



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Individual Education Plan Meetings:

I trust you found the IEPs a wonderful opportunity to connect with your 2024 class team and collaboratively set some useful goals for your child/adolescent for Semester 1. These and other curriculum goals will be reported on by staff in their weekly catch-up email to you for your son/daughter on 'the week that was' and will also be included in the Semester 1 Academic Report you will receive at the end of Term 2.

Fire Evacuation and Drills:



Earlier this term at our staff days we reviewed and refreshed our Fire Evacuation and Lockdown procedures and had an external expert briefing and advising us on the thoroughness of our procedures.

Yesterday we had a fire alarm which we later discovered turned out to be a false alarm. We evacuated the students and staff safely and awaited the fire brigade which came very quickly to the school to support us and then give the 'all clear'. The fire brigade were very thorough and identified the fault and this has now been rectified. It was pleasing to see the speed with which the students cooperated in the evacuation to the sunshine on the oval. The students were also thrilled to meet the firemen when they were introduced to the school and were mobbed as heroes, which of course they are serving our community in this way.

Next Weeks:

Open Days: Primary Open Day (Tuesday 12 March) and High School Open Day (Wednesday 13 March) and the Narrabeen Satellite Open Day (Tuesday 19 March) all in readiness for 2025 enrolments. If you know of any suitable students and families from your social and workplace networks that would benefit from a St Lucy's education, please do reach out to them and encourage their attendance.

P&F Meeting: Our first meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday night (13 March) at Wahroonga and Teams from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Be there to support and connect with fellow parents and our President Dani FitzGibbon and the new committee. Here is the teams link if you can't join in person: **Meeting ID: 461 727 823 086** **Passcode: JZLUK7**



8 March 2024

2024 DATES - TERM 1

Tuesday 12 March 2024
Primary School Open Day #1

Wednesday 13 March 2024
High School Open Day #1

Wednesday 13 March 2024
P&F Meeting 6.30pm

Friday 15 March 2024
High School Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 19 March 2024
Open Day - Narrabeen

Thursday 21 March 2024
Harmony Day

Friday 22 March 2024
Years 1-6 Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 27 March 2024
Primary School Open Day #2

Thursday 28 March 2024
Easter Hat Parade

Thursday 4th April 2024
Class Parents Morning Tea

Thursday 4th April 2024
Men's Evening 6.00pm-8.00pm
The Sunroom, Holy Name

Tuesday 9 April 2024
Twilight Open Day 4.30pm-6.00pm

Friday 12 April 2024
Term 1 concludes for students



Swimming Carnivals: High School is Friday 15 March at Wahroonga and Primary School Year 1-6 is Friday 22 March. It is always great to see the enthusiasm from both the students and families at these events.

St Lucy's Playground Pledge: Thank you for reaching out to your families and supporters in raising much needed funds for our specialised playground. The playground which is under construction will be unveiled in Term 3 for all our students to have access to and learn social skills. So far we have raised \$700 this year since Parent Information Night, which is a great start to 2024. This is building upon the great progress of our community in 2023 where we committed over \$250,000 towards this project, which is unfunded by government.

Please share this [donation link](#) to encourage your neighbours, friends, workmates, extended family and social network to give generously and know that their donation is not only tax-deductible but will give our young people a purpose-built and safe space to hone their skills.


If you wish to read more about the playground Pledge, here is a link of the [flyer](#) for you to share with your extended family, work and friendship networks more easily.

David Raphael
Principal



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL PLAYGROUND PLEDGE GET YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVED



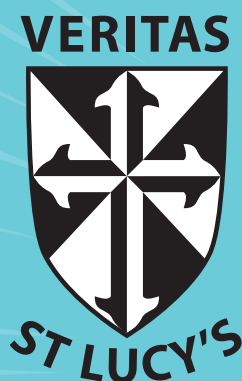
- 1 SCAN THE QR CODE 
- 2 Pledge and make your gift amount
- 3 Click on "Share cause" to share on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Email or Copy link AND. Click on "Fundraise for this cause" to share and create your family network gift page
- 4 Receive your tax deductible receipt
- 5 Celebrate with your 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 make your tax deductible gift over the phone by calling our Fundraising and Community Manager Lana Huntley on (02) 9487 1277



WE'RE EXHIBITING AT



source**kids**
DISABILITY
EXPO

FREE ENTRY

SYDNEY

16-17 MARCH 2024

Sydney International
Convention Centre

VISIT US AT STAND D14

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE A

PRIZE



This year, St Lucy's will be running their annual raffle as well as an online auction.

This years raffle will be raising funds for the Central Cost Bus Service and our online auction will be raising funds for technology bundles for our High School students.

If you know anyone in your community, family, workplace or extended networks who would like to donate a raffle or auction item, ie holiday house, sport memorabilia, toys, bikes, electronics, beauty products, restaurant vouchers, homewares, to one of these fundraising initiatives, please contact:

Alex Fisher:
alex@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

Juanita Marais:
juanitam@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

Thank you for your support!

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Our Year 11 students have made some wonderful masks as part of their Creative Arts Life Skills class:



Have a look at some of the amazing work created in elective Photography and Digital Media by our Year 9 and 10 students:



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Creative Arts Life Skills - students have been making vision boards and mask designs for La Comedia Dell'Arte:



Year 8 Ocelot Class working on a mixed media larma artwork as part of an upcoming art show:



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 2024.

ST LUCY'S 2024 OPEN DAY SESSIONS:

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

Tuesday 12 March	K-6 Open Day #1	9.15am -11.00am
Wednesday 13 March	High School Open Day	9.15am -11.00am
Wednesday 27 March	K-6 Open Day #2	9.15am -11.00am
Tuesday 9 April	Twilight Tour	4.30pm -6.00pm

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

Tuesday 19 March	Satellite Class Open Day	9.00am -10.30am
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To book an Open Day session, visit

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



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MISSION AND IDENTITY

Thursday 21st March



HARMONY WEEK

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Harmony Week (18-24 March)

On Thursday, 21 March, the school will celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Week is a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. We also ask families to make a gold coin donation on this day for Caritas Australia.

Parents and carers are invited to join us for the Harmony Day liturgy on Thursday 21 March 2024 10:30am.

To attend a liturgy, please book using this link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPSLU>

This year, we will be giving our students a *silicon* Harmony Bracelet. Please advise your class teacher if you **do not** want your child to receive this bracelet.

Please note it is a Mufti is national dress or orange.

Why orange? Traditionally, orange is related to social communication and inter-cultural dialogue, the foundation of Harmony Day.

John Hamey

Acting Head of Mission & Identity

Are you interested in your child receiving the sacraments?

At St Lucy's, we welcome the opportunity to prepare students of the Catholic faith in **Years 3 and above** to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion. Within Broken Bay Diocese, the practice is to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation before the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. St Lucy's works closely with the Broken Bay Diocese to prepare our students, especially Fr Kelvin and the Holy Name Parish, Wahroonga.

If you would like to register an interest in your child receiving the sacraments in 2024, scan and complete the form below or email John Hamey, Acting Head of Mission & Identity johnh@stlucys.nsw.edu.au if you would like to discuss further.

Our Sacramental Information Evening takes place on Thursday, May 9 at 6pm.

Expression of Interest -
Sacramental Program

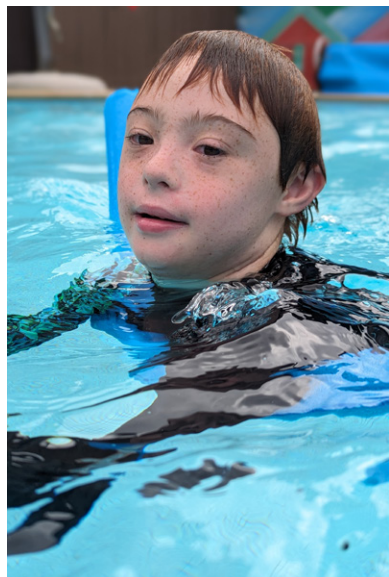


BILBY CLASS NEWS

Bilby Class have been developing their confidence and skills in the swimming pool showing some excellent underwater work. They love their time in the pool and splashing around learning to swim during their PDHPE sessions.

things musical with Miss Lilli. We love to dance and sing and move our bodies. We have been exploring the Spanish Flamenco and discovering new music.

Go Bilby Class!



MEN'S EVENING - Thursday April 4

Dads, uncles and grandads of St Lucy's, St Gabriel's, and St Edmund's
Please join us for our first get together 2024

Where: 35 Billyard Ave Wahroonga, The Sunroom at Holy Name

When: Thursday April 4, 6.00pm- 8.00pm

What: Pizza and drinks followed by discussion

Why: For robust discussion, amazing stories, loads of laughs and to support one another

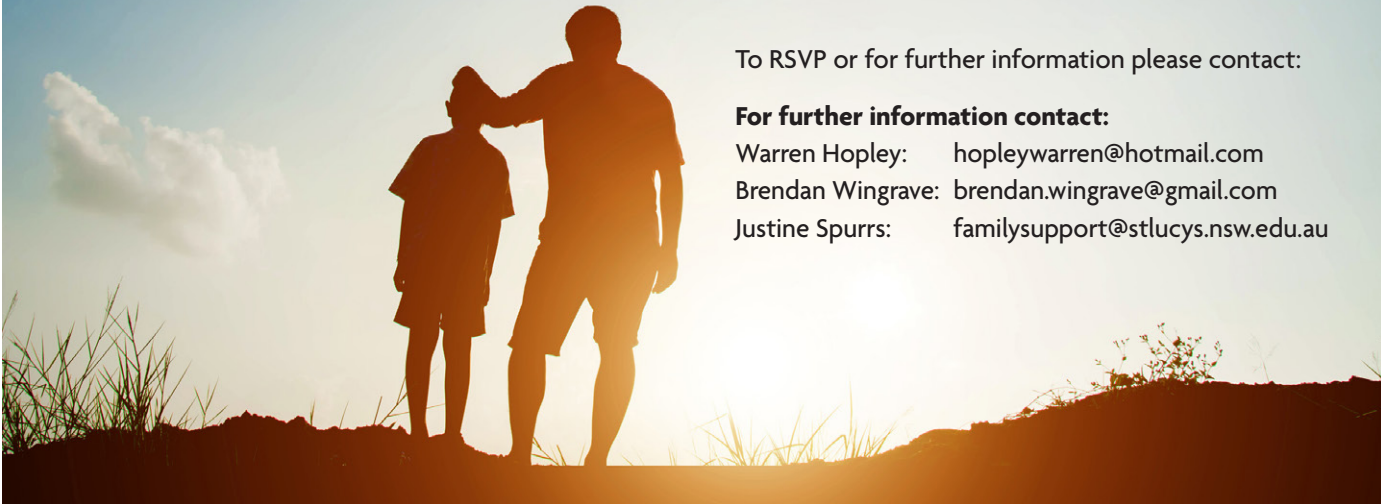
To RSVP or for further information please contact:

For further information contact:

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Brendan Wingrave: brendan.wingrave@gmail.com

Justine Spurrs: familysupport@stlucys.nsw.edu.au



Coming soon to Wahroonga

MyTime organises supported groups where parents and carers of children with disability or other additional needs can feel understood, share ideas and access quality information and resources.



It's support for you

Meet other parents and carers of children with disabilities or other additional needs. It's a place for you to unwind and talk about your experiences.



It's free

MyTime groups are free to join, and being a part of MyTime does not affect your NDIS funding. Check your [eligibility](#).



Professional support

A trained facilitator helps group members get to know each other and learn more about local resources and support services.



Children are welcome

Preschool-age children are welcome at MyTime sessions. While you unwind, your child is kept engaged nearby by MyTime play leaders.

For further information please email familysupport@stlucys.nsw.edu.au



Free NDIS Webinar: NDIS Goal Setting & Tracking



Tuesday 19 March
8-9pm NSW Time
via ZOOM

FREE LIVE 
WEBINAR



Are you ready to unlock the full potential of your NDIS funding?

Join our friends at **Plan Hero** for their next **FREE NDIS Webinar** on **NDIS Goal Setting & Tracking!**

Plan Management Experts Tiana and Kim will provide tips and strategies to take control of your NDIS plan. Learn how to set goals, track progress, and maximise your plan to live the life you deserve!

- **Topic:** NDIS Goal Setting & Tracking
- **When:** March 19th | 8 - 9 pm NSW Time
- **Where:** Online (Zoom)
- **Cost:** FREE!

Don't miss out! **Register for FREE!**

[**Learn More & Register**](#)

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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.

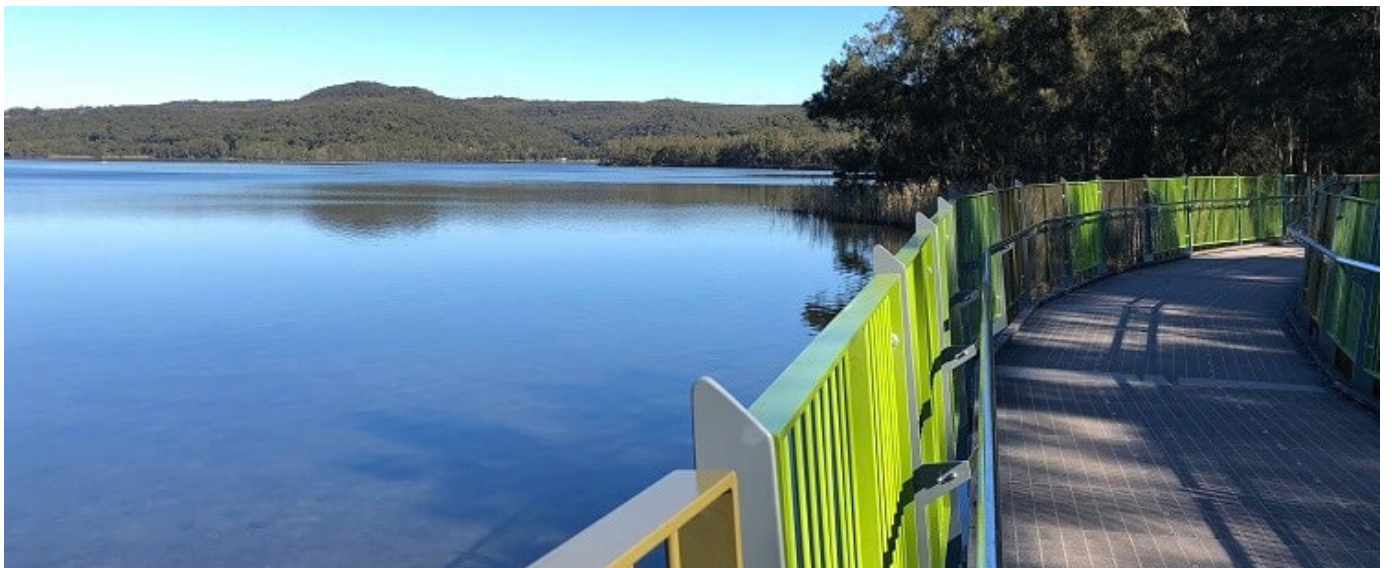


ST LUCY'S PARENT "WALK and TALK"

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

When: Tuesdays (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 come along or know more please email familysupport@stlucys.nsw.edu.au or call/text Justine on 0456 681 710.



ST LUCY'S "BEACHES PARENT WALK and TALK"

When: Thursdays (unless raining heavily)
 Where: St Joseph's Primary School (Lagoon Street Narrabeen)
 Time: 8.50am-9.50am
 Who: Any parent of St Lucy's School; prams and dogs also welcome.

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

EASTER

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Sat 23rd March, 2-4pm

at Water Street

Animals

Craft
& Games

Magic
Show



WAHROONGA
ANGLICAN CHURCH

Food

Jumping
Castle

Face
Painting