



NEWSLETTER

No. 11 Date: 19/12/2017 Week 11 Term 4

Dear St Thomas Aquinas Families,

The last three weeks have provided us with many opportunities to celebrate in community and to draw to a close an incredible year of learning and growth. These events have included: **The Christmas Concert, Thanksgiving Mass, Annual Awards Ceremony, Talent Show, School Spirit Day, Year 6 Graduation Mass, Year 6 Day in the City, Final School Assembly as well as farewelling and celebrating the life of Robert Mullen.** Each of these occasions has provided us with an opportunity to appreciate and reflect on the many gifts that our school community shares as part of our shared mission to educate the children in our care.

As we approach Christmas we are reminded that the essence of Christmastide is one of simplicity, wonder, joy, love, forgiveness, family and giving of ourselves. The birth of Christ as a baby in the most humblest surroundings is God's remedy for our modern cynical hearts. We can also take heart in knowing that God chose the illiterate shepherds as the first recipients of the good news of the birth of the saviour.

So why was God's coming in the middle of nowhere revealed to a bunch of unwanted nobodies first? Simply, each of us is not too low, too insignificant, too unimportant, too powerless, too forgotten, or too anything for God to love, search for and find.

On behalf of all who have worked with dedication this year to educate the children in our community we wish you and your loved ones a holy, safe, and peace-filled Christmas. May your homes be places of love, compassion and hospitality this Christmas. May we also remember all those whose homes are missing a loved one at this time.

Until 2018,

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Sergio Rosato
Principal

2018 Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI)

Teachers will be conducting the annual Mathematical Assessment Interviews (MAI) with each student in their class at the beginning of 2018. The interview is used in schools throughout our Diocese providing data to assist teachers to design appropriate learning programs for students. **The MAI's will take place at the school on Tuesday 30 January and Wednesday 31 January, 2018.** Each class has 24 x 30 minute timeslots scheduled over the 2 days. Interviews will take place in your child's 2018 classroom. **If you are unable to book with your child's class teacher please book with Mrs Cefai.** Please arrive 10 minutes before your appointment time. Parents are asked to wait in the hall during the interview. **To book an appointment online go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> and enter the EVENT CODE – 58d7k.** Follow the steps to book your preferred time. **Bookings open until 28 January 2018.**

Christmas Concert 2017

Our Christmas Concert this year was certainly a memorable and beautiful experience. The storm clouds bypassed us and enabled our community to enjoy a most beautiful evening of music and reflection. The Concert this year featured the retelling of the Christmas story through choral singing and movement led by the students in their grade ensembles.

Thank you to the large number of families who attended and for your preparation of your children's costumes – each grade looked simply wonderful and sung so beautifully. Thank you to the school staff for their preparation of the children and the outdoor venue. Particular thanks to Joanne Toohey (REC) and Leigha Wills (Music Teacher) for your hard work and skilful production of the Concert. We would also like to thank St Columba's College for their assistance with the PA system. Thank you also for all those who generously donated to the Jesuit Refugee Service Appeal on the night.

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Somebody spoke to me
I knew it was an angel
He said there's something
that I think you ought to know.
Then he just smiled, said don't be
afraid now.
Sing a new song, let everyone know.

*Oh and love shone down
over the hills and over the valleys,
Oh and love shone down over the
world*

Words: Andy Piercy



2017 Annual award Ceremony

This ceremony acknowledges the many students who this year have distinguished themselves in the many areas of school life and learning. Some have excelled in their academic achievement, some in their consistent effort with learning, some in their outstanding achievement in areas such as sport, creative arts and chess. Others were recognised for their leadership qualities, for giving of themselves to serving others and in helping to make this community a better place through putting into action our school motto, through their servant leadership or good citizenship.

The ceremony recognises not only **effort** and **achievement but also student improvement**. We congratulate all students who were presented with school awards. It is through your outstanding effort in learning and school life that you were recognised. St Francis of Assisi said it so beautifully and simply - *Start by doing what is necessary then do what is possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible*.

Congratulations and well done to our 2017 Award recipients.

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K6A Ferris Carey
KD Kate Giannakis
KM Lila Hagelburg
1D Arabella Fuge
1K Erin Kenn
1W Jessie Hicks
2C Jade Gordon
2D Annalise Lia
2S Justin Sykes
3BN Leonie Ellis
3G Olivia Prior
3L Charlotte DeBono
4B Aiden Wade-Ferrell
4CH Thomas Brosnan
4W Jack Fuge
5C Elizabeth Kerkham
5N Erin Hutchinson
5RP Vincent McLaren
6C Sean Miller
6F Ebony Mafi
6H Madison Micallef
6M Ellen Glasson

Outstanding Effort & Achievement in Italian

Kayla Hurley

Llewellyn Creative Arts Award

(& a perpetual)
Hayley Kime
Amelia Synnott

Geraldine Lohan Award for Academic Excellence

(& a perpetual)
Chelsea Muller

Principal's Award for Consistent Effort

Mayah Shore
Noah Samoluk

Outstanding Effort & Achievement in Music

Billie Papasitirou

2017 Student Representative Council

Alice Bauerhuit	Chloe Corbett	Molly Jones
Emanuel Borg	Grace Costigan	Patrick Moore
Emma Brickwood	Charlotte Croft	Anastasia Sawyer
Ferris Carey	Lucy Hall	Lara Wallace
Reid Clarke	Nyah Hutchings	Harry Watson

Chess Awards

Year 3 Champion	Ivan Mayorchak	Year 5 Champion
Year 4 Champion	Lachlan Steadman	Year 6 Champion

School Champion (& a perpetual) Julian Syпка

Outstanding Effort Award

Alex Lopez
Leonardo Tan
Lexie Mackay
Lillian Borg
Casey Ryan
Dylan Cantwell
Grace O'Brien
Benjamin Cassidy
Mieke Watson
Enrique Caraballo
Samuel Moore
Amelia Peake
Joshua Mitchell
Olivia Byrnes
Chelsea Willingham
Scarlett Lia
Mischa Evans
Brianna Leehy
Jackson Bagatella
Will Ticehurst
Prudence Lia
Anabel Caristo

2017 Handball Champion

(& a perpetual)
Henry Hinchliff

Belfanti Family Award

(& a perpetual)
Olive Borbely
Ryan An U

Molly Hurley Award for Citizenship

Bronte Tracey

St Thomas Aquinas Servant Leadership

Emanuel Borg

Excellence Attendance Award

Noah Edwards
Lachlan Steadman
Emma Pospischil

Academic Achievement Award

Angus Young
Audrey Godsell
Zoe Papasotiriou
Heidi Willingham
Bonnie Butler
Alana Prior
William Ghata
Tom Withers
Evie Hodgins
Amelia Crouch
Ella Danks
Ruby Hammond
Larissa An U
Hayden Willingham
Ellie Penserini
Matilda Gauci
Emma Brickwood
Ruby Butler
Francis Dyer
Emanuel Borg
Anastasia Sawyer
William Richardson

Matthew Dyer Sports person of the Year (& a perpetual)

Molly Jones

Ursula O'Carrigan Award

(& a perpetual)
Lucas Collins

Principal's Award for School Spirit

Oliver Carr

Principal's Award for Living Out the School Motto

Oscar Baltins

Principal's Award for Leadership

Nyah Hutchings



Every Day Counts

At our final school assembly students who achieved 100% attendance this term were awarded certificates acknowledging this achievement. We congratulate each of these students for their excellent attendance this term.

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Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students, who received Merit Awards at our **Week 7** and **Week 10** School Assemblies. Well done on your efforts everyone – keep up the good work!



Week 7

Myles Albury	Audrey Davis	Joseph Kitching	Annabelle Priest
Ethan Banks	Robert Doorey	Bridie Le Breton	Charlotte Priest
Miles Barker	Chloe Galluzzi	Emily Leehy	Christian Ramos-McNeil
Emanuel Borg	Abbey Gomez	Annalise Lia	Lachlan Roberts
Nathan Broadhead	Benjamin Gomez	William Lister	Samantha Schroeder
Thomas Brosnan	Lillian Gosling	Ronan Loughton	Annabelle Scurr
Chiara Carlino	Loralei Heape-Wright	Alana Mathew	Millie Ticehurst
Edward Carr	Noah Hicks	Ella Mecham	Tyson Verriere
Max Carroll	Isabel Hill	Macklin Miall	Clare Williamson
Benjamin Cassidy	Mikaela Horner	William Moore	Connor Willis
Zachary Chapman	Kayla Hurley	Thomas Neil	Lola Wyld
Brianna Collins	Nyah Hutchings	Lilly Phuntsok	Angus Young
Jacob Danks			

Week 10

Paul Anderson	Summer Faulkner	Prudence Lia	Samantha Schroeder
Willow Barker	Aiden Francis	Vanessa Maloney	Cade Smith
Jonathan Bradshaw	Kate Giannakis	Macklin Miall	Archer Sproule
Esme Brennan	Callum Gibbons	Taya Moore	Ruby Steward
Cooper Brown	Lachlan Golby	Ava Murphy	Julian Sypka
Elysia Burchall	Phoebe-Rose Hampson	Liam Murphy	Spencer Thomas
Jacob Burnett	Emma Harrison	Lucas Murphy	Gabriel Valle
Imogen Carvasiglia	Amy Harvey	Sarah-Jane Noonan-Michels	Sophia Veira
Thomas Chapple	Finton Hazell	William O'Neill	Harry Watson
Bentley Colburn	Jeremy Hodges	Will Peake	James Watson
Alannah Collins	Pepper Hughes	Bailey Rawding	Luca Wildman
Grace Costigan	Ronan Hurley	Jessie Reynolds	Lachlan Williamson
Olivia Cummings	Erin Hutchinson	Lachlan Roberts	Hayden Willingham
Ayva Dacey	Dominick Jamnicky	Oliver Savage	Ruby Wilson
Ella Danks	Alana Kenn	Anastasia Sawyer	Sarah Wydmuch
Claire Deben	Hayley Kime	Layla Sawyer	Zachary Zalan-Pipe
Penelope Edmonds	Ethan Konwerski		

2017 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WRAP UP

Dear families and caregivers,

Thank you for the support that you have given us throughout 2017 in our work as Catholic educators. We are privileged to work with you as partners in the Religious Education of your children. Last week's Christmas Concert and Thanksgiving Mass were uplifting celebrations that abundantly demonstrated the Christ-centred spirit of the wider St Thomas Aquinas community.

There are many things for which we wish to say thank you to you as the year closes, including:

- Attendance at our school liturgies & Masses;
- Support of our social justice activities such as Project Compassion, Jeans for Genes, The Jesuit Refugee Service, Mini Vinnies knitting, Catholic Mission Crazy Sock day, and St Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers;
- The enthusiastic responses to our home-school Scripture and Prayer kits.

We wish all families a happy, holy and peace-filled Christmas.

Joanne Toohey, Religious Education Coordinator

School Spirit Day

On Thursday our Year 6 students hosted a "School Spirit Day" as a thank you for all of the great opportunities they have experienced during their time at St Thomas Aquinas. During the middle to end part of the day our Year 6 students planned and ran a sporting session or interactive outdoor games session for each class in the school. The sessions lasting approximately 45 minutes provided a wonderful sense of teamwork, collaboration and leadership exemplified by our graduating Year 6 students. We congratulate our Year 6 students and their teachers, Kate Mackenzie, James Costigan, Virginia Fortunat and Blanche Hortense for providing this fantastic initiative.

Diocesan Gymnastics Competition

Recently our school entered a gymnastics team into the Annual Diocesan Gymnastics Competition held at Rooty Hill Gymnastics Centre. Our team performed with great skill and dedication on the day with many students achieving exceptional results. Our school was judged best school on the day and therefore awarded the Diocesan Trophy for Gymnastics in 2017.

Our STA team did us proud on the day with their excellent behaviour and teamwork. We thank our Sports teacher Ann Gippel and Nicole Pospischil for their hard work in preparation for the competition and in supervising our team on the day. We also acknowledge Robert Mullen who was the convenor of the Diocesan Gymnastics Competition for more than 20 years.

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Year 6 Graduation 2017

On Wednesday evening our Year 6 students, their families, school staff and Father Flor came together in our church to celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving for our graduating Class of 2017. The Mass marked a significant milestone in the life of these young people. We are proud to say that these students have been an outstanding group of graduates. They have demonstrated care for others, exemplary conduct and been great role-models for our younger students.

We pray that each of them continue on their journey and that they will be able to build upon the educational and spiritual foundation they have received from their families and our school to become people who can make a positive difference in our world.

**MAY YOU DREAM THE BIG DREAMS,
WORK HARD TO MAKE THEM HAPPEN
AND DO WHAT YOU CAN TO MAKE THE WORLD
A BETTER PLACE.**



Italian Forum

Every year our Year 3 children are treated to a cooking demonstration, where they learn how to make beautiful, authentic Italian pasta. This year has been no exception! On Friday 1 December, our children were visited by three vivacious and very talented pasta chefs, who were able to impart their knowledge of pasta making to the children, including the type of flour to use, and the benefits of using 'snow water' in the pasta. Thank you so much Costa, Cristiano and Antonio!



As part of the learning experience, the children were also able to eat pasta last term, which was prepared by a number of our Year 3 parents; Holly Murphy, Sonya Leehy, Suzanna Okladnikov, Anita DeBono and Anne-Marie Cantrell. Thank you all so much for giving up your time. The pasta was very much appreciated! **Jenni Wurf, Teacher of Italian**



Talent Show

Following our Meet-the-Teacher session on Thursday our Year 5 teachers organised and hosted a Talent Show for students. Items were auditioned prior to the day also by the Year 5 teaching team. The Talent Show and School Spirit Day provided a fun-filled and interactive way to conclude our term's learning. We thank our Year 5 teachers, Michelle Nightingale, David Conroy, Nicole Pospichil and Jenni Robson for their dedication in making this event possible.



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Parramatta Diocesan Sports Awards

On Wednesday 29 November, Molly Jones was amongst a selected few from our Diocese to receive a special medal in recognition of her sporting success in 2017; the highlights, being chosen to represent McKillop in 3 sports: cricket, athletics and touch football. Congratulations Molly!



Staff News

Gerry Walsh

We wish Gerry Walsh the very best as he retires from his role as our school maintenance officer. Gerry has been an integral part of our school team since 2000. Through his hard work, skill and vision he has carried out substantial school improvements to our school site. A significant part of the current school topography is attributed to Gerry's work including most of the beautiful garden areas.



As well as his maintenance and construction work Gerry's presence, humour and collegiality will be immensely missed. We collectively thank Gerry for his contribution and his lasting legacy to the life of STA.



Kate Mackenzie

We wish Kate Mackenzie and her husband Chris well as they prepare for the birth of their first child.

Parent Fundraising Team

This Parent Team along with our Assistant Principal, Mrs Clark, have been very busy this year with many initiatives and events to help build community and raise funds to purchase school resources for our students. The Parent Fundraising Team community initiatives have included our School Walkathon, Trivia Night, Movie Night, various stalls and muffin days just to name a few. The funds raised have enabled our school to purchase a number of new, valuable learning resources. Last week our school received delivery of 260 new Chromebook Laptops. 200 of these laptops were purchased from proceeds of our Walkathon and 60 as part of a CEDP rollout to schools. These new IT resources will be integrated into classrooms from the start of Term 1 next year. We have also recently ordered a range of new literacy resources to be used by our students as part of their daily literacy lessons. These new literacy resources supplement our current resources and were made possible from the proceeds of our recently held Trivia Night.

To conclude what has been a fantastic year of fundraising our parent team hosted an ice block day on Thursday. Also to conclude the year our wonderful and creative parent team ran a "Lolly Jar Guessing Competition". We thank our enthusiastic and dedicated Fundraising Team and Mary Clark for their incredible work this year. **Serge Rosato**

"Fun'raising Funds 2017"

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the school year, I would like to thank the Fun'raising Group for an endless amount of energy and stamina that has seen us raise close to \$15,000. We held 4 very exciting events during the year. The Mother's Day stall, the Fathers' Day Stall, the Trivia night with silent auction and the magnificent Movie night.

The Group has many workers and motivators scavenging op shops and eBay for bargains to those who could bribe their husbands to build movie ticket stalls. **The Mothers' Day stall raised \$2731.15** which was gifts we had and needed to sell in order to clear out the stock we had to allow us to purchase new items for 2018.

The **Fathers' Day Stall** saw us purchase new items and together with many crafty ideas designed and printed by some of our creative mums, **we were able to raise \$2966**. This would not have been possible without your amazing support. Thank you.

During the winter months when it was cold we held the **STA Movie Night**. It was immensely successful and was a great community builder. We had over 350 mums, dads, boys and girls on beanbags and pillows watching "Despicable Me". Every child was given a bag of popcorn and a cup of hot chocolate. It was a warm and cosy fun night.

The last event of the year was the **Trivia night**. And what a night it was. There were prizes, prizes, and more prizes. Nearly everyone won a prize. Paula Mecham and her group of helpers gave it all they had to create a fun atmosphere. The Trivia Master, Jason, ran a tight ship and the large electronic screen made it easy to see the questions. The silent auction had some awesome prizes; a trip to Bali with an airfare voucher was a sort after prize. Paula put in 110% effort and as a result the night was an enormous success **clearing \$7195**.

All of these successful events would not have been possible if it was not for this wonderful group of parents. These ladies made up the core group and there were many helpers along the way. Because of this wonderful effort the amount raised was an **enormous \$14,925.76**

Thanks to our core organisers and: **Kristy Loughton** - (Seth 3L, Rowan 1K), **Maria Hall** - (Matthew 5C), **Debbie White** - (Lucy 3BN), **Fiona Brown** - (Kian 4W, Kael 2C), **Paula Mecham** - (Ella KD), **Amy Krishna** - (Abigail 1D) and **Andrea Challice** - (Ysobel 4W, Lilly KD).

Many items have been purchased already, new readers for the infant's class and novels for the middle and upper primary classes. We also purchased a reader licence called "Wooshka" that puts all Reading Recovery readers on line. This will make home reading much easier. Also, the purchase of E-Library resources gives STA the licence to over 100,000 resources appropriate for primary children.

These resources are so needed and the efforts of the Fun'raising Group are to be commended. Thank you. You are all wonderful.

Merry Christmas!

Mary Clark
Assistant Principal

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PARISH NEWS

Christmas Reconciliation and Mass Times

Second Rite of Reconciliation: Tuesday 19 December at 7.00pm. All welcome!

Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve – 5.00pm Children's Mass *
8.00pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Day – 9.45am * No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

* Children are invited to come dressed as angels and shepherds for the 5.00pm and 9.45am Masses.



OH HOLY NIGHT!

2018 First Reconciliation Program

First Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday 20 March 2018 commencing at 7.00pm. Children in Year 3 or older, who have not yet received Reconciliation are invited to participate in the First Reconciliation Program which commences in February. Preparation for this sacrament is centred in the home where parents, with the aid of a booklet and notes, help their child to come to know the loving forgiveness of the Lord. During the program parents attend weekly meetings with their child (approximately 45 minutes duration) with other parents and their children in small groups in homes led by a facilitator. The program will run for 4 weeks.

The program will begin with **2 COMPULSORY Parent Meetings on 6 & 13 February, 2018 at 7.00pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church.** Commitment of the candidates will take place at any of the Parish Masses on Saturday/Sunday 10 & 11 February 2018. Parents will need to complete the enrolment form and bring it and a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate to a Parish Mass that weekend.

This program is in preparation for First Holy Communion which will be held on 1 & 2 June, 2018. Children must have received Reconciliation to make their First Holy Communion.

Please note that if you wish your child to participate in the First Reconciliation Program in 2018, it is compulsory that one parent/carer attends BOTH Parent Meetings.

Important Correspondence from Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen

On the following page is a communication from Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen in response to the recent outcome of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

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15 December 2017

Dear friends,

Re: The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

After five years of work, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has submitted its final report to government and will now come to an end. The Diocese of Parramatta will continue working with police and other relevant authorities to ensure the Catholic Church remains as safe as possible for children and other vulnerable people.

In its submissions, the Royal Commission has released its reports on Case Study 44 relating to the Diocese of Parramatta (this report has not yet been made public) and Case Study 50 relating to Catholic Church in Australia. The Diocese of Parramatta now begins the process of reviewing this material.

I would again like to offer my unreserved and deepest apologies to survivors of abuse and their families for the hurt and suffering this abuse has caused throughout their lives. As the leader of the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, I am absolutely committed to ensuring that no child is ever harmed again.

The Diocese acknowledges our past failings have led to irreversible harm being inflicted upon children. Whilst we seek to repair this fundamental breach of trust that was placed in us, we understand that trust is for some people perhaps broken forever.

Our past failings cannot be undone. However, we remain steadfast in our future commitments to ensure our current child-protection processes and procedures offer a safeguard from predatory behaviour.

We pray that those we have harmed are able to find some level of comfort and justice from the findings that have been delivered today.

The Diocese of Parramatta encourages anyone who was abused in any way to contact our Office of Safeguarding & Professional Standards on (02) 8838 3419 or safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au. Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

For anyone seeking more information about protocols or support services in Catholic Schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta they may contact the Child Protection Information Line 1300 661 015.

For further information please contact the Diocese of Parramatta Communications Office – (02) 8838 3400 or comms@parra.catholic.org.au.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv STL DD
Bishop of Parramatta

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DIARY DATES

2018 Week 1	Monday 29 January	Staff Only Commence for Term 1
	30	MAI Testing for Years 1 – 6 EYA Testing for Kindergarten
	31	MAI Testing for Years 1 – 6 EYA Testing for Kindergarten
	1 February	Classes Commence for ALL GRADES K - 6
	2	
Week 2	Monday 5 February	School Swimming Carnival for Yrs 3 – 6 at Lawson Pool
	6	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	7	8.30am Staff Briefing
	8	8.30am Staff Prayer
	9	

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Blue Mountains Library - Summer Reading Club: Pop into any Blue Mountains Library branch and register to participate in The Summer Reading Club. There are two age ranges for this program, 0-12 years and 13-16 years. Read the required number of library books on your log sheet and receive a \$5 book voucher to spend at either The Turning Page Bookshop (Springwood) or Megalong Bookshop (Leura). There is a maximum of 5 vouchers per child registered. Keep reading for your chance to win the Mayoral Award for best reader in your age category. This is a fantastic program that encourages children to maintain their reading skills over the summer holidays as well as introducing them to new books and authors. Most of all it is lots of fun!

Kids Can Act Holiday Workshops: **Monday 15 Jan:** **Very Fairy Princess** - 9am to 3pm at Springwood; **Tuesday 16 Jan:** **No Such Thing as Dragons** - 9.30am to 2.30pm and **Scenarios & Drama Games** - 2.30 to 5.30pm at Springwood; **Wednesday 17 Jan:** **Suitcase of Memories** - 9am to 2pm and **The Rumour** - 2 to 6pm at South Penrith; **Thursday 18 Jan:** **On Trial: The Fairy Tale Characters** - 9.30am to 2.30pm at Springwood; **Friday 19 Jan:** **The Magic Paintbrush** - 9am to 3pm at South Penrith; **Monday 22 Jan:** **No Such Thing as Dragons** - 9.30am to 2.30pm and **Scenarios & Drama Games** - 2.30 to 5.30pm at South Penrith; **Tuesday 23 Jan:** **The Magic Paintbrush** - 9am to 3pm at Springwood; **Wednesday 24 Jan:** **Very Fairy Princess** - 9am to 3pm at South Penrith; **Thursday 25 Jan:** **Suitcase of Memories** - 9am to 2pm and **The Rumour** - 2 to 6pm at Springwood. Venues: **Springwood - 133 Macquarie Road (next to Domino's Pizza)** and **South Penrith - Neighbourhood Centre, 3 Trent Street (behind Southlands)**. All prices and workshop descriptions can be found at www.kidscanact.com.au

School Holiday Soccer: **Soccer 4 Tots Four-a-Side Summer Football Tournament** at **Winmalee Tennis Centre, Hawkesbury Road, Winmalee** on **16 - 19 January 2018**. Player ages for boys and girls: U4s, U5s and U6s. \$60 cost per player. Limited to 4 teams per age group. Max 6 players per team. 30 minute games (7 min quarter breaks). Guaranteed 7 games per team. Soccer 4 Tots referees. Medals/trophies. * Shin pads and futsal shoes or sneakers ONLY to be worn by all players (due to synthetic surface). Team registrations only, no individual player registrations. For further information or to book a team contact Max on 0419 147 353 or email: tots4soccer@gmail.com. Visit the website: www.soccer-4-tots.com for full details, registration form and conditions.

Office of Sport School Holiday Programs: For the best holiday fun, our popular residential programs get kids and teens outdoors, learning new skills and making new friends. Our residential programs include: 24 hour supervision, instructor led activities, accommodation, meals and supervised transport (where applicable). **Residential programs for Summer 2017-18 for Kids include:** Adventurer; Cooking 4 Kids; Craft Kids; Hook, Line & Sink; Summer Camp; Make a Splash and Ahoy Sailors. **For Tweens/Teens:** Hook, Line & Sink. **For Teens:** Adventurer; Sports Crazy; Make a Splash and Sports Frenzy. Check our website for a range of day programs in your local area. For further information phone the Office of Sport on 13 13 02 or book online at www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays

Faulconbridge Netball Club Registration Day 2018: **Saturday 10 February, 10am to 2pm** at **Faulconbridge Public School Hall, Grose Rd, Faulconbridge**. Or visit our website for instructions on how to register online - <http://faulconbridgenc.netball.com.au/>. Fees: Netta (9rs and under) - \$160, Junior (10-17yrs) - \$180 and Senior (18 and over) - \$199. All BMNA, Netball NSW admin fees and council levy's included. Phone Cassandra (Registrar) on 0407 288 361 or email to faulconetball@gmail.com. Visit <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids> for information on the Government Sport Rebate effective 2018.

Sent Home Recently:

- STA Band Program Note (*green and white*)
- Arrangements for Robert Mullen's Funeral Note (*lilac*)
- Industrial Action Notice (*hot pink*)
- 6F Assembly and End of Term Fundraising (*pale pink*)
- Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI) Note for Years 1-6
- Parish First Reconciliation Note to Year 3
- Year 5 Reader's Circle Literature Note (*lime green*)
- Year 6 Picnic Day Permission Note



Scan with your smartphone or tablet for more information.

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*Wishing all a safe
and
happy holiday!
See you in Term 1.*

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