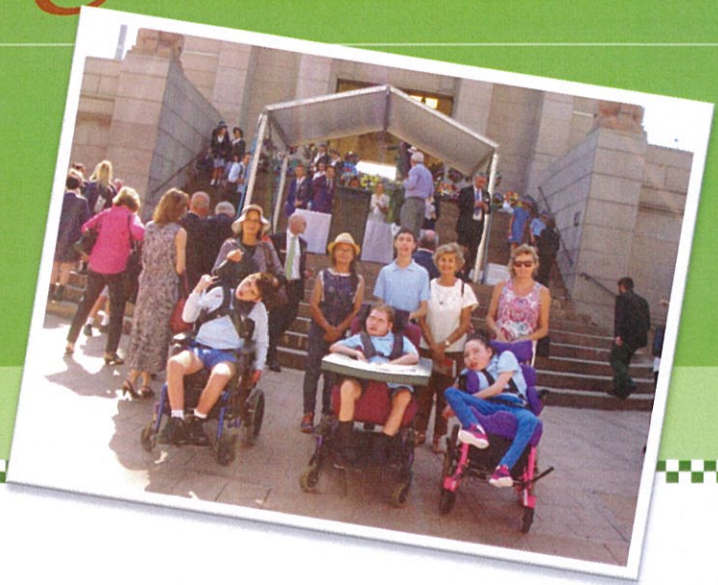


St George School

Newsletter

29 April 2016



Dates for your diary

- 6 May Mothers Day Stall
St George Children with Disabilities Charity Golf day
- 26 May P&C Meeting
- 23-24 June Parent teacher meetings
- 27 June Reports home to parents



Principal Message

Dear Parents/Carers

We trust that the holidays provided time to relax and unwind.

We look forward to this term. At the end of this term, parent-teacher interviews will be held and will provide a time to view your child's progress for the semester and discuss priorities for the remainder of the year.

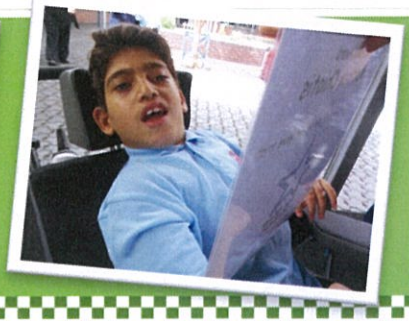
Student Reports

You will receive your child's mid year report at the end of term. You may receive the report just prior to your parent teacher meeting. If you are unable to attend parent teacher meetings, your child's report will be sent home on Monday 27 June 2016.

ANZAC Day Commemoration

On Thursday 5 April, we held a special assembly to commemorate Anzac Day. To acknowledge the 100th year of commemoration of Anzac Day and 100 years since the ANZACS fought at the Western Front, each student received a commemorative penny.

On Tuesday 3 April our senior students represented St George School at the combined schools Anzac Day service in Hyde Park.



Celebrating Student Achievements

Our assemblies provide the opportunity to celebrate student effort and successes. It also provides the opportunity to celebrate birthdays.

Congratulations to our award recipients in first term.

A strong focus on building a culture of high expectations for students and celebration of achievement was articulated in the 2015-2017 School Plan's first strategic direction.

We will continue to acknowledge and celebrate student successes in the newsletter.

Many Happy returns to our April birthdays:

Ruby Balkwell turning 13 on 10 April

Lauren Green turning 15 on 20 April

School Spectacular auditions

Congratulations to our 12 students who auditioned for the 2016 Schools Spectacular. We will hear the outcome of the audition next term. Participation in the Schools Spectacular in 2015 was a rich and rewarding experience for students. We look forward to a similar experience this year.

Mothers' Day Stall

Next Friday, 6 May, we will hold a Mothers' Day stall at school. Anna Dalianis, on behalf of the St George School P&C, has again arranged for donation of gifts for the stall.

Your child will have an opportunity to select a gift for mum. A separate note with a list of items for sale will be forwarded home next week.

Special thanks to Anna for her tireless efforts in supporting the school and making Mothers Day special for the students.





St George Children with Disabilities Fund

Next Friday the St George Children with Disabilities Fund will hold their charity golf day.

The Fund continues to work tirelessly to support the school and individual families in the school.

Return of raffle tickets

Garry Morris has requested that families return raffle tickets as soon as possible, sold or unsold.

The raffle will be drawn next Friday at the golf day luncheon.

Community Notice:

Variety Club support programs.

Variety helps children and families by providing financial support for things and experiences such as equipment, therapy and medical supplies when you can't afford it and when government support is not available. Brochure is attached.

St George School P&C

Our next P&C meeting for 2016 will be held on

Thursday 26 May.

This will be our AGM.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



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GET HELP

We help when others can't.

Variety helps children and families by providing financial support for things and experiences, such as equipment, therapy, and medical supplies when you can't afford it, and when government support isn't available.

We aim to help you through our three core programs.



**Variety Freedom
Program – Mobility**



**Variety Future Kids
Program – Education**



**Variety Caring for Kids
Program – Medical**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT?

Variety NSW provides financial support to children aged up to and including the age of 18, who are disadvantaged, or have special needs or a medical condition – diagnosed or undiagnosed.

Applicants must live in NSW/ACT and be Australian citizens or have permanent resident status.

Support for a wig or rare disease or condition is available nationally.

If you are unsure if you are eligible for support, or want to find out if we will fund something not included in this brochure, please visit our website variety.org.au/nsw



How to apply?

Applications for children can be made by a parent/guardian or a relevant referee with support from a social worker, occupational therapist, doctor or case manager.

Applications for schools or children's organisations should be made by an authorised representative of your organisation.



Filling the gaps

Variety aims to 'fill the gaps' and prioritises requests for which there is no, or limited, government support. Variety pays for equipment and services directly on behalf of the recipient.



More information

For more information, please visit our website www.variety.org.au/nsw
Phone: (02) 9819 1003
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HELPING KIDS BE KIDS

Variety Support Programs



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the children's charity



VARIETY PROGRAM FREEDOM



Through our Freedom Program, Variety helps children gain independence by providing financial support for mobility equipment, positioning and in-home care needs. You can apply for things like:

- Manual wheelchairs
- Vehicle modifications
- In-home therapy (trampoline, spa, pool)
- Positioning systems (hi-lo chairs, side lyers, seating systems)
- Modified tricycles
- Standing / walking frames, and hoists
- Postural splints

Schools and organisations can apply for:

- Playgrounds and play equipment
- Sunshine coaches for transporting children (can be wheelchair modified)
- Liberty swings (modified for special needs)

These are just some examples of what we support, but you can apply for other items not listed here.

Things became so much easier once we received the hi-low chair from Variety. It gave Francesca newfound mobility and confidence. Now we can push her right to the table to enjoy meals with the family at the same height and she is safe and comfortable.

Francesca's mother, Angelina



VARIETY PROGRAM FUTURE KIDS



Through our Future Kids Program, Variety helps children realise their potential by providing financial support for equipment and scholarships for education and communication needs. You can apply for things like:

- Academic, sports or arts scholarships
- Braille note takers and specialised software
- Communication devices, including iPads
- Educational equipment including laptops

Schools and organisations are also encouraged to apply for education and communication support.

We take applications for our Scholarship Program from September through October.

Don't miss out! Start preparing your application by following the steps below.

STEP 01

Visit the Variety website www.variety.org.au/nsw and read through the information to find out what type of grant you would like to apply for.

STEP 02

Start gathering all the supporting letters and documentation required for your application.

STEP 03

Apply online.



VARIETY PROGRAM CARING FOR KIDS



Through our Caring for Kids Program, Variety helps parents care for their sick children at home by providing medical items and equipment. You can apply for things like:

- Feeds
- Nappies
- Wigs for hair loss
- Orthotics
- Seizure alarms and monitors
- Prostheses
- Sensory equipment
- Health care items
- Respite care for rare conditions

Hospitals and children's organisations can also apply for financial support to fund projects and equipment like:

- Ventilators
- Incubators
- Sensory items and gardens



VARIETY PROGRAM SMILE

Variety provides special assistance to children affected by a rare disease or condition through the Smile Program. You can apply for a medical support grant up to the value of \$1000 and ongoing case management.

Apply at www.variety.org.au