



# Gabe's Gazette

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EXCELLENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION K-12



Enjoy our latest school news. Keeping our supporters and community updated.

## Golfing for Gabes 2023

On a beautiful, sunny May day, we held this year's Golfing for Gabe's fundraiser at Castle Hill Country Club. There were 80 players and some more people join us for lunch in the club house.

Some of our students headed over to the golf club on the day for a putting lesson with one of the golf pros. They picked up some great skills and had lots of fun.

A big thank you to everyone who turned out to support us on the day and to those who bought raffle tickets beforehand. We were generously supported by Silver Sponsors Nursed Care, Independent Locksmiths & Security and FAL Construction Group and Greenleaf Legal, as well as team sponsors Mulpha Norwest and Tower Projects.



# Year 11 Work Experience

A group of Year 11 students went offsite on their first work placement in May. They signed in, placed name tags on, wore safety vests and learnt about the safety features of a factory site in Seven Hills.

Students were taught evacuation procedures, first aid procedures, learnt about the purpose of a break room and workplace lockers. They will be offsite every Friday and will commence differentiated factory work with various products that are sourced through Costco.



## Join the Movement

In the month of July, we'll be running our new Movement for Change campaign, and we'd love for you to take part! **What is Movement for Change? It's getting active - physically and socially!**

As a school for children with special needs, our core focus is enriching the lives of our students, and enabling them the same opportunities afforded everyone their age, in school and in the community. From K-12, our programs cover social skills, life skills, financial literacy and vocational education and training.

We want to make a difference in the lives of our students and we know that to do that we also need to make a difference in the world they live in.

Taking part in Movement for Change will help fund our programs, giving our students greater opportunities and will get more people talking so we can change the way people see disabilities.

Register at: [stgabriels.nsw.edu.au/movement](http://stgabriels.nsw.edu.au/movement) and find out more about the campaign.

## Cross Country Stars!

Congratulations to our primary students who competed in the Parramatta Diocese Cross Country event earlier this term. They all ran so well - a big 2km race - and did a fantastic job, with some even taking home some division places.



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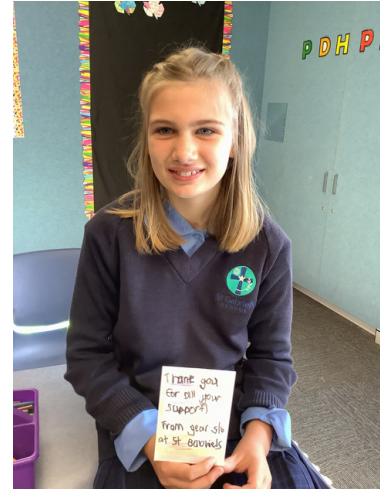
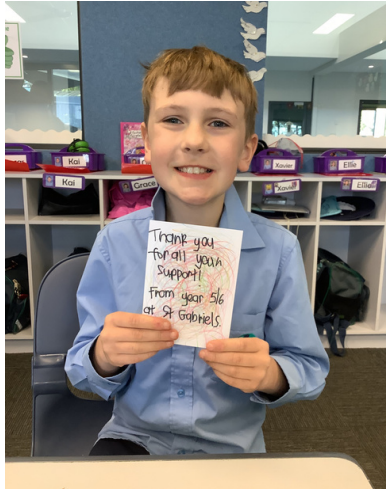


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# Blessed Edmund Rice Day

Across the school, children took part in activities to celebrate the mission of Edmund Rice, 'giving back to the community'. This is something that inspires us everyday as part of our Gabe's Give Back program.

We had so many activities going on around the school. Students cooked with Mr Evans, a variety of meals and these were dropped off to Parramatta Mission to help with meals served in their kitchen.



Students from 5/6 spent time writing thank you cards to people who support our school.

An activity focused on giving back within the school community, our older primary students read books with our K-2 students.

And the whole school community contributed to a non-perishable food drive to help support the Manning Foundation in Dundas Valley.

We've had some great champions step up to help St Gabriel's this term, including many longtime supporters and major donors who help the school.

The school was awarded a grant from the NSW State Government to support a 'Learning to Thrive' wellbeing project, which will create opportunities for workshops for students, siblings, parents and carers over the next two years.

We also had some very generous sponsors and participants for Golfing for Gabe's.

In early May, Baulkham Hills Squash and Fitness held a fundraiser for the school, raising over \$800. Thank you to everyone. It means the world to us.

## Our Supporters



# Hawkesbury Show Trip

We encourage our classes to incorporate excursions into their learning.

This term, Stage 2 were learning about Farm Animals in their Integrated Unit. They took a trip to the Hawkesbury Show. It was so much fun for the students. They got to see some sheep shearing, baby animals, a cow being milked and some bees in their hive.



## It's Tax Appeal Time. Become a Regular Donor.

As a not-for-profit, we invest everything back into our school. We rely on the generous support of the community to deliver the best educational opportunities and facilities to our students. Become a regular donor and help support our ongoing success, helping students with disabilities. For a very small amount each month, you could help us make a BIG DIFFERENCE.

You can register to donate at QR code or: [give-aus.keela.co/STGdonate](https://give-aus.keela.co/STGdonate)

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