



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"Do you believe in magic?"

This was a question that was asked of me recently, and I thought it to be rather appropriate for this time of year, especially as the theme of magic is so prevalent within our modern-day culture and context as we head towards Christmas time. The magic plays out in the coming of Santa who delivers the presents, in the mischievous happenings of the elves within homes, in the notion of such ideas as reindeers pulling a sleigh...

But, it also plays out in other ways, too.

One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is 'wonder and awe' – which is a nice alignment to that of magic. It is during Advent, when we wait and prepare for the coming of Jesus, that we learn of the significance this Coming was for the people at that time. It remains significant for us still, today. The wonder and awe that came when the angels appeared to the shepherds, when the star shone brightly the path to the born Saviour, when the Three Kings set out on their journey to discover such humble beginnings in the promise of someone so special.

The wonder and awe that is felt and experienced during those 'magical' moments/experiences/encounters we have, often reminds us of the spiritual power at play – whereby there often is no other explanation to attribute it to, than that of a higher power/being. There's so many contexts that this can take place within. WB Yeats once wrote "The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper."

Currently, I am seeing it a lot in nature: the vivid purples of the jacarandas, hydrangeas, agapanthus – the way their vibrancy 'pops' against the greens of the other plants; the increased activity of the insects, like the sounds of the cicadas and the appearance of the Christmas beetles; the fragrance of the jasmine and gardenias, whereby you often smell them before you see them; the tranquility of the early mornings and late evenings, and the stunning colours in the skies at these times of day...

I am also seeing it in the 'hive of activity' that is a school-based work environment. Yes, it is a crazy and chaotic time of year, but it is also when I am in awe of the way in which the cogs keep turning and the concept of 'many hands make light work', is lived. That is magic. Because, despite the many factors that deplete the energy of staff or impact their emotions, they all return to a sense of collegiality and an awareness of what this time of year means for those who really matter – and that's the students, in particular our Year 12 students.

And, I see it in the rewards that come from having achieved another twelve months as a learning community. Those rewards that can be as simple as seeing a student smile who we know has been having a tough time; or when a lightbulb moment becomes an all the time light-on moment around a goal that has been achieved and sustained; or it's when the bell plays and all the kids break into song; or the growth that is being witnessed after twelve months of focus and intent to help a student flourish.



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It's in these moments of magic, in the moments of wonder and awe, that our metaphorical cups are filled to the brim, where we engage in a headspace that re-centres us, and helps us become more aware of what truly matters. That such fulfillment and satisfaction really does make it all worth it – and we take this with us into what is always a well-deserved end of year break. But, these moments also remind us that we do need to actively pursue/seek/observe/experience/encounter more of these moments all throughout our lives.

There's a reason why we delight in the way we witness young children experience magic in their lives – especially at Christmas time. It lightens our mood. It lightens our load. It lightens our soul. It lightens our heart. And, that is a magical place to be, especially from a Wellbeing point of view.

It's upon moments of such reflection, that I am reminded of a quote from Roald Dahl... "And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places."

So, when I was asked the question, "Do you believe in magic?", I did not even hesitate to respond... "Yes, I do. Of course I do."

### **Year 12 Formal**

Last night we celebrated a very special community occasion – our Year 12 Formal! It was a wonderful evening that highlighted the incredible growth and achievements of our Year 12 students, and marked the beginning of many possibilities that lie ahead for them post-school. The joy was evident in all who attended, with many special moments shared throughout! Thank you to all those staff who assisted in the organisation of this event, and to the parents/carers/friends for the significant role they play in the lives of these remarkable young people!



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## EREA Charter Renewal Launch

Hugh and Christian recently joined me at Waverley College for the launch of the new EREA Charter. Both College Captains played a special role in bringing forth the Charter, which encompasses the Mission of Jesus, the Vision and Charism of Edmund Rice and the living of our Touchstones so as to benefit the lives of our students. This is something we will continue to embed within our College Strategic Plan, as well as within the culture we look to immerse ourselves in each day.



## Eddie's Live at Abbotsleigh!

Thank you to those staff who helped create a wonderful display of talent and joy at our Eddie's Live for 2024 last week! The students loved what they had to offer and showcase, and I'm sure that those who attended loved the spectacle that was on offer. Thank you to Mrs Eldridge, Mrs Falvey, Mrs Daly, Ms Austin, Gen and Katie for your support, guidance and enthusiasm with our students throughout the week, and on the night!



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## Charity Challenge

Thank you to those staff who contributed in many ways to the success of this year's Charity Challenge Gala Event! This is an annual occasion that supports our school financially, but also by way of awareness-raising and building community. Our Dancers and Drummers from our Enrichment Ensembles did an amazing job performing for the hundreds that had gathered for the occasion. To our Admin Team – Susan, Matt, Cathy Mac, David and Julie Mac: thank you for what you did to support Smokey and Matt! They were so grateful! To our Eddie's Performers Team – Mr Fawkner, Lisa O, Ms Austin, Julie Mac and Brenden – thank you for the time and dedication you put in place over many weeks to support our students who performed on the night! Thank you to Mrs Eldridge for assisting with the transporting and supervision of the students on this night, too.



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## Student Immersion Opportunities re AIM Initiative and Service Week

We have recently hosted students and staff from both Mater Maria College Warriewood, and also Waverley College over the last couple of weeks. Our students love hosting visitors from other schools, and the enriching opportunities this provides for all involved, is what makes these experiences so valuable. We look forward to continuing engagement in this way during 2025.



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## Year 5/6 Orientation

This week we invited onsite, our new enrolments for 2025 in our Stage 3 class. We also had the opportunity to welcome our new Year 5/6 teaching staff, Ms Annika Ylamaki and Mrs Julia Kickert. It was a really successful and enjoyable experience for all involved. We look forward to the many ways this team will contribute to the culture of Eddie's next year, and beyond!



## Congratulations Rebecca!

As was communicated to all families earlier this week, our Deputy Principal, Rebecca Kirwan, has been offered a 12 month secondment to the EREA National Office in the position of Director of Professional Practice – a position that I am sure you will agree, is very deserving!

Understandably, Rebecca is experiencing a multitude of emotions regarding this opportunity – she is very excited by what this will provide for her in her professional growth and development, along with what skills she will be able to offer to those communities she will be supporting; however, she is also aware of what this will mean for her over the next 12 months, and that is momentarily leaving the Eddie's community – one that she holds very dear to her heart.

It goes without saying that we are very proud of what Rebecca has achieved with this secondment, and will indeed miss her for the next 12 months! We are grateful that she will be with us for the start of the 2025 school year, and this will provide an onboarding opportunity for whomever takes on the currently advertised Deputy Principal role for 2025.

We extend a heartfelt congratulations to you, Mrs Kirwan! You will achieve amazing results for many in the EREA community within this position!



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### **Congratulations Zane!**

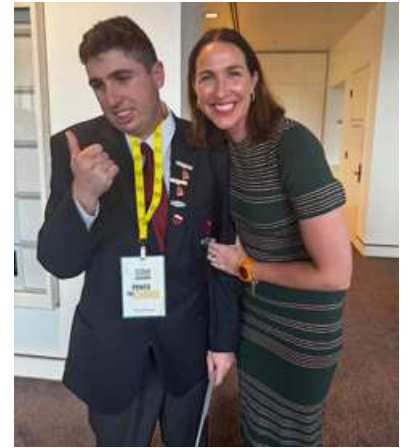
Please read within Mrs Horne's section the exciting opportunity Zane (12J) recently had down in Canberra. This was to recognise his amazing sporting talents, and acknowledge the contribution he has made to the Special Olympics movement for a number of years. Thank you to Mrs Horne for nurturing these opportunities for our students, and for initiating this recognition of Zane's athletic gifts. -

### **Thank you to all our St Edmund's families for the year that has been!**

It is one that has brought forth the living of our College Values – Joy, Faith, Relationships and Community. Your support and collaboration is one that we value always. Partnering with you to ensure the wellbeing and learning needs of your child are met, is an integral part of what we value here at Eddie's.

I wish you all a magical Christmas and New Year ahead. May it be filled with wonder and awe, and all the love and joy that you deserve to receive at this time of year!

**Vanessa Dillon | Principal**



## KEY DATES

Wed 4 Dec **Presentation Day & Eddie's Got Talent**

Fri 6 Dec **Year 12 Graduation Mass & Last Day of Term**

## CHRISTMAS CARDS



Our Visual Arts students worked hard to create beautiful Christmas cards featuring the artworks of Eddie's students.

Our Retail students have been busy packaging and displaying these cards and selling at places like the Year 11 VET Christmas Markets.

We still have some cards available to purchase [online here](#). Packs of 10 are just \$12.

Once ordered our Retail students will prepare and send home in your child's bag.

# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

## The Dish

Next week we are due to serve at the Dish in Hornsby which supports those in our community in need. Our Food Technology classes will be cooking and providing the meals this time, however we are appealing for donations from our community to add to the supplies they require for Christmas Hampers. If you can assist by sending in any non-perishable Christmas food items e.g. plum pudding, sweet treats to add to the hampers, there will be a collection box in the office to place any donations. The Dish will use these items to make up hampers to then distribute to families in the community. Items can be sent in at anytime between now and 3 December. Thank you again to all of the members of our community who have provided cooked meals and desserts to send to this worthwhile cause throughout this year. It is much appreciated.



## LAST WEEK FOR 2024

We have many events occurring over the last week for Term 4. I look forward to seeing many of you as we celebrate the end of the school year as well as farewell and 'send off' our Year 12 graduates. Please see information below:

### Wednesday 4th December

**Presentation Day** - all students need to be in full summer uniform with their blazer. The ceremony will be held onsite in our hall and will begin at 10am and end around 12 noon. Parents are welcome to join this special occasion. All students receive a Merit Award, 2025 College leaders will be announced and our Year 12's will receive their graduation testamur.

**Eddies Got Talent** - this begins at 1:35pm in the College hall and ends at 2:50pm. All classes will have an entry in the talent show. Parents are also welcome to attend.

### Thursday 5th December

Year 11 and 12 will go to **Clontarf** for a farewell BBQ. This is organised and put on by the Year 11 students. During Period 5 on this day, students in Year 7-11 will meet their homeroom staff and class mates for 2025.

### Friday 6th December

**Last day of term for all students.** Whole School Mass for Year 12 Graduation Mass will begin in the College hall at 11:30am. Please arrive at 11:15 for a prompt 11:30am start. Parents welcome. A light luncheon will be served for Year 12 families and students. There will be a presentation of a small school gift to Year 12 students as well as a leaving archway. This archway will end at 1:55pm. Year 12 students may then go home with their parents following this. If you are planning to attend [please RSVP here](#) so that we can ensure catering is sufficient. Please join us for this special way to farewell our wonderful Year 12 students.

## Thank you

Thank you to each and every one of you for being a part of our community and contributing to the mission of St Edmund's over 2024. It has been a pleasure to walk alongside one another with the shared goal to provide our students with a liberating education within our caring and joyful community. I wish you all a restful holiday period as well as a happy, holy Christmas and look forward to seeing our students back for the beginning of 2025 on Thursday 30th January.

**Rebecca Kirwan | Deputy Principal**





**St Edmund's**  
COLLEGE

THE PRINCIPAL, MRS VANESSA DILLON  
INVITES OUR FAMILIES & FRIENDS TO THE  
ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE

# *Presentation Ceremony*

**WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER**  
**10AM - 12PM**

**ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE**  
**60 BURNS ROAD, WAHROONGA**

Eddie's Got Talent, our annual talent  
show will be held that afternoon  
from 1.35pm - 2.50pm.  
All welcome.



St Edmund's  
COLLEGE

*Please join us to celebrate*

THE YEAR 12 STUDENTS' LAST  
DAY AT ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE

**Friday 6 December**

*11.15am arrival for an 11.30am start*

Whole School Year 12 Graduation Mass  
with Fr Kelvin Lovegrove

School hosted light luncheon  
for Year 12 students and families

Presentation of school gift  
to Year 12 students

Leaving archway

Finishing at 1.55pm

*RSVP*

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/GRADUATION-MASS**



# CURRICULUM CORNER



## Library Book Returns

Please return all library books now!

Reminder notifications have been sent home to families this week with book titles that need to be returned.

## School Holidays – Looking for holiday activities!

Remember you can access these sites over the holidays using your student login:

MultiLit eLibrary: <https://library.multilit.com/>

Mathletics: <https://www.mathletics.com/au/>

ePlatform: <https://www.eplatform.co/au/>

Typing: <https://www.typing.com/>

Please email Judi [north@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:north@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au) for more information, or Rachele for information about typing [moait@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:moait@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au)

**Judi North | Head of Teaching and Learning**

## Farewell to Our Outstanding Pre-Service Teacher Mr Bargwanna

We bid a fond farewell to our practice teacher, Sam Bargwanna, who has enriched our school community over the past six weeks. Currently completing his Bachelor of Education in Secondary and Special Education at Australian Catholic University, he has demonstrated an exceptional understanding of our students' diverse learning needs.

Throughout his time at St Edmunds, his innovative approach to teaching has been particularly noteworthy. By incorporating practical lessons and sensory experiences into daily learning activities, he has helped our students engage more deeply with their education. His natural ability to recognize and respond to students' regulatory needs has been remarkable, showing a mature understanding of the complexities our learners face.

One of the most heartening aspects of his placement has been witnessing how seamlessly he integrated into our school community. He has expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome he received from staff, students, and families alike, noting that St Edmunds felt like home from day one.

As he continues his journey toward completing his teaching qualification next year with one final placement ahead, we are confident his future students will benefit from his dedicated and thoughtful approach to education. His time with us has reinforced the value of our school's commitment to supporting the next generation of educators.

We wish him every success in his future endeavors and thank him for his valuable contribution to our school community.

**Jennifer Barange | Classroom Teacher**



## 2024 Australian Olympic Change-Maker Program

The Australian Olympic Change-Maker Program was held at the Australian Institute of Sport from November 25 to November 27. Students were nominated by schools across the Nation and the nominees' submitted videos about how they have made a positive impact in their school or local community. 1000's of videos were submitted, and Zane was one of 28 nominees selected to participate in the program. Zane was also the very first participant to be selected with an intellectual disability.



Workshops, activities, games, sessions with Olympians and presentations were held over the first 2 days, culminating with the change-makers being presented with medals at Parliament House specially crafted by the Royal Australian Mint. I was extremely fortunate to attend the program in Canberra, meet Olympians and support Zane at this very prestigious event. The Olympians that were presenting and facilitating the program with the AOC staff were: Elka Whalan (Graham), Milly Tapper, Zac Stubblety-Cook, Keesja Gofers and Sam Fricker.

Congratulations Zane!



## Other News in Sport

### State Special Olympics Swimming Championships

Congratulations to the St Edmund's students who participated in the State Special Olympics Swimming Championships last weekend. Some of their outstanding results are outlined below.

- Zane-Won Silver and 2 Bronze in his division
- Gemma-Won Gold in her division
- Indigo-Won Silver and Gold in her division
- Sophia-Won Silver and Bronze in her division
- Isabella-Won Silver and 2 Bronze in her division



# PDHPE

## State Special Olympics Basketball Championships

The State Special Olympics Basketball Championships were held in Port Macquarie on November 16th and 17th.

Indigo, Zane and many former St Edmund's students participated in the event.

Indigo-Won Silver in her Division

Zane-Won Gold in his Division

Congratulations on your tremendous achievements!

Lois Horne | PDHPE and Sports Coordinator

## LOST PROPERTY



# YEAR 12 CAFS SHARE THE DIGNITY & FUSION PANTRY



# NURSE ALI

## Water Safety

School holidays are in sight – maybe you are going on a holiday or doing an activity involving water. Australia is home to beautiful beaches and waterways. However, they can be dangerous.

Last year there were 323 drownings in Australian waterways these included rivers, beaches, swimming pools both public and backyard.

Teams of dedicated surf lifesavers and lifeguards performed 9000 rescues at Australian patrolled beaches along our coastline.

Drowning rates increase ten-fold from age 10 to age 20, likely due to increases in risk taking, and a lack of swimming, water safety and lifesaving skills across youth and young adult populations.

December to March record the highest numbers of drowning deaths. Following some simple water safety advice can and does save lives.

- Always supervise children in, on and around water.
- Learn swimming, water safety and lifesaving skills.
- Wear a lifejacket when boating, rock fishing or paddling.
- Swim at a patrolled beach between the red and yellow flags.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs around water.
- Know the conditions, check the weather.
- Download the [Emergency Plus app](#). Mobile phone service is limited in national parks. You may not be able to call for help if you need it.
- Check local swimming advice and current conditions at <https://beachsafe.org.au>

Rips are one of the greatest and most common hazards on Australian beaches. Knowing what a rip is, how to spot one and how to avoid one is key to staying safe at the beach.

[https://youtu.be/PuAIDTC\\_gIQ](https://youtu.be/PuAIDTC_gIQ)  
<https://youtu.be/5QhxxXGPIJU>

**Alison Andrews**  
| College Nurse



## PARENT GROUP

As we come to the close of an amazing year, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each class representative who volunteered their time and helped to keep everything (and me) on track. I would also like to thank the families for your partnership, your support, and your commitment to making this school year a success. A special thank you to Susan Dickenson also for her guidance throughout the year.

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge and thank our departing students. I wish you nothing but success in your future endeavors, and remember, you will always have a place in our hearts and our community.

Looking ahead, I am excited for the new year and all the wonderful activities and experiences it will bring. There are a variety of events and opportunities planned to continue supporting our parent community, and I can't wait to share them with you in the upcoming months.

As the holiday season approaches, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May this festive season bring you joy, relaxation, and precious time spent with loved ones.

Thank you once again for a fantastic year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2025!

**Con Kalantzis | Parent Group Leader**



## CAPTAIN'S CORNER & STUDENT VOICE



It has been a very exciting time at St Edmund's. Hugh and Christian were able to assist guests at the Open Afternoon and all Year 12 students attended the amazing Year 12 Graduation Formal last night and the Pre-Formal at Hugh's house. We travelled to Miramare Gardens in a hummer, which was very fun. There was speeches, dancing, cake and time with our family, friends and teachers. This is our last newsletter article. Thank you for reading through this year! Merry Christmas!

**Hugh, Christian, Sonnet and David | College Captains & Chloe | Student Voice**



# AWARDS

## Student of the Week

7M	Seb and Bara
7N	Aliyana and Will
8G	Maxyne and Monique
8V	Holly and Dylan
9E	Zara and Matthew
9F	Charlie and James
10M	Ben and Mia
10S	Riarna and Cameron
11D	Toby and Michael
11P	Arpita and Liam
12J	Zane and David
12O	Elliot and Sean

## Eddie's Best of the Best

Lucas
Lizzie
Elodie
Aaron
Rachel
Lucy
Isaac
Bento
Nathan
Ella
Krish
Elliot

## Leadership Awards

### Silver

Zane  
Will  
Tom  
Sonnet  
Nathan  
Michael  
Krish  
Antonio

### Gold

Luke  
Kate  
Harry  
Chloe  
Brandon  
Antonio

### Platinum

Hugh  
David

*congratulations*

# AWARDS



*congratulations*



**FREE**

# MyTime Wahroonga

## Wreath Making Evening

### Tuesday 3 December 2024

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.

**WHERE:**

St Lucy's School  
21 Cleveland St, Wahroonga

**WHEN:** Tuesday 3 December 2024

**TIME:**

6.30pm-8.30pm

**CONTACT:**

Terry Williamson [mytimewahroonga@gmail.com](mailto:mytimewahroonga@gmail.com)



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# Wahroonga Village Fair

Sunday 1st Dec 2024 - 9am-4pm

Railway Avenue & Carpark - Wahroonga

St Edmund's  
students will  
perform at  
10am!



REMOVALS & STORAGE



McCarroll's  
Volkswagen



Club of  
Wahroonga

# Carols at the San

Sunday 8 December, 5pm

Thanks to our friends at Snap who are sponsors of the event we have a limited number of VIP passes available for our Eddie's families.

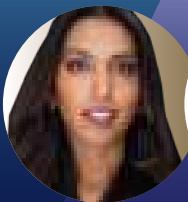
These include:

- VIP parking
- Express line meet and greet photo opportunity for 3 families (of up to 3) with The Minions
- VIP meet and greet photo opportunity with Carols performers and the Hospital Executive team

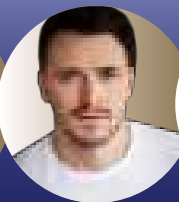
Please email [dickenson@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:dickenson@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au) asap if you would like to be listed as VIP - limited tickets are available and will be prioritised in order of request.

*\*\*Note: this year's VIP area will serve as a shared space, specifically allocated and accessible sponsors, and performers families. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own picnic rugs. Low rise chairs are permitted*

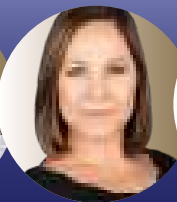
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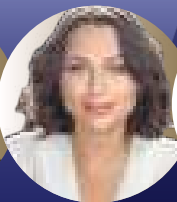
Chloé Zuel



Rob Mallett



Danni Da Ros



Jana Lombart



Minions

**PLUS** Dave Martin & Clare O'Meara | The Wahroonga Adventist School Choir | San Carols Band

## From 5pm

- Family Activities
- Food Stalls
- Santa Photos
- Minions Meet & Greet
- Nativity Play  
Wahroonga Church

## 6:30pm

- Kids Concert

## 7:00pm

- Main Carols Concert, concluding with Fireworks.

Presenting sponsor



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**SAVE THE DATE**

FOR

# Christmas Carols

AT HOLY NAME WAHROONGA

## **CAROLS IN THE GARDEN**

Sunday 8 December 2024

11am onwards

Join us for live music and carols on our beautiful Parish lawn **after 9:30am Mass.**

Bring your own nibbles, drinks and favourite picnic blanket/chairs.

Delicious, freshly cooked paella will be available for purchase.

In the event of wet weather, we will move inside the church for the concert.

Are there any **singers or musicians** from the Parish community who would like to join? If so, please contact Rosalie, [rosaliebelsey@gmail.com](mailto:rosaliebelsey@gmail.com)



*Everyone is welcome*

Holy Name Wahroonga, 35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga

*Freedom*  
LEAGUE

Join the fun

## Try adaptive baseball/T-ball

Inclusive for all abilities and ages  
coach/buddy assisted  
Free session

Friday, 13 December 2024  
5pm-7pm

Aquatic Reserve Baseball Field  
Aquatic Drive, Frenchs Forest  
**RSVP Contact:** Gail Henderson  
**Mob:** 0412 554 899

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# **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY (IDPWD) EVENT**

We invite you to celebrate International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) with us!

This event is open to everyone -bring your friends, family, support workers, carers, and community members as we come together to honour diversity and inclusion.

[Please register here:](#)

## **Event Theme:**

This year's theme for International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) is:

“Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future.”

## **Event Details:**

Date: Monday, December 2, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: PCYC Hornsby Ku-ring-gai, 1 Park Lane, Waitara, NSW 2077

## **Event Highlights:**

Participating Services:

Headspace • Training Services NSW • Centre for Volunteering  
Empowering Parents in Crisis (EPIC) • Carer Gateway • Gamble Aware  
National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Uniting • Mission Australia  
TAFE NSW • Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College (HKCC) • NSW Police  
Services NSW • Service Australia (Centrelink) • Ku-ring-gai Council • Care Finder

## **Fun Activities:**

Stacking Cups • Jenga • Quoits • Noughts and Crosses • Shuttlecock • Archery • And more!

## **Special Launch:**

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College will launch the “Abilities United – Inter-College Sports Competition” for students with disabilities.

## **Networking Opportunities:**

Connect with community leaders, disability advocates, and service providers.

## **Additional Information:**

Light refreshments will be provided.

The PCYC is just a 3-minute walk from Waitara Train Station.

Plenty of free street parking available.

Let us come together to celebrate inclusion, raise awareness, and amplify the voices of people with disabilities!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you.

Devan Nathan

Service Navigation Officer

Psychosocial Support Service, Northern Sydney

[nathand@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:nathand@missionaustralia.com.au)





# CELEBRATE IDPwD

Enjoy a morning tea, information sessions, and  
connecting with your Upper North Shore Community

**WHEN:** 3 December 2024 10am - 12 noon

**WHERE:** Hornsby RSL - 4 High Street, Hornsby NSW 2077

**WHO'S INVITED:** PwD, Carers, and Allies

**COST:** \$29.95 (includes morning tea & non-alcoholic drinks)

**GO TO:** <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1318334>

## AGENDA:

- Welcome & why we are here - SOSUNS
- NDIS Roadmap Q&A - NDIS
- The Power of Connecting - Carer Gateway
- Wellbeing moment - Stella Bella
- Table Exercise - All
- Making it happen
- Close

## TO BOOK:



\*Please confirm your booking by  
22nd November 2024

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North Shore Mews  
For mums, by mums



Any queries contact Tara at [SydneyUpperNorthShore.Chairs@SpecialOlympics.com.au](mailto:SydneyUpperNorthShore.Chairs@SpecialOlympics.com.au)



# DISCOBILITY

# JINGLE BELL BASH



**An All-Abilities Holiday Disco  
Celebration! For ages 12-18**

-  Festive Face Painting
-  Sweet Treats Station
-  Best Dressed Prizes
-  Popcorn & Fairy Floss Station
-  Silent Disco Headphones  
and live DJ

SCAN FOR TICKETS



**DECEMBER 13TH**

**6PM - 8:30PM**

**DOUGHERTY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

# Summer Holiday Program

Exclusive program for  
**KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

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## You're invited to the Studio A HQ OPEN STUDIO!

Thursday 5 December | 4pm - 7pm

Level 11, 601 Pacific Highway, St Leonards

To celebrate International Day of People with Disability, we're throwing open the studio doors for an afternoon of festive fun and holiday shopping!

Step inside and see where the magic happens, meet our superstar artists, and explore our collection of original artworks and Studio A-designed treasures, all perfect for gifting (or keeping)

This is your chance to scoop up some event-exclusive pieces, plus get an in person look at our brand-new range (sneak peek below), launching online soon! It's a bit fabulous - so keep an eye on your inbox for the release!

Pop in, say hi, and let us help you find something truly unique for the holiday season. We can't wait to welcome you to the studio!

Studio A is a social enterprise based in Sydney, Australia that supports professional artists with intellectual disability to achieve their artistic and economic aspirations.

