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# School Photos

## Wednesday 21 February

P&C Meeting  
Thursday 1 March at 11.30am

# Harmony Day

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Easter Show excursion  
Secondary  
Thursday 22 March

Easter Show excursion  
Primary and Middle  
Thursday 29 March

Good Friday  
30 March

Easter Monday  
2 April

Coffee & Chat  
Thursday 5 April

Last day of term  
Friday 13 April

First day term 2 for students  
Tuesday 1 May

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for supporting your child's learning program in 2018 by attending the personalised learning plan meetings we are holding this term.

It has been a busy term to date. It has been wonderful welcoming our new families to St George School. Our new students are to be congratulated on settling into their new school life so well.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding school or your child's class, please do not hesitate to contact the school. School staff share the same goals as parents i.e. we want students to be happy, safe and to learn.

I appreciate the emails from families requesting therapy support at school. Therapy support complements the work we do at school and advice via email providing the name of the therapist is sufficient.

## School photos

The School Photographer will be at school next Wednesday 21 February 2018. You will have received a package for ordering photos. Please ensure you have returned the package by next Tuesday 20 February.



## Harmony Day

Harmony Day will be held on Wednesday 21 March this year. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and share what we have in common. On Harmony Day we wear orange. The central message is 'everyone belongs'.

Daniel, our music therapist and teacher, will be supporting this event with music from around the world.



## Upcoming events continued

### Easter Show

We are looking forward to our school excursion to the Easter Show. The Secondary classes will visit the day before the show commences on Thursday 22 March 2018. The Primary and Middle classes will attend on Thursday 29 March 2018, the day before the Easter weekend. More information and parent permission slips will be forwarded later in the term.

For the excursion students will come to school and the buses will leave from school.

### Anzac Day Assembly

Every year we commemorate Anzac Day with a special assembly. As Anzac Day falls during the school holidays this year, we will hold a special service in the last week of this term on Tuesday 10 April at 11.30am. All parents are welcome to attend this event.

### Celebrating Ability...

Student Assembly Awards

Congratulations to our award recipients for the first assembly this year held on Tuesday 13 February:

**Kyah McGroder** for excellent transition and settling in to school life

**Josie Fishwick** for great listening and choicemenaking during story time

**Bella-Rose Thiel** for persistent effort as she learns to feed herself

**Zeinab Saleh** for excellent transition to her new school and for being kind to her new friend when she saw he was upset

**Oliver Mai** for outstanding work in class from the first day of term

**Ben Rein** for great participation in all class activities

**Dean Parratt** for being patient and happy during a busy first week back at school

**Brett Houdek** for using his arms and legs to swim/paddle during swimming

**Ruby Balkwell** for demonstrating excellent skills in her Winter Olympics sports activity

**Oscar Young** for great work using his arms to pass the ball during volleyball

**Manar Saleh** for choosing a library book to take home during her first library lesson

### Assisted School Transport Program

ASTP plays a significant role in meeting the needs of eligible students with disability by providing free specialised transport to and from school.

There are a number of parent/carer responsibilities when accessing ASTP. Most common:

Contact the driver if your child will not be attending school. Please ensure you have the driver's mobile number.

Provide early advice to the school regarding any change/variation including change of address so that the school can submit an approval request for variation to ASTP within a reasonable timeframe.

Please refer to parent responsibilities for more information:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/astp/parents>





## Happy Birthday

To our January and February birthdays:

Goerge Yu – 8 years on 8 January

Nicholas Threlfo - 12 years on 27 January

Jaxon Crittendon - 7 years on 4 February

Bella Rose Thiel - 7 years on 11 February



## P&C Notice

The next meeting will be held on Thursday

1 March 2018

Venue: Staffroom

Time: 11.30am

## Voluntary contributions

There are no fees for your child's attendance at St George School. However a contribution to the school of \$40.00 per term is appreciated as it assists the school in meeting budgetary constraints in a number of areas as follows:

- o operation of class programs that require additional staffing such as hydrotherapy and community access
- o supplementation of excursion costs
- o supplementation of costs of special events
- o operation of vehicles for excursions and other out of school programs
- o payment of drivers, when necessary, for certain excursions
- o purchase of specialised resources etc.

Contributions are tax deductible.

You can choose your method of payment, frequency (by term, semester or annual) and amount.

## Swim pants

Swim pants ensure hygiene requirements are addressed and enable the smooth operation of swimming as a weekly program without disruptions due to accidents. The chlorine in the pool however impacts on the quality of swim pants.

It would be appreciated if you could check the quality of your child's swim pants. If you feel new pants are required you may wish to purchase them yourself or place an order with the school.

St George School will place an order for Boker togs when requested by parents. Boker togs are available in black in sizes 2/3, 4/6, 6/8, 8/10, 10/12, 14/16. An order form has been included in the newsletter

## Coffee & Chat

Thursday 5 April at 10:30am in the staffroom

Coffee & Chat provides an opportunity for families to get together

we usually try to get a guest speaker. This term Dr Karen Crawley will be talking on the role of the carer.

## Payment options at St George School

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.

Pool Pants order form

I would like to order pool pants for my child

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Size	Boker (Black)	Qty	Total
2-3	\$25.50		
4-6	\$25.50		
6-8	\$28.00		
8-10	\$28.00		
10-12	\$28.00		
14-16	\$28.00		
	Total		



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# ARE YOU ABOUT TO TRANSITION INTO THE NDIS?

**We're running FREE information sessions about the NDIS  
and the role of Local Area Coordinators.**

We will explain:

- What the NDIS is, and how it protects us all.
- What is funded by the NDIS.
- How the NDIS makes our communities more inclusive.
- What happens at the meeting with your Local Area Coordinator.
- What you can do to prepare.
- What happens when you receive your first funded plan.

Date:	Time:	Address:	RSVP:
19 February 2018	10:00am – 11:30am	Hurstville Library Miles Franklin Room 12-22 Dora Street, Hurstville 2220	14 February 2018
22 February 2018	1:00pm – 2:30pm	Cronulla Central, Meeting Room 1, 38-60 Croydon Street, Cronulla 2230	19 February 2018
28 February 2018	9:30am – 11:00am	Lionel Bowen Library, Level 3, 669/673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra 2035	23 February 2018
23 March 2018	10:00am – 11:30am	Hurstville Library Miles Franklin Room 12-22 Dora Street, Hurstville 2220	20 March 2018
28 March 2018	10:00am – 11:30am	Miranda Community Centre, Wattle Room, 95 Karimbla Road, Miranda 2228	23 March 2018
5 April 2018	10:30am – 12:00pm	Waverley Library, Theatrette, 32-48 Denison Street, Bondi Junction, NSW 2022	2 April 2018

**To reserve your place, please email [Schedeen.Snowden@ndis.gov.au](mailto:Schedeen.Snowden@ndis.gov.au)  
or call 0434 478 305 by the above dates.**

NDIS Participants, carers and family members are welcome.

***Service Providers are welcome to attend only if accompanying a Participant.***





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# MAKING THE MOST OF MY PLAN PAID SUPPORTS

## St Vincent de Paul Society 'taster' workshops for Participants, families and carers

The sessions, run by Vinnie's LAC team, will focus on:

- Understanding your funding and getting the most out of your paid supports
- Increasing your skills, knowledge and confidence
- Your rights under the NDIS
- Learning from, and connecting with others

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22 March 2018	10:00am – 1:00pm	Hurstville Library Miles Franklin Room 12-22 Dora Street, Hurstville 2220	15 March 2018
27 March 2018	10:00am – 1:00pm	Sutherland Multi-Purpose Centre Meeting Room 123 Flora Street, Sutherland 2232	20 March 2018
6 April 2018	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Lionel Bowen Library Level 3, 669/673 Anzac Parade Maroubra 2035	30 March 2018

Please RSVP by the above dates for catering purposes  
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Participants, family members and carers are welcome,  
and light refreshments will be served.

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# DO YOU REQUIRE SUPPORT WITH IMPLEMENTING YOUR PLAN?

**You are invited to a FREE information session aimed at helping you to navigate plan implementation.**

St Vincent de Paul Society's Local Area Coordination Program are trialing weekly Plan Implementation sessions for NDIS Participants, their carers and family members. Each session will include two different types of support, and Participants may attend both depending on availability:

**Option 1: Plan Implementation presentation:**

- 1:00-3:00pm

**In the presentations, we will explain:**

- What happens at the meeting with your LAC, and what you can do to prepare
- How to set up your MyGov Account
- How to find and work with Service Providers
- Service Agreement and make Service Bookings

**Option 2: One on one Q & A session with an LAC at a pre-booked time slot (bookings essential):**

- 1:00-1:30pm
- 1:30-2:00pm
- 2:00-2:30pm
- 2:30-3:00pm

**These sessions are for St Vincent de Paul's Society Participants who:**

- Have had their First Plan Meeting; or
- Have had their Plan Implementation meeting but would like further information

**Session details:**

**Address:** St Vincent de Paul Society's LAC office, Level 1, 38-40 Urunga Parade, Miranda NSW 2228

**Dates:**

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**To reserve your place, please speak to your LAC, indicating the date and location you would like to attend.**

**To register using an interpreter:**

- 1) Phone TIS on: 131 450
- 2) Ask for an interpreter
- 3) Ask the operator to call Schedeen Snowden from St Vincent de Paul Society on 0434 478 305 to register for the NDIS information session
- 4) Stay on the line and the operator will connect you to Schedeen so you can in your language

**PLEASE NOTE:** These sessions are designed to explain the Local Area Coordination transition process to NDIS Participants, their family members and carers. They are not for general discussion about the NDIS, specific funding questions or provider-related concerns.





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