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No. 3 Date: 15/09/2017

Term 3

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students, who received Merit Awards at our last two School Assemblies. Well done on your efforts everyone - keep up the good work!

Week 9

Jessica Gomez

Samuel Graham

Benjamin Harrison

Gwendolyn Henderson

Jake Gordon

Mia Grodzicki

Harry Hicks

Ben Hinley

Elise Hurley

Ava Huxlev

Harrison lles

Ella Danks

Liam Hicks

Patricia Lia

Alex Lopez

Finn Cullinane

Patrick Dawson

Lila Hagelburg

Reihana Hawea

Cameron Hickey

Willow Hookings

Nicholas Koulouris

Evelyn lles

Payten Holmes

Sienna Hughes

Week 8

Sadie Albury Ryan An U Madeline Blacklock Annalise Blattman Emanuel Borg **Ruby Butler** Zoe Cini Alfie Cook Charlotte Croft Makayla Crouch Shaelee Davies Luke Doorev Levi Friedland-Jaccoud Ellen Glasson

Week 9

Emma Brickwood Cooper Brown **Emily Burnett Bonnie Butler** Imogen Carvasiglia Ruanii Claudino Luke Clunes Jaiden Colburn Brianna Collins Xanthe Connell-Badics Grace Costigan James Croucher

Ebony Mafi St Theresa's Wilcannia Visit

On Tuesday 5 September 20 students and 4 teachers (including Mrs Karen Bousfield) and aides from St Theresa's Catholic Primary Wilcannia arrived at STA for lunch and an assembly. STA Library Teacher, Karen Bousfield, has been on a teaching secondment for the first 3 terms of this year, being replaced during this time by Ms Melinda Burness.

The students from St Theresa's were a little overwhelmed

by the size of the STA buildings and the number of children on the playground, but the more confident children joined in and had a great time. The visitors enjoyed a sausage sizzle cooked by Mr Rosato then participated in an assembly in the hall. The Wilcannia students performed an assembly item that showed a snapshot of their culture for the STA students. The STA students then responded by singing the song I Am Australian which included a special verse skilfully written by Mr Rosato and Mrs Toohey to commemorate the occasion.

The staff and students of St Theresa's then travelled to Manly for an overnight stay, followed by a wonderful day touring the city with the highlight being a cruise on Sydney Harbour. They then returned to Wilcannia the following day. A short but wonderful experience for these children and teachers, one they will remember for a lifetime.

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Elizabeth Kerkham Sophie Kerrison Harry Kitching Peter Koulouris Hugo Koutsonikolis Connor Leahey Isabelle Leet Amber Lovric Luke Malone Preston Mamo Poppy Milroy William Moore Elizabeth Mulhall Luca Penserini

Joseph Mahns Lachlan McAlpine Vincent McLaren Chelsea Micallef Sean Miller Liam Murphy Michael Papasotiriou Bethany Paul Nicholas Peat Emma Pospischil Casey Ryan Darcy Ryan

Jose Ramires Charlie Reid Florence Rooney Evie Scurr **Rosie Sieders** Amelia Steadman Jacob Tan Lucas Tom Bronte Tracey Gabriel Valle Saffi Wilson **Billy Wright** Angus Young

Noah Samoluk Patrick Seymour Noah Simmons Archer Sproule Helena Svpka Will Ticehurst Antonio Todarello Lia Trounce William Valentini Chelsea Willingham Zachary Zalan-Pipe



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – Pupil Free Monday 9 October (1st day of Term 4)

The focus for this professional development day will be on Religious Education and Literacy (Writing). Students will commence Term 4 on

Tuesday 10 October.



Bushfire Preparation - Bushfire Alert (Assembly in Place Procedures)

The beginning of this month signals the start of the official bushfire season. With this in mind the school will shortly be scheduling bushfire drills to ensure that we are well prepared in the event of a bushfire threat or if directed by authorities. Our aim is not to cause any anxiety for students so we would ask you to **discuss the processes listed below with your children**. Please reinforce that these practise drills are to help all of us to prepare, remain calm and stay safe. Class teachers will also reassure and inform students of the purpose of these practice drills prior to them taking place.

Bushfire Alert (Assembly in Place Procedures)

- 1. The school bushfire signal tone will be sounded and a verbal message will also be broadcast over the school public address system.
- 2. The tone and message will be the signal for all students, staff and visitors to move and assemble in the school hall.
- **3.** When in the hall, students will be seated in a quiet and orderly manner (in their normal weekly assembly positions).
- 4. Once in place teachers will be responsible for marking their class roll.
- Once the class roll has been marked each class teacher will report to the Assistant Principal and verify that all students are present.

- 6. All non-classroom teaching staff and visitors will also move immediately to the hall.
- 7. A member of the School Administrative Team will mark the staff roll and verify the Visitor's Log to ensure all are present.
- 8. Whist in the hall students and staff will receive regular appropriate information and assurance from the Principal/Assistant Principal.
- **9.** All will remain in the hall until directed by the authorities i.e. Police.
- 10. The school will communicate with families via the TIMS text messaging system. The content and timing of this text messaging with be in consultation with authorities.

Our next scheduled bushfire drills will take place on Wednesday 20 September & Tuesday 17 October 2017.

Lost Property

As the term draws to a close we ask parents to please check the lost property box if your child has lost any items at the school recently. Currently, the box is overflowing – particularly with jumpers and jackets – many with no names on them. Please remember to mark all of your child's items clearly with their name.

DIARY DATES

DIART DAILS			
	Monday 18	School Band	
2017	September	12.35pm School Assembly – 2S presenting	
2017	-	3.40pm Leadership Meeting	
	19	3.40pm Staff Meeting	
TERM 3		7.00pm Parish Confirmation in the Church	
_	20	8.30am Staff Briefing	
		9.20am Parish Mass – Kindergarten Attending	
Week 10		11.05am Principal's Morning Tea – selected students	
		Stage 2 Tennis Clinics	
	21	8.30am Staff Prayer	
		End of Term Assembly	
	22	Stage 3 Touch Football – selected students	
		Term 3 Concludes	
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS			
	Monday 9 October	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – Pupil Free	
TERM 4	10	Term 4 Commences for Students	
		3.40pm Staff Meeting	
	11	8.30am Staff Briefing	Scan with your smartphone
Week 1		School Band	or tablet for more
WCCK I	12	8.30am Staff Prayer	information.
	13	Year 6 Pilgrimage Excursion	www.staspringwood.catholic.edu.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A Day of Peace – It Starts With Me: On Saturday 23 September from 1.30 – 4.30pm Penrith City Council will be hosting a celebration that promotes respect and recognises that all people, and all faiths, share a common desire for peace, security and dignity. Where: The Mondo greenspace (between Westfield and the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre). For further information go to www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/DayofPeace

Raising Grandchildren – FREE Counselling Service: Springwood Neighbourhood Centre is pleased to offer free counselling sessions for grandparents who have care of their grandchildren. Counsellor Angelika Wiese will have limited morning appointments on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Appointments are limited. To make an appointment or for more information please contact Angelika on 0408 568 726. Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm. Venue: The Centre downstairs meeting room. Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Co-operative Ltd, Ground Floor, Community & Cultural Hub, 108 Macquarie Road, Springwood. Phone: (02) 4751 3033. Website: www.sncc.org.au Facebook: facebook.com/springwoodneighbourhoodcentre

Sent Home Recently

- Voice of Youth Excursion Permission Note to 6C
- Note to 6M re Health Psychology Students Visit (green)
- Year 4 Interschool Drama Literacy Event Note (mauve)
- Term 3 Kindergarten Design and Make Task Note
- Conjunctivitis Notice to Year 2
- Invitation to Kindergarten Parents re Parish Mass (lilac)
- Bushfire Preparation Note re Assembly in Place Procedures (gold)

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