

St George School Newsletter

Diana Murphy, Principal

4 April 2017



Key Dates:

P&C Meeting

Thursday 6 April 2017 –
at 11.30am

Primary Easter Hat Parade

6 April 2017 –
10.00am

Anzac day Assembly

6 April 2017 –
2.00pm

Royal Easter Show whole school excursion

7 April 2017

End of first term

7 April 2017

26 April 2017

School resumes for
students

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of term has approached with incredible speed. It has been a busy term and I am sure that both families and staff look forward to a relaxing break and a safe and enjoyable Easter.

Return to School

Students return on Wednesday 26 April.

The school will re-open on Monday 24 April for School Development Day. We are covering important topics including staff welfare, anti-racism policy and strategies, tracheostomy training for school learning support officers and NDIS.

Events this week

Anzac Day Assembly

Our school captains will represent the school at a combined schools Anzac Day commemorative service at Hyde Park on Wednesday 5 April 2017.

At school we will hold a special assembly on Thursday 6 April at 2.00pm. At this assembly we will distribute rosemary sprigs provided by Legacy. We will also donate to Legacy with a gold coin donation for the sprig. A separate note accompanies this newsletter regarding Legacy and donation to Legacy. Families are welcome to attend the assembly.

Easter Hat Parade

On **Thursday 6 April at 10.30am**, our Primary classes will star in the Easter Hat parade. We are looking forward to joining our primary classes in this event celebrating aspects of the Easter tradition.

Easter Show

We are also looking forward to our whole school excursion to the Easter Show on the last day of term, Friday 7 April. On that day students will come to school in accordance with Assisted School Travel procedures and then go directly to Homebush. In the afternoon, there may be some minor variations to the time of drop off as the drivers will be driving from Homebush to school and then home. We are endeavouring to keep to the regular times but please ensure you have the contact number of your driver. Coordinating transport is a challenging task and I would like to thank Ana Mowle for her efforts in doing so.





April Birthdays

Happy birthday to.....

Ruby Balkwell - turning 14 on 10 April

Lauren Green – turning 16 on 20 April

P&C Notice

Venue: Staffroom

Time: 11.30am

Date: Thursday 6 April

Although this event is usually held earlier in the term, this date was the most suitable for our executive committee.

All families are welcome.

Coffee & Chat



Postponed until next term. We are hoping to have an NDIS presentation – from a parent's perspective. Date TBA

Eva's Charity Night

Eva's family is organizing a charity night to raise money for an accessible vehicle. Eva is one of the students attending St George School.

Saturday 13 May 2017

At St Spyridon Church Hall

78 Gardeners Rd Kingsford

At 6.00pm

Contact Thomas: 0415 209 624

Celebrating Ability.....

Student Assembly Awards



Congratulations to our award winners for assemblies held on 7 March and 21 March:

- **Josephine Fishwick** for responding to verbal prompt to turn the page.
- **Tahlia Chigioni** for following instructions during morning group.
- **Anthony Qiu** for clear communication of 'more' and 'finished'
- **Shafia Diab** for handing back items and clear communication of 'no'.
- **Bella-Rose Thiel** for improved independence during meal times.
- **Winnie Lawrun** for close attention to stories in class.
- **Oliver Mai** for learning about adjectives and nouns.
- **Angel-Rose Papapavlos** for activating the disco ball with a headswitch.
- **Matthew Chiotis** for great concentration and participation in class activities.
- **Aggie Szyzkowska** for excellent participation in her physiotherapy program
- **Julia Wainwright** for excellent work and participation in the sensory theatre storytelling.
- **Jay Smith** for playing the keyboard independently for 15 minutes.
- **Natalie Tassone** for engagement in all activities within the fortnight
- **Elliot Austin** for engagement in the 'Three Bridges' community access activities
- **Oscar Young** received a **Library** award for making a clear choice when borrowing a book.
- **Charlie Cash** received a **Sports** award for swimming – kicking legs and excellent head control
- **Joshua Sale** received a **Sports** award for independent bowling and sportsmanship.
- **Vanessa Gazal** received a **Sports** award for enthusiastic participation in Boccia trials.



Farewell to Kara..

On Monday we held a special service to remember Kara. Kara was well loved by all staff and students. The service provided the opportunity for Kara's schoolmates and staff to celebrate Kara's time at St George School. Our thanks go to Annette Fuller, Kara's teacher, for coordinating the service and to Kara's parents Craig and Karen Crawley for supporting, attending and contributing to Kara's journey.

Next term we will have a 'fun run' to raise funds for the Mitochondrial Foundation for further research. Our end of year concert will have a special bowling award, Kara's favourite sport, to remember and honour Kara.

School order of zippered fleecy jackets

With the cooler weather approaching, the office staff will be submitting an order for fleecy jackets (photo attached). If you are interested in purchasing a jacket/s, please contact Narelle Minati on the school number, 9588 2400.

Payment options at St George School (Repeat)

There are various ways families can make payment to the school, as required:

- 1) POP (parent online payment) – on the school website, click on Make a Payment

<http://www.stgeorge-s.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

- 2) Eftpos, if visiting the school
- 3) By phone for credit card payment
- 4) Cash
- 5) Cheque.

Direct deposit, electronic funds transfer is not available as an option.

Community Notices:

1. Eva's Charity Night
2. NDIS – all your questions answered
St George Leagues Club 3 May 2017 from 5.30pm to 9.00pm
3. Rhythm Village holiday workshop hosted by Bayside Council and South East Sydney Local Health – Kogarah Community Services, 49 English St Kogarah, 10.30am – 11.30am followed by light lunch
4. Mitochondrial Disease Research fundraiser – Hermann's Bar, Sydney Uni, 7 April 2017, 7pm – 11pm
5. Get more Skills Workshop presented by My Choice Matters – 20 April 2017 at the Bankstown Sports Club

St George School

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Eva's CHARITY NIGHT



If you could like to donate, please donate to the bank account details below:

Account name: Eva's Journey
Account number: 477666723
Bsb: 112 879

When

SATURDAY 13TH MAY 2017

Where

ST SPYRIDON CHURCH HALL,
78 Gardeners Road, Kingsford NSW 2032
AT 6PM.

TICKETS: \$60 PER PERSON

INCLUDES DINNER, SOFT DRINKS,
ENTERTAINMENT, DOOR PRIZE,
RAFFLES AND AUCTIONS.

For all ticket enquires, prize donations,
monetary donations and sponsorships
please contact:

Thomas Giatsios: 0415 209 624

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Andrew Theo: 0413 068 966

The Journey of a Parent is never an easy one! Seven years ago, we were given the greatest gift in life, our amazing daughter Eva! A day that was filled with so much joy yet at the same time with so much fear. Our Eva was beginning her life with a battle that we ourselves were not prepared for.

We were told that the love of our life had Severe Brain Damage, our lives changed instantly!

What this meant for our family would be life changing, our Eva had brain damage and was totally immobile, and for her to be able to breathe and eat Eva requires a tracheostomy and a gastrostomy which in simple terms means that she breathes through one tube and eats through another.

Our Eva loves the outdoors and sadly we are not able to accommodate her love for the outdoors at the moment due to her requiring transport which has wheel chair access and an electronic ramp to secure the safety of our Eva. In order to achieve her dream of the outdoors, we need your HELP!

Thomas Giatsios

**HELP US MAKE THIS
DREAM REAL FOR EVA.**

NDIS – All Your Questions Answered

Learn everything you need to know about preparing for your transition to the NDIS.

- Hear from NDIS experts & those who have already transitioned
- Be inspired & entertained by our special guest Katrina Webb
- Put your mind at ease about your transition to the NDIS

Refreshments provided, plus lucky door prizes and a gift for everyone!

Numbers Strictly Limited - Bookings Essential

This event is for people with disabilities & their carers

WHERE & WHEN

22 February –
Marriott North Ryde
16 March –
West's Leagues, Campbelltown
3 May – St George Leagues,
Kogarah

5.30pm to 9pm

**FREE
ENTRY**

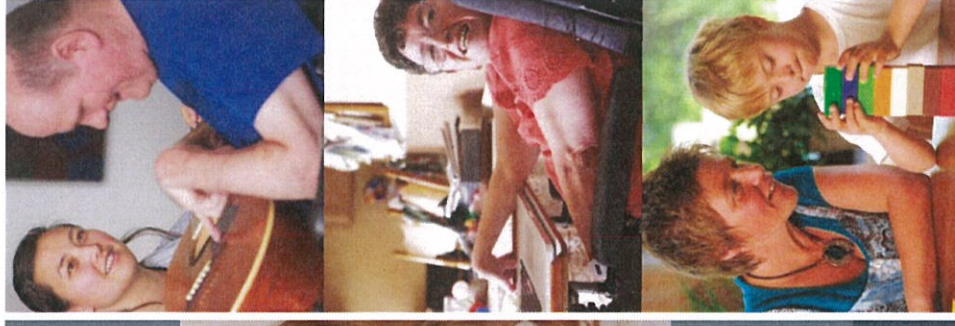
**care
connect**
It's my choice.

**FEATURING
SPECIAL GUEST**



Katrina Webb
Triple Paralympic
Gold Medallist

BOOK NOW



HURRY BOOK NOW! Call 0458 018 887 or book online www.ndisevents.eventbrite.com

Do you have a child with special needs?

Come and join us for a **FREE** music event April school holidays



Bayside Council & South Eastern Sydney Local Health District "Doing it Differently" grant recipient **Sam Steele** is hosting **The Rhythm Village** to deliver interactive music workshops that are fun and engaging; ensuring everyone is entertained and participating, by hitting some drums, shaking maracas, or by simply dancing and moving along to the music!

Run in a group, each participant is given the opportunity to 'shine', to create sound and music, to explore their own creativity and push their physical boundaries.

Come and meet some other carers ☺

We look forward to seeing you and your child on the day for a fun session of creating music and making memories!



*****Siblings welcome *****

Thank you to sponsorship and support through their "Doing it Differently" Community Grants.

April School Holidays

Thursday 13th April

Thursday 20th April

All workshops will be held at:

Kogarah Community Services

49 English Street

Kogarah NSW 2217

Music session 10:30 - 11:30am

light lunch 11:30 - 12:30am

Limited numbers RSVP essential

Please call **Sam** on 0425820625 or email sammi.131@hotmail.com

There is a strict number limit so first in first served

These workshops are for children **under the age of 18**

Please note that a carer or parent must be present at all times!

Bayside Council



Health
South Eastern Sydney
Local Health District



THE RHYTHM VILLAGE
MUSIC SPEAKS BEYOND WORDS

Doors 7-11pm
Friday April 7th

**Nothing but Good Old
Rock 'n Roll
Starting 8pm**

Playing Live
The Interceptors

Entrance - \$20 at the door

Come hungry - Gourmet SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Drinks for sale at the Bar

Free Nibbles BYO Picnic Blankets

All proceeds go to mitochondrial disease research

Hermann's Bar - Grd Flr Wentworth Building, Sydney Uni, cnr of City Rd & Butlin Ave

my **choice** matters

Living Life
My Way



Get More Skills: Good Life Workshop

A workshop for people with disability, their families and carers.

- Practise speaking up and setting goals
- Get ready for the NDIS
- Take home tools to help you plan



Bankstown Workshop – Thursday 20 April

10am – 2.30pm

Bankstown Sports Club

8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown, NSW 2200

Register now! Limited spaces available!

☎ 1800 144 653

✉ info@mychoicematters.org.au

@ www.mychoicematters.org.au

Workshops are fully accessible. We can provide support to ensure everyone can come. Lunch will be provided.

Find out more www.mychoicematters.org.au