

ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents.

Bishop's Vision for Disability Education and Catholic Schools Office of Broken Bay Discussions:

As parents know, the Bishop and the CSBB have decided to initiate 'support classes' at strategic points in the Diocesan Catholic schools across the Broken Bay Diocese. In the Catholic schools these locations include St Lucy's current leases from CSBB to deliver our Satellite Program to 50 families.

I know the parents of St Lucy's specifically affected, as well as our wider school community, continue to be anxious and concerned to know the precise details and locations of these revised arrangements. Unfortunately, I am not yet at liberty to make public these details but I am assured a joint statement will be released soon for circulation to our respective communities.

High level discussions between the parties have been taking place of late. I am pleased to let parents know that some further time has been allowed for some of our lease arrangements with the CSBB and an alternative location provided in another situation. Precise details will be released shortly.

Meantime, the St Lucy's Board met as usual earlier this week. The Board is absolutely determined to continue the St Lucy's Satellite Program for our families and the wider community. The program prepares students so well for transition to the next best more inclusive setting and gives parents such hope and our students such joy. Of course, there are also untold benefits for the host schools in their community as well. Consequently, St Lucy's will next seek to partner with independent faith-based schools across the region to find new host locations for our excellent Satellite Program now that we are no longer able to be located in CSBB schools.

Post Schools Options:

Thank you for the very positive parent feedback I have received for the Trusts and Estate Planning event organised by our Post Schools Options Coordinator, Elisa Mandis. By all accounts it was a very informative and useful workshop.

Twilight Enrolment Tour:

We held our first ever twilight tour for prospective parents, therapists and early childhood centres this week to tour the school and hear information about our exciting programs across the whole continuum of learning from K-12. Thank you to Kerrie Dietz, Enrolment Manager for organising our first of many to come.



15 September 2023

TERM 3 DATES

Friday 22 September Feast of St Lucy Last day of Term 3

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Tuesday 10 October Students return Term 4

Friday 13 October The Artist is Me Day

Friday 27 October **Grandparents Day**

Thursday 2nd November Mens Evening (St Lucy's) 6.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday 9th November Rainbow Obstacle Course

> Friday 17 November Year 10 Formal 6pm

Friday 24 November Oak Hill Day

Friday 1 December Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

Tuesday 12 December Carols Concert/last day of Term







Catherine Centre and Veritas Centre Refurbishment:

The construction continues at pace with another concrete pour on Saturday as the High School building continues to rise above ground and can now be seen above the building hoarding and not just through the ground level windows. It is very exciting to see such progress. Enjoy the latest pictures.



P & F Trivia Night:

Hope to see you all tonight at the Trivia Night to raise funds for our P&F as well as getting involved in the online Auction. I am sure it will be filled with lots of fun and generous giving in a spirit of healthy competition. May the best table win!

Happy Holidays:

I trust families enjoy some time together in and amongst the holiday program and enjoy connecting in the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing you all back refreshed next term.

David Raphael Principal



Grevillea class excursion to Centennial Park



On Monday 4th September Grevillea class went on an excursion to Centennial Park. There we learnt about the lifecycle of the fig seeds and the bats that eat them. We saw and heard hundreds of bats in the forest. Then we made a bat from clay. We really enjoyed playing in the newly renovated wild play sensory garden.



Hornsby Police Visit St Lucy's Students

Stage 2 and 3 students were lucky enough to have a visit from Constable Debbie Coppard from Hornsby Police Station. Constable Debbie talked to us about safe people and safe places in our community to compliment out unit of work in PDHPE. Some students even got to have a look at her Police car and turn the sirens on!











Firethorn Science and Technology Unit: Rock Band



In our Science and Technology Unit 'Rock Band', Firethorn class have been exploring sound energy with the context of music and musical instruments through blowing striking shaking and plucking. Students also explored how the volume and pitch of a sound can be changed.

The students made a pan flute using straws and experimented with sound using glasses with different amounts of coloured water.









RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE

Dear All,

Sr Helen and I are delighted to share that next week, (Wednesday, 20th September @ 9am) the following students will commence preparation classes for First Eucharist/Holy Communion:

Noel Ansulam - Clover

Sophia Dixon - Tulip

Ethan Mbereko - Orchid

Matthew McArthur - Grevillea

Joseph Oh and his brother Ian - platypus class @Prouille (will complete preparation classes at Prouille campus)

Annabel Tantillo - Bellbird

Ava Szalay– Lotus (will complete class at Beaches campus)

There will be an additional two preparation classes next term: Wednesday 11th October & Wednesday 18th October.

All classes taking place at the Wahroonga campus, will be in the Staff Retreat/Classroom and run from 9.15am – 10.15am.

You're Invited

All are invited to attend our First Eucharist celebration event, which will take place at Holy Name Church (across the road in Billyard Ave) on Sunday, 22nd October at 11am.



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

HIGH SCHOOL

HIGHLIGHTS

Clover students visit Coles on a regular basis, and each aspect of this learning experience is integrated with mathematical and computational thinking. For example, students plan and prepare their visit using the St Lucy's Coles teacher made catalogue. They are also required to use a calculator to add whole amounts displayed on the price tags.

Students have to work out whether they have enough money for their purchase, and we are working on helping students know how to use an EFPOST/Spriggy card.

They have also been using a new fun, and exciting program which has been developed by the ABC called GOAT Maths games. This wonderful resource is free and was devised so students can practise and extend their mathematical thinking and skills. The games are perfect for teacher-guided group play, allowing students to play as a class or in small groups as they explore and discuss the maths and the antics of loveable goats.













Stage 5 students preparing Uber Eats deliveries to take home to their families. Families were asked to vote online and choose 2 of the baked goods the students have made this term, for us to prepare and send home.

The most votes were for scones and brownies!







HIGH SCHOOL

HIGHLIGHTS

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle... Re-think!

Gardenia working on a sustainable future.

Gardenia Class reviewed and enriched their learning from their wonderful unit on how people can help the environment! They brought their classroom knowledge to the outdoors and explored where all materials that we "throw out" end up!

From card to plastic, green waste to metal, concrete, wood, and sadly landfill! They shared their knowledge of composting and how we make use of food scraps and worm farms to lessen our impact on the environment. Each student then contributed items from their class collection of glass, juice cartons, cans and plastic bottles to a local Return and Earn centre receiving an individual voucher for their effort ... before following a plan on ways in which to spend their reward for saving the environment!





STAR OF THE WEEK PRIMARY AWARDS



STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 8)

Aconite	Connor Anderson	Grevillea	Inika Sandman
Azalea	Maddox Wong-See	Jasmine	Isabel Jefferson & Jade Merrett
Bluebell	Annabelle Zabulic	Lotus	Cruz Candelori
Buttercup	Stella Shen	Magnolia	Jude McPherson
Camellia	Ruby Baron	Orchid	Joseph Oh
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Cosmos Flynn Griffiths Peony Isaac Saade Firethorn Jack Kirby Sunflower Harvey Terry Mia Morrisey Anastasia Price Tulip Frangipani Tyler Posford Violet Izzy McDonald Freesia

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 9)

Aconite	Naomi Baumgartner	Grevillea	Nikki Herbert
Azalea	Zoe Sallansonnet	Jasmine	Ben Sukkar
Bluebell	Annabel Tantillo	Lotus	Luke Donaldson
Buttercup	Luke Hughes	Magnolia	Blake Roberts
Camellia	Charlie Hanna	Orchid	Edward Price
Cosmos	Finn Donnelly	Peony	Jordan Szeto
Firethorn	Julian Mrvica	Sunflower	Cooper Morrison
Frangipani	Henry Greer	Tulip	Alex Crowley
Freesia	Rocky Knox	Violet	Milla Hammer



Acacia Harvey Tomicki Iris Chris Oppen Anemone Hugo Le Roy Marigold Oscar Hay Aster Leif Courtney Waratah Mia Richardson Clover Dorothy Ding & Noel Ansulam Zinnia Patrick Sweeney

Gardenia Jacob Hillard

MERIT AWARDS WEEK 9

Anna Simpson Acacia Iris Sofia Shepherd Daniel O'Connor Pedro Boyle Anemone Marigold Owen Evans Aster Waratah Gidon Budai Clover Oliver D'Souza & Tayla Tobin Zinnia Oliver Tobin

Gardenia Charli Dimmick

WALKING FOR ST LUCY'S SCHOOL

www.givenow.com.au/cr/caminowalkstlucy



Support Bob and Moira while they walk the Camino Trail to raise funds for St Lucy's School playground.

In 2017 Moira and Bob Starkey walked the 804km Camino from France to Spain to raise funds for St Lucy's School where Oliver their grandson attends. During their last walk, they raised over \$16,000.

This time Moira and Bob are walking 308km for Oliver as another part of the Camino and the target is to raise \$20,000 to go towards a purpose-built playground. If you wish to support them on their journey please donate by visiting https://www.givenow.com.au/cr/caminowalkstlucy or by scanning the QR code on this flyer.

Please follow them on their Facebook page 'CaminoStarkey' for daily updates where they will be joined by their mascot Lucy Bear!











Love in every



step couple take

Moira and Bob will be walking from Leon to Santiago de Compostela between Tuesday 5 September and Saturday

23 September. Below is their itinerary: Leon to Mazarife – 21km, Day 1: Mazarife to Hospital – 15km, Day 2: Day 3: Hospital to Astorga – 16km, Day 4: Astorga to Rabanal – 20km, Rabanal to Acebo – 16km, Day 5: Acebo to Ponferrada – 16km. Day 6:

Ponferrada to Cacabelos – 14.5km, Day 7: Cacabelos to Villafranca – 9.5km, Day 8:

Day 9: Villafranca to Vega – 16.5km, Vega to O Cebreiro – 11.5km,

Day 10: Day 11: O Cebreiro to Triacastela – 20.5km,

Triacastela to Sarria – 17km, Day 12:

Day 13: Sarria to Portomarin – 22km, Portomarin to Ventas – 13.5km. Day 14:

Day 15: Ventas to Palas de Rei – 11.5km,

Palas ed Rei to Melide – 14.5km, Day 16:

Day 17: Melide to Arzua – 14.5km. Arzua to O Pedrozo – 20km, and Day 18:

Day 19: O Pedrozo to Santiago de Compostela.





Hidden Disabilities Sunflower

Living with a Hidden Disability, like autism, can make accessing the community more challenging for people. Hidden Disabilities can be difficult for others to recognise, which is often the biggest barrier for people accessing additional support and understanding.



People who have a hidden disability can choose to wear a Sunflower lanyard, which discreetly indicates to staff and others that they may need additional time, support or understanding. This provides a consistent icon that is recognisable between locations, including travelling through the airport, on public transport, attending sport, or going to the museum.

Hidden Disabilities is an international approach that is coordinated in Australia by Bayley House. To find out more about Sunflower initiative visit:

https://hiddendisabilitiesshop.com.au/

Navigating the NDIS: Allied Health, identifying what good service looks like 3rd October 2023 - 12:00 pm – 1pm Online Event.

Register HERE:

Join our experts on the first Tuesday of each month to master how to navigate the NDIS. In October, we're going to explore good customer service in the context of Allied Health. Do you have questions about the NDIS? During this webinar, we will discuss what good customer service looks like, your rights and choices and effective communication.

Our speakers are keen to answer your questions. Please send them prior to the event to: engagement@hireup.com.au





Disclaimer: While we are aware of and are happy to let you know about support services, we are not endorsing these services and cannot promise you that the services are suitable for your child or family's needs. It is up to you to make your own enquiries and decide whether a service is suitable for your child and your family.

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SUPPORT COORDINATION

BUILDING CONFIDENCE WITH YOUR YOUNG PERSON'S NDIS PLAN



How to get support coordination?

Your funding is based on what is "reasonable and necessary" to pursue your goals.

SOME KEY REASONS COULD BE:

- changing health needs
- transition to school
- Post school transition
- · major life transition

BENEFITS OF SUPPORT COORDINATION

- SUPPORT YOU TO UNDERSTAND YOUR NDIS PLAN AND HOW TO USE IT
- EDUCATE AND FACILITATE CHOICE AND CONTROL
- SOURCING AND CONNECTING YOU WITH NDIS PROVIDERS
- BREAKDOWN NDIS PROCESSES

ASSISTING YOU TO MANAGE YOUR NDIS BUDGET FLEXIBLY

- LIAISING WITH NDIS AND MAINSTREAM SERVICES
- ENSURE EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY
- SUPPORTING YOU THROUGH "ROADBLOCKS" WITH NDIS
- MOST IMPORTANTLY, LISTENING TO WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE AND HELP A PLAN TO GET YOU THERE

NDIS: 1800 800 110 OR WWW.NDIS.GOV.AU

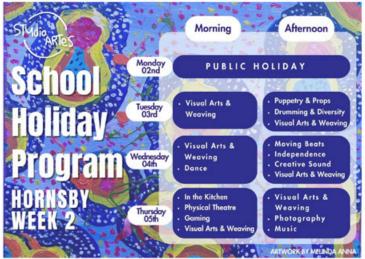
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To view the Studio Artes Holiday Programs in Hornsby and The Inner West, please click on the link https://www.studioartes.org.au/schoolholidayprograms to complere registration.

2023 September/October Holidays <u>Hornsby Timetable</u>





Inner West Timetable



