



# UPDATE

No. 1 Date: 20/02/2017 Week 5 Term 1

## Student Awards

**Congratulations** to the following students, who received Merit Awards at last week's School Assembly. Well done on your efforts everyone – keep up the good work!



Oscar Baltins	Luke Doorey	Ruby Hammond	Samuel Moore
Jordan Banks	Annabelle Duck	Thomas Harris	Joe Ramires
Alice Bauerhuit	Audrey Ellem	Harrison Iles	Beth Rawding
Cisco Borbely	Gus Forbutt	Jordan Kime	William Richardson
Lillian Borg	Levi Friedland-Jaccoud	Kiahna Koutsonikolis	Mia Rodemark
Samantha Bourke	Chloe Galluzzi	Archie Lamont	Layla Sawyer
Ferris Carey	Lani Gleeson	Jack Leahey	Mayah Shore
Lily Chalice	Audrey Godsell	Ronan Loughton	Lucas Tom
Ruanii Claudino	Jessica Gomez	Nataly Mayorchak	Angus Wills
Owen Croft	Mia Grodzicki	Finn McCaffery	Tom Withers
Joel Crouch	Evie Hale	Ashton McLeod	Andrew Young
Mark D'Alessio	Lucy Hall	Madison Micallef	

## Love One Another Awards

Congratulations to Gwen Henderson (6H) and Declan Vane (6C) who received Love One Another Awards at our last School Assembly for living out the school motto by their generous assistance at our Swimming Carnival. Well done to you both.



## 2017 Swimming Carnival

Our 2017 Swimming Carnival was held on 9 February at Lawson Pool. It was STA's first time using this venue and the day was an amazing success. The students showed great sportsmanship, participated with enthusiasm and displayed sensible sun-safe behaviour.

We sincerely thank all our parent volunteers for their assistance on the day, our student 'runners' and our carnival organisers, James Costigan, Kate MacKenzie and Ann Gippel and also to Michelle Nightingale and Deborah Breytenbach for their support with the smooth running of the event.

Swimming awards were presented at last week's School Assembly. Congratulations to the students listed below on their success at Lawson. These students are part of a team of approximately 32 students who will compete in the Zone Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook Pool on Tuesday 21 February. We wish them all well.

### 2017 Swimming Champions:

**Senior Champion:**

**Senior Runner Up:**

**11 Years Champion:**

**11 Years Runner Up:**

**Junior Champion:**

**Junior Runner Up:**

### Boys

Oliver Carr

Riley Barglik

Lachlan Golby

Julian Sypka

Harry Ghata

Thomas Brosnan

### Girls

Molly Jones

Abbey Gomez

Chelsea Muller

Amy Harvey

Ruby Roberts

Montana Barry

## Clothing Pool

Our Clothing Pool has been operating on Monday mornings from 9.00-9.30am and on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00-3.30pm thanks to the generosity of two parent volunteers. Unfortunately, our Monday helper is unable to continue. Therefore, we are asking if any parent would be able to assist at this time your help would be very much appreciated.

Operating the Clothing Pool involves helping parents with their selections, dealing with clothing donations and tidying and arranging the stock in the Clothing Pool cupboard ready for sale. All sales are dealt with at the Office.

We are hoping to also run it on Friday mornings from 9.00-9.30am if we have enough volunteers able to assist. If you would like to help for one of the above days or perhaps would be available on another day for half an hour please contact the school Office on 4754 2554. If you are not able to help on a regular basis perhaps you may consider being on a back-up list to relieve when others are not available. If so, please contact the Office. We thank you for your consideration.

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## School Opal Card – Reminder

Students **must tap-on and tap-off for each journey** to and from school, therefore they must have a current School Opal Card with them **every time** they travel. For new applications go to [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students) or phone 131 500 for lost or stolen School Opal Cards.



### Coffee & Chat

Parents and carers are invited to our Coffee and Chat mornings with Sister Monica commencing on **Monday, 6 March 2017 at 9.05am in the hall**. These mornings provide an opportunity to meet other parents and join with Sr Monica, the Principal and Assistant Principal in sharing a morning tea in a relaxed friendly environment. All welcome!

### Catholic Schools Week 5 – 11 March 2017

To coincide with Catholic Schools Week we will be hosting **tours of the school** hosted by the Principal on:

- **Wednesday 8 March 9.30am – 10.30am**
- **Thursday 9 March 2.00pm – 3.00pm**

Please let your friends and anyone interested in enrolment know of the above dates. For enquiries contact the school via the website at [www.staspringwood.catholic.edu.au](http://www.staspringwood.catholic.edu.au) or email to [stthomas@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stthomas@parra.catholic.edu.au) or by phone on 4754 2554. Further tours will take place during May 2017.

### Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

As an addition to this Update is a letter from Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Bishop of Parramatta, on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse; Case Study 50 – Catholic Church Authorities.

## DIARY DATES

<b>2017</b> <b>TERM 1</b>  <b>Week 6</b>	<b>Monday 27 February</b>	School Band <b>12.35pm NO ASSEMBLY</b> <b>3.40-8.00pm Meet the Teacher (Kinder – Year 4)</b>
	<b>28</b>	<b>3.30-6.00pm Meet the Teacher (Kinder – Year 4)</b> <b>6.00-6.45pm Meet the Teacher Evening for Year 5</b> <b>7.00-7.45pm Meet the Teacher Evening for Year 6</b>
	<b>1 March</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing School Band <b>12.45pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy</b>
	<b>2</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer <b>12.35pm Assembly – (Please note change of day for this week.)</b>
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<b>Week 7</b>  <b>Catholic Schools Week</b>	<b>Monday 6 March</b>	9.05am Coffee and Chat - in the Hall School Band <b>12.35pm NO ASSEMBLY</b> 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	<b>7</b>	<b>12.15pm Open Classrooms for Parents &amp; Carers</b> <b>12.45pm Assembly – (Please note change of day for this week.)</b> 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	<b>8</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing School Band 9.20am Parish Mass – Year 3 and K6A attending <b>9.30 – 10.30am School Tour</b>
	<b>9</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer <b>2.00 – 3.00pm School Tour</b>
	<b>10</b>	Year 1 Ceramics Incursion Part 1



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Children's House Montessori – Vacancies:** The Children's House Montessori has some vacancies for 2017. We provide an intensive school readiness program led by a qualified Early Childhood Educator and Montessori trained teacher. We welcome tours of our centre. For more information please call 4751 5991.

**Positive Partnerships - Free One Day Workshop for Parents and Carers of Children with Autism:** This workshop is for parents, carers and grandparents of school aged children on the autism spectrum. It is designed to help foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for their child. The workshop is for those wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence-based resources to help maximise their young person's learning. **Those attending this workshop will gain:** an increased understanding of the impact of autism; further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school; information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school; an opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers; an understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child. **Where:** Katoomba RSL, 86 Lurline Street, Katoomba. **When:** Tuesday 28 February, 2017, 9.15am – 3.00pm (Registration from 8.30am). **Catering:** Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration. **Register online:** go to [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au) Registrations close on 27 February. For further information phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline on 1300 881 971 or email [parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au)

**Stepping Beyond: Support For Those Separated Or Divorced:** "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** 28 February. **Venue:** CCSS centre, 38 Prince St, Blacktown. **New Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita - Phone 8822 2222 or [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

### Sent Home Recently

- Zone Swimming Permission Note – selected students
- Kindergarten Update Note (green)
- Welcome to Year 1 Note (salmon)
- Meet the Teacher Note for Kinder to Year 4
- Meet the Teacher Evening Note to Year 5
- Meet the Teacher Evening Note to Year 6

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