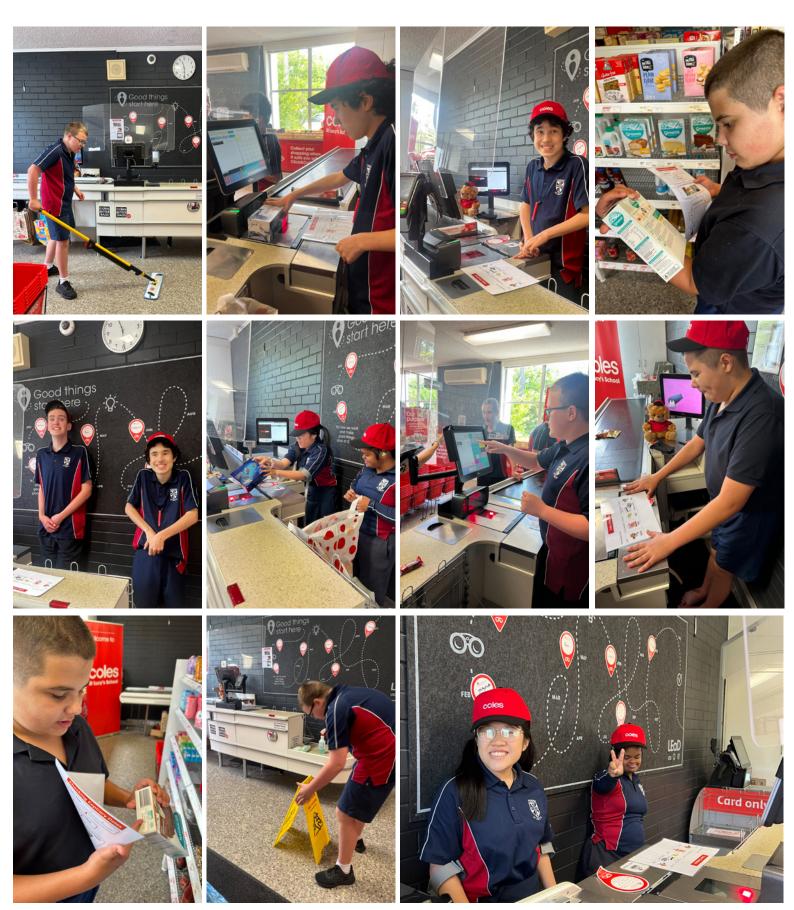
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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

VET students hard at work.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE

ST LUCY'S SCHOOL – 2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Registration for the program of preparation for children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 8th June at St. Lucy's School, Wahroonga Campus is now open.

Eligibility: Students must be Baptised and be eight years of age or older (Year 3 2023 minimum). In Broken Bay Diocese, **Confirmation is celebrated prior to Reconciliation and First Eucharist.**

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Parents' Welcome and Information Evening: Thursday 4th May at 6.00pm

This is a compulsory evening for one parent or carer, but not for children.

Preparation Lessons: There will be a total of 3 preparation lessons, which will be facilitated by Sr. Helen Merrin and Ms Elizabeth Webster.

Classes held at the student's relevant campus (including

Narrabeen and Narraweena) and will take place either on a Wednesday or Thursday during the school day. Dates and times to be confirmed.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation:

THURSDAY, 8th June 2023 10:00 AM-12:00 at St. Lucy's School Wahroonga Campus

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be here to celebrate the sacrament with us and guests will be allowed.

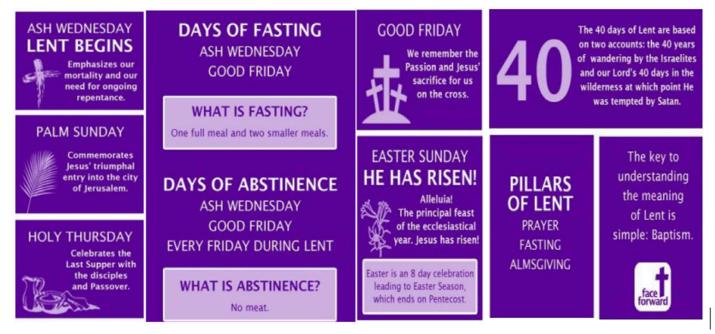
Please email to Elizabeth Webster elizabethw@stlucys.nsw.edu. au to enrol your young person. You must also include a copy of your young person's Baptismal Certificate, and the name of your local Parish.

Feel free to contact me via phone or email should you have any questions.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22 was Ash Wednesday, as such, each class had a liturgy to mark the beginning of Lent. During our ritual, we invited our young people to reflect on how they can "keep a good Lent" by aiming to make good choices.

Lent began with Ash Wednesday on 22nd February - leading to Easter Sunday 9th April





HARMONY WEEK

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Our Harmony Day Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday 22nd March at 10.00am in the Performing Arts Centre. Parents and carers are invited to attend.

Please note - visitors are required to wear a mask.

During our liturgy, we will be praying for the elimination of racial discrimination. We will also give thanks for the cultural diversity which exists both in our school community and in Australian society.

Wednesday 22nd is also Mufti Day for all students. All are encouraged to wear orange, and/or clothing which reflects their cultural background.

We are asking for a gold coin donation please. All the funds raised will be donated to The House of Welcome.



This wonderful organisation exists to welcome, shelter, and empower people seeking asylum and refugees regardless of their age, gender, sexuality, nationality or religion. The volunteers provide client-centred holistic supports that nurture hope, advocate for justice and promote self-reliance, whilst acknowledging the dignity and the rights of everyone.

Thank you in advance for your support of our Harmony Week Liturgy and Mufti Day.

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

ST JOHN'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Lotus class participated in the St John's swimming carnival last week. They loved being cheered on by all the St John's students, joining in with the chants and collecting their ribbons at the end of the race. We are now pumped and ready for the St Lucy's swimming carnival in a few weeks time!"

Siobhan O'Neill Classroom Teacher







CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

The Creative Arts Studios are filled with creativity every day and we are excited to see the students using the Arts to explore themes from their Science and Technology, History and Geography curriculum, while also honing artistic and performance skills.



Theatre Project Dance Project and Art Project are now in full swing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and students are producing beautiful works!



THE CREATIVE ARTS APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Creative Arts April Holiday Program is around the corner. There are still a few places available!

Tuesday 11th April – 2 places remaining (Kindy – Year 4 ONLY)

Wednesday 12th April 4 places remaining (Year 5 – Year 11 ONLY)

Thursday 13th April 1 place remaining (Kindy – Year 4 ONLY)

Friday 14th April 4 Places remaining (Year 5 – Year 11 ONLY)

Please email me at alip@stlucys.nsw.edu.au if you would like one of these places.

Alessandra Picone Head of Creative Arts



ST LUCY'S CREATIVE ARTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM APRIL 2023

Explore Creative Arts through the ages in this series of engaging workshops. Time Travellers Holiday Program will explore Dance, Drama and Visual Arts across time and will invite students to participate in engaging workshops where they will learn new techniques and have a lot of fun. Each day includes a PE session!

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL – RAINBOW SERPENT (Kindergarten – Year 4) This workshop explores Aboriginal Art and Dance and will focus students on ancient story telling th

natural materials and through movement and sound. **WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL – WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN (Year 5 – Year 11)** Explore hieroglyphic style drawing, stories of pharaohs, treasure hunts for pyramid gold and trips down the Nile with

soundscapes and green screen fun! THURSDAY 13TH APRIL – ALL THAT JAZZ (Kindergarten– Year 4) Explore Jazz Dance, Jazz Music and The American Art movement that was inspired by Jazz, including Pollack style gestural painting, in this rhythmic workshop.

FRIDAY 14TH APRIL – THE RENAISSANCE (Year 5 – Year 11) Painting frescoes, dressing up and performing operas – this workshop explores the beautiful sounds and sights of the Italian and French movement and will have students immersed in dance, sculpture making and painting.

STAR OF THE WEEK PRIMARY AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 5)

Aconite Azalea Bluebell Buttercup Camellia Cosmos Firethorn Frangipani Freesia

Naomi Baumgartner **Christinan Leenderts** Elliot Dinsdale **Diesel Grey** Oliver Fay Sasha Lipworth + Oscar Hao Julian Mrvica Elliot Huband Rocky Knox

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 6)

Aconite Azalea Bluebell Buttercup Camellia Cosmos Firethorn Frangipani Freesia

Sydney Cameron Leo Donath-Hale **Stephen Tarantilis** Stella Shen Hudson Puklowski Arlo Blakeley Jack Kirby Orlando Guidaci Joshua Drummond

Grevillea Jasmine Lotus Magnolia Orchid Peony Sunflower Tulip Violet

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Angeline Boyadjian Tobias van der Sluijs **Charlie Harris** Elijah El-Agha William FitzGibbon **Trey Simon-Pritchard** Bella Grace Inglis Gabriel Cheah Izzy McDonald

Tyler Miller Olivia Ma

Aris Peri + Corey Beadman Jade Merrett Dylan Farmer Orlando Seibel Talha Tanzeel Antonio Stewart Mia Morrisey



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL VERITAS 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

Tuesday 07 March Wednesday 08 March Wednesday 29 March K-6 Open Day #1 High School Open Day K-6 Open Day #2

9.15am -11.00am 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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STLUCY'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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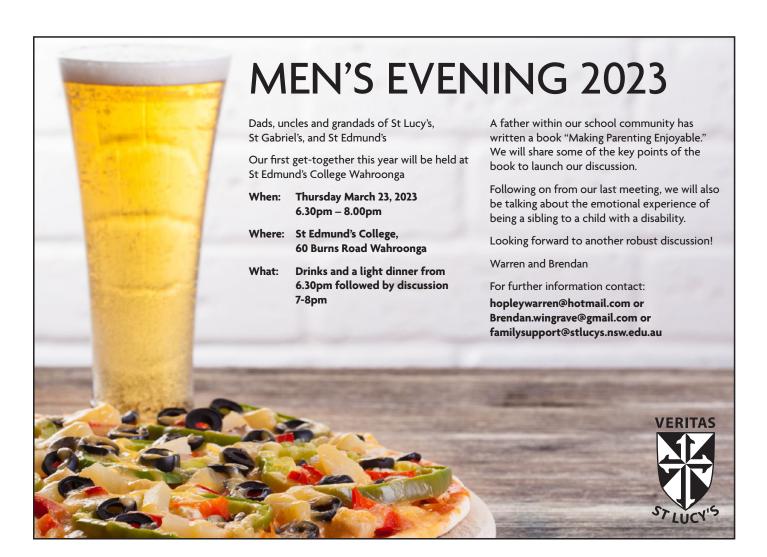
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ST LUCY'S NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



We are short of classroom volunteers and would love to hear from anyone who can commit to two terms in the classrooms (any Monday-Thursday).

Monday 9am – 11am or 11.30am – 1.30pm Tuesday 9am – 11am Wednesday 9am – 11am Thursday 11.30am – 1.30pm

The volunteer work can entail

- 1:1 support with literacy or numeracy
- Supporting learning activities in a group setting
- resource preparation
- support with local bus excursions

Please contact Louise Jamieson at volunteer@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

To volunteer at St Lucy's, will need a ccurrent Working With Children Check and 3 Covid Vaccinations.



WEBINAR: FIGHTING CHANCE 21 MARCH

	eries sharing information and resources to empower you with the ocate for yourself and get the most out of the NDIS.
Webinar: Evidence and the NDIA: Clinical reports and NDIS language	 Live Webinar: Evidence and the NDIA; clinical reports and NDIS Language. Join us for this webinar, where we will break down: What does the NDIA mean when they ask for evidence? Clinical reports, what is the NDIA looking for? Examples of how evidence can/ needs to be translated into NDIS language. What should be avoided when it comes to providing evidence to the NDIA. If a clinician doesn't provide sufficient evidence what can we do? Dates: Tuesday 21 March Times: 7.00 – 8.00 pm AEST (Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra)
	Click here to register

To register click on link: <u>https://my.demio.com/ref/XOmukv4iVkYb2PqS</u>

Click on link: https://hireup.com.au/event/navigating-the-ndis

Navigating the NDIS: What does great support work look like? 7th March, 2023 - 12:00 pm

Join our experts on the first Tuesday of each month to master how to navigate the NDIS. In March, learn how to find and manage a great support team.



Online Event

Date:Tuesday, 7th March 2023

Time:12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Register

Click on link to register: https://nepeandisabilityexpo.com.au/



Visit: https://www.developingauscommunities.com.au/sydney-

