



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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inspiring learning for a life of purpose

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of Term 1 let me thank you all for your continuing support of the School.

Parent Thanks and Involvement:

We have had a very busy term involving parents as we commenced the year with Parent Information Night, Individual Education Plan meetings, P&F AGM (new committee and planning for events this year), Class Parents morning tea, Easter Hat Parade, Swimming Carnivals and volunteering when and where you can. Thank you for your willing involvement in the life of the school. Never underestimate the power of your sons and daughters seeing you about the campus and being interested and involved as it models your commitment to their education and is usually a reassurance for each child.

Easter Hat Parade:

Despite the weather interruption the Parade went very well last week and it was lovely seeing so many parents attend as well as grandparents and friends. Lots of great photos were taken and being indoors assisted that cause of getting the perfect photo.



05 April 2024

2024 DATES - TERM 1

Tuesday 9 April 2024

Twilight Open Day

4.30pm-6.00pm

Friday 12 April 2024

Primary Swimming Carnival

(weather permitting)

Term 1 concludes for students

TERM 2

Tuesday 30 April

Students return Term 2

Wednesday 8 May

Mother's Day in-class morning tea

Thursday 9 May

Sacramental Information Night

Friday 10 May

P&F Mothers Day Stall

Wednesday 15 May

School Photo Day

Friday 17 May

P&F Bingo Night

Wednesday 12 June

Siblings Day

Friday 28 June

Term 2 concludes for students



Primary School Swimming Carnival:

Due to the weather forecast we unfortunately made the difficult decision to postpone the Primary Swimming Carnival that meant to be today.

We are rescheduling to next Friday the 12th of April (weather permitting), and we look forward to seeing many of you there to cheer on our wonderful swimmers. What a great way to celebrate the last day of Term 1.

Catherine Centre Construction:

The Catherine Centre (High School) construction continues at pace. All the roofing is now on and weatherproof and consequently the fit out has commenced in earnest upstairs. While there have been longer than expected landscaping works during Term 1, I am pleased to let you know that the new Spyder, renovated Nun's Garden (near our Prouille entry) and the covered walkway from the CAC to the new building will be handed over in readiness for Term 2. This will enable us to expand our play space in the oval area when we return. A blessing for students and staff alike.



Veritas Lift:

As we end Term 1 and think about resuming in Term 2, I want to make clear that the Veritas Lift will not be used or in operation during Term 2. It will remain hoarded up and non-operational. As you are aware from previous communications in the Newsletter and from my comments to the P&F meeting, investigations into the lift continue and will do so for the foreseeable future by the various authorities – Police/Coroner, SafeWork, lift company and independent lift experts. As I have said previously, when more information comes to hand about the various investigations into the incident of 1 November 2023 this will be passed on to parents and our school community. In the meantime, for Term 2 the Veritas lift will remain closed and out of sight.

I trust you all enjoy a safe and blessed holiday at the end of this Term with your families where you can do so, bearing in mind work and other responsibilities.

Fundraising and our Playground Pledge

Our supporters at Reddam House School are holding their P&F Night of Colours fundraiser to benefit St Lucy's School. We thank them for their continued generosity and kindness. [GiveNow - Reddam Night of Colours Fundraiser for St Lucy's School](https://www.givenow.com.au/cr/help/anastasiasschoolstlucysschoolplaygroundpledge).

It's great to see support from our families with Anastasia's family and friends raising \$700 <https://www.givenow.com.au/cr/help/anastasiasschoolstlucysschoolplaygroundpledge>.

Join in and create your own page to fundraise for our Playground where our students learn life-long skills.

With support from our greater community and families, through the school holidays please share our Playground Pledge with your networks to support our students.

ST LUCY'S SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND PLEDGE
GET YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVED

How to raise \$1000 per family

- 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

David Raphael
Principal

PHOTO DAY IS COMING

Your School Photo Day is on
Wednesday 15 May
2024


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photography
MSP PHOTOGRAPHY
SYDNEY
E sydney@msp.com.au
T 9499 6555
PO Box 850
Rozelle NSW 209
www.msp.com.au

St Lucy's School

HOW TO ORDER

If you have previously ordered with us, please sign in with your account details

Otherwise, please follow the steps below

Step 1.

Click [here](#) or go to our ordering portal

<https://stlucys-nsw.msp.photos/>

Step 2.

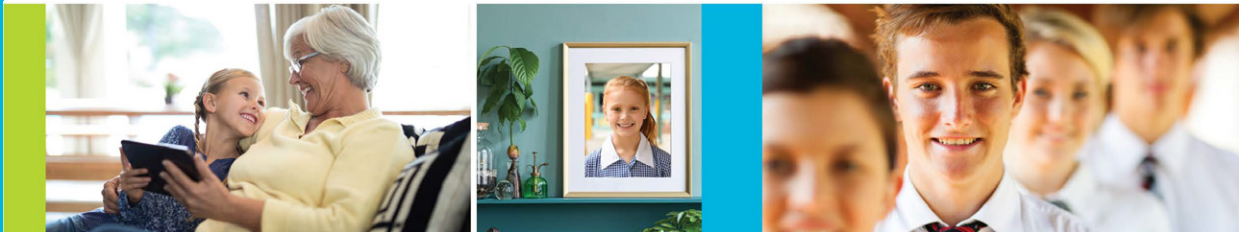
Click 'Sign in with Student Details'

Online ordering closes
Wednesday 15 May 2024
An archive fee applies after this date

Enter your child's surname and birth-date and you are ready to start ordering. Once logged in, you can also order for family photos.

Please note Sibling Photo orders must be placed BEFORE your last photo day.

Separated parents must contact us directly to have their orders left at the office for collection.



Any questions about photo day, please email juanitam@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP

With the cooler weather approaching don't forget to order your long sleeve polos, long pants and school jackets via [Flexischools](#)



Long Sleeve Pants



Long Sleeve Polos



Primary Jacket



Senior Jacket

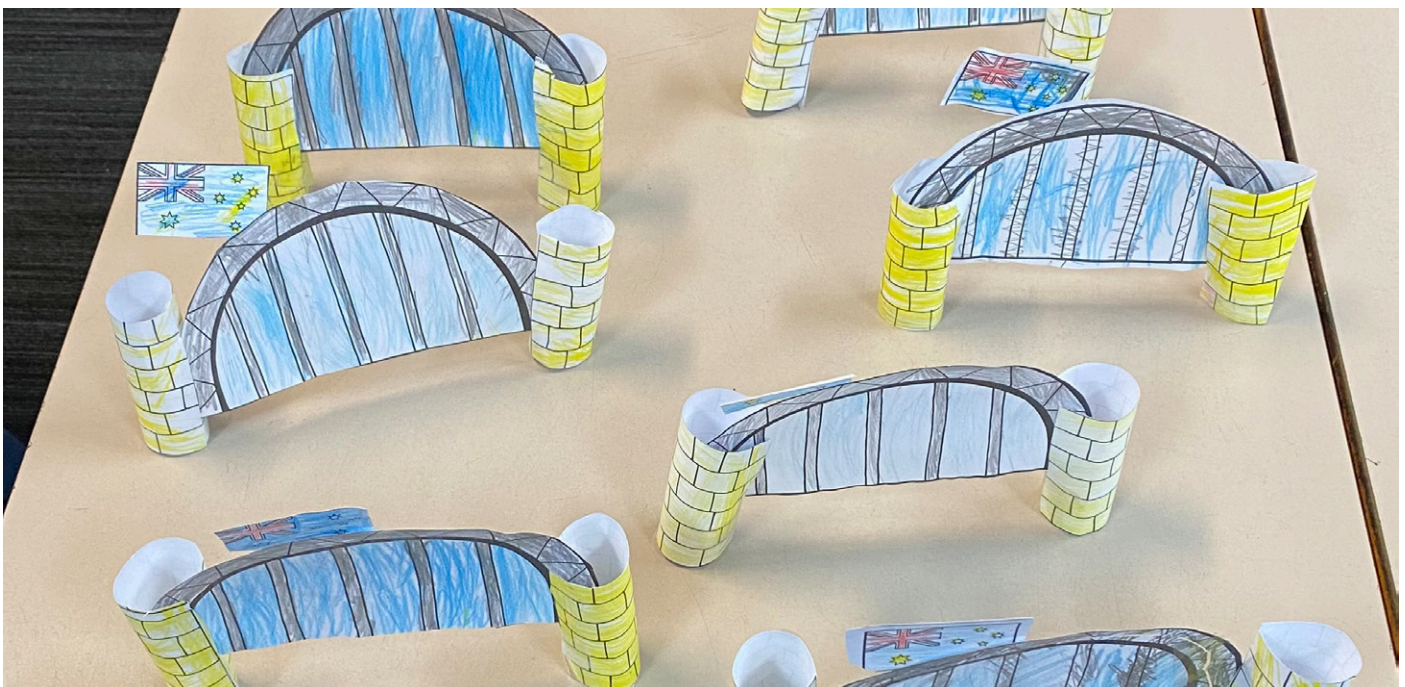
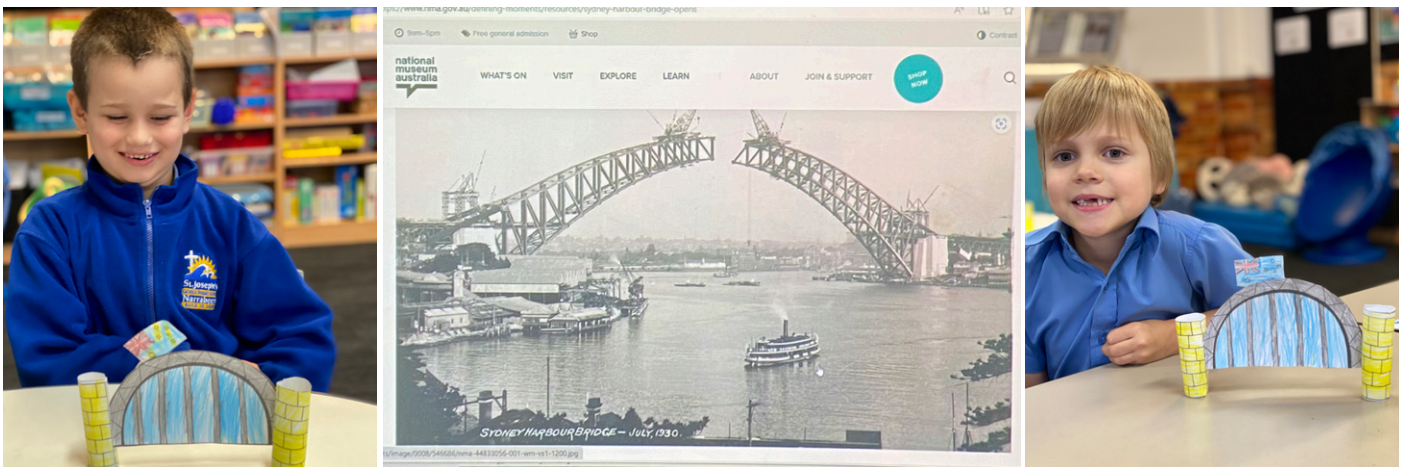
If you have any questions about our Uniform please contact Patricia via email Patriciam@stlucys.nsw.edu.au. Thank you.
Patricia McCarthy

Glider class researches "Past and Present"

In our unit of work "Past and Present" we learnt about the Harbour Bridge.

Did you know ?

- the bridge opened in 19th March 1932
- It took 6 years to build
- You can cross the bridge by car, walking or train
- They built 2 arches and then joined it together in the middle



WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE A

P R I Z E



This year, St Lucy's will be running an online auction.

This year's auction will be raising funds for the Central Coast 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:

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

Thank you for your support!

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Year 11 Creative Arts students visited Spotlight this week to select and purchase some materials and embellishments for their Carnevale masks. We are looking forward to their showcase next week!



FAREWELL FROM VIV GOLD

My memories of St Lucy's will always be deep in my heart. The amazing students, their parents, the staff and the entire community have been an enormous part of my life over the past 12 years and for that I am deeply grateful.

Much has changed but one aspect has remained constant for me over the years and that is the way our young people thrive and grow, how they shine in so many different ways and how they have inspired me daily.

I have been blessed to work alongside students who have taken their first (physical) steps with us, spoken their first words, learnt to express themselves through key word signing, shared the first of many hidden smiles, taught me what I needed to know... the list is endless and the memories powerful!

Thank you to you all for each and every thought, each colourful memory and the knowledge that I have been more than fortunate to be part of this amazing journey of life and learning.

I will miss you all,
Viv Gold 2024



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL TWILIGHT TOUR



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 our Twilight Open Day 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 TWILIGHT TOUR:

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

Tuesday 9 April

Twilight Tour

4.30pm-6.00pm

To book an Open Day session, visit

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



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STAR OF THE WEEK PRIMARY AWARDS



STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 9)

Axolotyl	Andrea Manaday	Lion	Sky Everingham-Wyatt
Beluga	Tinotenda Chikwanha	Narwhal	Caitlyn Shin
Bilby	Will Statis	Otter	Annabel Tantillo
Bonobo	Austin Cameron	Panda	Daisy Bradbury
Chimpanzee	Joshua Basil	Penguin	Freya Qi
Elephant	Oscar Hao	Rhino	Oliver Fay
Glider	Cooper Hutcheson	Sloth	Yug Baral
Hippo	Ally Pellegrini	Vaquita	Finn Donnelly
Leopard	Elise Henry		

STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 10)

Axolotyl	Billy Garrod	Leopard	
Beluga	Rayan Nowuram	Lion	Patrick MacDougal
Bilby	Isaac Saade	Narwhal	Eva Quinn
Bonobo	Milla Hammer	Otter	Annabel Tantillo
Chimpanzee	Lily Vergot	Panda	Naomi Baumgartner
Elephant	Charlie Hanna	Penguin	Lachlan Ao
Fox	Lennox Pollock	Rhino	Oliver Fay
Glider	Harvey Terry	Sloth	Thomas Vergara
Hippo	Luke Donaldson	Vaquita	Ruby Baron

VERITAS



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HIGH SCHOOL MERIT AWARDS



MERIT AWARDS WEEK 9

Gorilla	Nicholas Antoun	Seahorse	Pablo Rostirola
Iguana	Isabella Chen	Tiger	Michelle Law
Jaguar	Jai Watson	Wolf	Cruz Balfour
Ocelot	Hugo Le Roy + Arlo Tombolato		
Potoroo	Noel Ansumam		
Quokka	Matthew Beadman		

MERIT AWARDS WEEK 10

Gorilla	Tiarnan Malone	Quokka	Bradley Chien
Iguana	Livia Maltby	Seahorse	Eddy Livingstone Foggo
Jaguar	Christian Ding	Tiger	Ben Sherlock
Ocelot	Branson Atkins	Wolf	Poppy Botheras



Support your child's development
while ensuring your entire family thrives



*Facilitated by Lifestart & Kindred
for parents and carers of St Lucy's students*

When you are raising a child with disability, life can feel overwhelming. There's no rule-book and it can be difficult to balance the needs of your child and the well-being and happiness of your family.

That's where ENVISAGE comes in.

ENVISAGE Families is a free strength-based program funded by the Australian Government. Developed in collaboration with parents, professionals, and researchers, it will introduce you to evidence-based frameworks and practical strategies that have worked for other families raising children with disability.

What You'll Learn

As the expert in your child and family, ENVISAGE will empower you to:

- Use your child's strengths and interests to support their development
- Foster a sense of belonging for your child
- Build collaborative relationships with therapists and healthcare professionals
- Prioritise what is important to your family
- Increase the well-being of your child and family

ENVISAGE will support and empower you to feel confident to navigate the journey raising your child with disability

A Program For Families

ENVISAGE was developed for parents and caregivers raising children with developmental concerns, disability, delay and neurodivergence aged 0-8. Your child doesn't need a diagnosis to access ENVISAGE.

Join a Program for St Lucy's families

We are delivering a group for parents and carers of students at St Lucy's School hosted at the school.

- Monday 13 May; 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Monday 20 May; 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Monday 27 May; 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Monday 3 June; 10:30am – 12:30pm

The group will be delivered by an early childhood professional facilitator from Lifestart and a parent peer facilitator from Kindred.

Register Today

Spaces are limited, and registrations essential. Scan the code or click the link to register your interest. events.humanitix.com/envisage-program-st-lucys
An ENVISAGE facilitator will contact you to confirm your registration.



ENVISAGE Families is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services (go to www.dss.gov.au for more information). ENVISAGE has been developed by Australian Catholic University, McMaster University, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, and University of Melbourne.



Why MyTime?

MyTime is a peer support program for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

Unwind and share experiences with others who understand

GROUP NAME:

MyTime Wahroonga

GROUP DETAILS:

Starts Tuesday May 7, 10am-12pm
35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga
"The Sunroom" at Holy Name

CONTACT DETAILS:

Terry Williamson: terry@caringforfamilies.com.au



It's support for you



It's free to join



Professional support



Pre-school aged children are welcome


Playgroup
nsw


MyTime
Supporting parents of children with disabilities



DINNER *on the* TABLE



THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US



Dinner on the Table is a social enterprise, “changing daily lives, one dinner at a time,” gifting delicious, healthy, home-style meals to families living with disability. The founder Rachel Golding is a former postdoctoral fellow, researching family wellbeing and disability.

Rachel knows that families where one member has a disability often face greater daily challenges with fewer resources. She also recognises that in spite of significant difficulty, many families living with disability thrive. Less clear is what makes a difference.

Having a good dinner prepared for you impacts you financially, socially, emotionally, and perhaps most importantly, frees up more time! Whilst universally beneficial, perhaps these advantages might be even more pronounced amongst households where a family member has a disability. This is why Dinner on the Table uses part of its profit to gift meals to families living with disability.

All meals are made from scratch, contain quality ingredients and are the same dinners proudly fed to their own families.

Dinner on the Table take the hassle out of sorting out dinner and they look forward to continuing to cook for the St Lucy’s School community.

If you would like to know more about St Lucy’s partnership with Dinner on the Table, or simply have one task taken away from your day, please email Justine Spurrs, familysupport@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

Please follow the links below to learn more about the thinking behind Dinner on the Table.

<https://www.dinneronthetable.com.au/pages/about-us>

<https://www.facebook.com/ACurrentAffair9/videos/1578666752293900/>

<https://www.lyndeymilan.com/interview-with-rachel-golding-from-dinner-on-the-table-2/>





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 Wairoonga)
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.



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1800 422 737

Monday–Friday 8am–5pm

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Tailored Support Packages

connecting carers ●●● to support services



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.

POST SCHOOL OPTIONS

SAVE THE DATE

**POST SCHOOL
OPTIONS
EXPO
EVENING
29TH OF MAY 2024**

