



NEWSLETTER

No. 6 Date: 06/07/2018 Week 10 Term 2

Dear St Thomas Aquinas Families,

Today brings to an end a most fruitful and eventful term of learning and community at STA. It is a week where our collective attention has focussed on **celebrating** the **learning gains** made by **each student**.

The Family Learning Conferences are one important way to take stock of the achievement and effort that students make on their ongoing learning journey. The aim of these conferences is to:

1. focus on **Semester 1 learning and progress** from a **GROWTH MINDSET** perspective
2. focus on the **learning growth** from the beginning of the year including **effort and persistence**
3. identify some specific areas of **strength and areas for development**
4. view **selected work samples** to illustrate strengths and development areas
5. **goal-set** for the next half of the year
6. encourage student **participation** as feedback and feed forward for learning.

We all want the very best for your children who are our students. We sincerely thank everyone for their preparation and participation in these meetings. We trust that parents and carers of all students have followed up the meetings with discussion at home. Whatever we do we should never rest on our laurels. We must always strive to achieve our best by effort, persistence, service and respectful learning behaviours.

May the holiday break provide all some downtime to rest, reflect and renew.

I leave you this week with the following Prayer of the Faithful that was offered at all last Sunday's STA Parish Masses. It is a fitting and humbling summation of our God given vocation and mission:

The St Thomas Aquinas School community is a great blessing within our parish. May the staff, students and their families feel embraced by the love of our gracious God. LORD HEAR US.

Until next time,

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Sergio Rosato
Principal



2018 School Sports Carnival

Last Friday we were blessed with a beautiful winter's day for our annual sports carnival. The day was a wonderful community day and ran extremely smoothly. Successfully held sports carnivals rely on TEAM WORK, EXPERTISE and COMMITMENT. Thank you to all for your contribution to the success of the day and your involvement in engaging the children in various sporting activities and catering. We are extremely grateful to the carnival organising team led by Ann Gippel who, along with many parents, helped to make the day such a wonderful and enjoyable event. The presentation of age champions and runners up took place at assembly on Monday. The presentation of Sports Carnival ribbons for all other events will take at our first school assembly next term.

2018 Sports Carnival results: **Blue:** 1st (416 points), **Gold:** 2nd (396 points), **Red:** 3rd (317 points) and **Green:** 4th (262 points).



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Enrolments & Staffing

During the first 4 weeks of next term our school will be continuing to host school tours for prospective families. These tour dates will also be posted on the CEDP social media site and our school website. I would encourage you to promote these learning tours to families you know who are seeking a high achieving, caring and life-giving education that makes STA a distinctly Christ-centred school. For enrolment packs or enquiries please **phone the office on 4723 3800**. See advertisement in this newsletter.

School Learning Tours for Prospective Parents - Term 3

The dates and times for the school tours are as follows:

- **Week 1: Tuesday 24 July** - 9.30am & 2.30pm and **Thursday 26 July** - 9.30am & 2.30pm
- **Week 2: Tuesday 31 July** - 9.30am & 2.30pm and **Thursday 2 August** - 9.30am & 2.30pm
- **Week 3: Tuesday 7 August** - 9.30am & 2.30pm and **Thursday 9 August** - 9.30am & 2.30pm
- **Week 4: Tuesday 14 August** - 9.30am & 2.30pm and **Thursday 16 August** - 9.30am & 2.30pm

Staff News

Long Service Leave

- Joanne Toohey (Religious Education Coordinator & Reading Recovery Teacher). We wish Joanne all the very best as she takes up long service leave for Terms 3 and 4. Joanne's presence and commitment is deeply appreciated by our school community. Her wisdom, spiritual example, quiet thoughtfulness, attention to detail, generosity enriches our school and those within it. We wish Joanne well as she devotes this extended time to her family and rest.

We are blessed to announce that Virginia Fortunat has been appointed Acting Religious Education Coordinator for Terms 3 and 4. Congratulations to Virginia on this appointment.

Retirement Announcement

- Shedden Dunccliffe has fulfilled the role as teacher and coordinator at STA for more than 20 years. Previously Shedden was a teacher and Religious Education Coordinator in various schools within the Diocese of Parramatta. Recently Shedden has announced her intention to retire from the profession from the beginning of Term 3 2018. We wish Shedden well on her retirement and every blessing for good health and fulfilment as she commences the next phase of life outside school. We thank her for her service to Catholic Education over many years. We will have an opportunity to formally farewell Shedden as a school community during Term 3.

Principal's Morning Tea for Effort in Learning

On Wednesday we hosted our second Principal's Morning Tea for Term 2. Invitations were sent to two students from each class who were nominated by their teacher. These morning teas are a way to celebrate and acknowledge students who strive diligently to improve their learning – often the quiet achievers. During the morning tea students are asked to share an area of their personal learning journey with each other. Congratulations to the following students for their hard work and dedication to their learning:



Annika Adorini	Emma Harrison	Jessica Mace	Mackenzie Seymour
Sienna Ascencio	Poppy Jenkins	Elizabeth Mulhall	Helena Sypka
Ethan Ashtyn-Smith	Jordan Kime	Thomas Neil	Claire Thomas
Montana Barry	Odette Laurent	Lachlan Newport	Bella Ticehurst
Jack Blattman	Bridie Le Breton	Grace O'Brien	Nicholas Towell
Leo Borg	Melissa Lee	Erin Pelan	Aiden Wade-Ferrell
Samantha Bourke	Patricia Lia	Ari-Kai Rawlings	Mieke Watson
Skye Boyden	Ruby Lister	Sophie Rayner	Kitty Wyld
Harrison Brown	Veronica Lloyd-Williams	Owen Riddell	Andrew Young

Savanna Buss
Imogen Carvasiglia
Ben Cassidy
Alfie Cook
Xavier Curley
Lachlan Dempsey
Dominique Dewhurst
Luke Doorey
Luke Edwards
Sienna Evans
Summer Faulkner
Mikayla Fitzgerald
William Ghata
Kate Giannakis
Ruby Hammond



Family Learning Conferences (FLCs)

All classes except 4CH and 6F have now concluded the majority of their FLCs. At the **start of Term 3 (Tuesday 24 July and Wednesday 25 July)** the remaining two classes will conduct their FLCs when their teachers return from long service leave. A note was sent home this week with students from 4CH and 6F with the **online booking details**. To book go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> and **enter the event code: 3m4qm** then follow the 3 simple steps to book your preferred time. The booking site will remain open until and including Sunday 22 July. Parents who have not been able to book a meeting with their child's teacher may leave a message at the office for the appropriate teacher to contact you to make an appointment early next term. Semester 1 Reports will be sent home in Week 1 of Term 3.

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Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students, who received Merit Awards at the School Assemblies listed below. Well done on your efforts everyone – keep up the good work!



Week 9

Violet Baker
Issabella Ballard
Ethan Banks
Lillian Boncales
Cohen Borg
Lillian Borg
Emma Brickwood
Bonnie Butler
Marlowe Carey
Tyler Chapple
Brianna Collins
Ashton Cooper
Mia Cooper
Liam Costigan

Joshua Curtis
Neive DeBono
Cooper Donohue
Summer Faulkner
Chloe Galluzzi
Leah Garvan
Georgia Hammond
Charles Hicks
Payten Holmes
Kayden Jeffers
Harvey Jones
Erin Kenn
Nicholas Koulouris
Bridie Le Breton

Scarlett Lia
Angela Lin
Nicholas Lucre-Ivancic
Lexie Mackay
Luke Mathew
Bailey McGregor
Thomas Neil
Matthew O'Brien
Bethany Paul
Eydie Peake
Bonnie Phuntsok
Trinity Power
Jake Ramires

Jose Ramires
Mia Rodemark
Cade Smith
Arabella Stewart-Rowley
Hugo Strickland
Ava Tallon
Claire Thomas
Bella Ticehurst
Millie Ticehurst
Sienna Verriere
Tyson Verriere
Jack Waters
Kitty Wylde

Week 10

Ryan Andrews
Sienna Ascencio
Ethan Baddock
Abigail Ballard
Henry Bender
Lucy Brown
Lucy Chapman
Thomas Chapple
Lucas Claudino
Charlotte DeBono
Robert Doorey
Penelope Edmonds
Noah Francia

Beau Gardiner
Ben Giannakis
Lachlan Golby
Jade Gordon
Sophie Gough
Luke Harrison
Sienna Hughes
Ronan Hurley
Harrison Iles
Alana Kenn
Archie Lamont
Taj Leathers
Bianna Leehy

Vanessa Maloney
Preston Mamo
Cameron McCallum
Kate McIlveen
Matilda Nassif
Nicholas Neil
Thomas Neil
Kiara Nugent
Jacob Palmer
Elyse Peat
Nicolas Peat
Abigail Power
Anneke Prineas

Sophie Rayner
Luke Redmond
Casey Ryan
Isabella Smith
Archer Sproule
Justin Sykes
Jacob Tan
Janaya Teuma
Nicholas Towell
Reilly Waters
Tia White
Heidi Willingham



Italian Forum

Our Pizza Day was held on Friday 22 June, for the children in Kindergarten and Year 1. Lee and Connie from Franco's Mobile Pizzeria came to STA in their pizza truck and talked to our youngest children about pizzas and showed them how the dough is made.

From their truck they then made delicious ham and cheese, and Margherita pizzas for the children to eat. And they loved them!! Many thanks to Lee and Connie for a wonderful day.



Jenni Wurf,
Teacher of Italian

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WE CELEBRATE THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH CHILD
AND PREPARE THEM FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD.

Kindergarten is enrolling now for 2019

ATTEND AN OPEN DAY TO LEARN MORE AND SEE OUR LEARNING IN ACTION.

TUESDAY 24 JULY
9.30am - 2.30pm

THURSDAY 26 JULY
9.30am - 2.30pm

TUESDAY 31 JULY
9.30am - 2.30pm

THURSDAY 2 AUGUST
9.30am - 2.30pm

TUESDAY 7 AUGUST
9.30am - 2.30pm

THURSDAY 9 AUGUST
9.30am - 2.30pm

TUESDAY 14 AUGUST
9.30am - 2.30pm

THURSDAY 16 AUGUST
9.30am - 2.30pm



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kids Can Act Holiday Workshops - Springwood: Monday 9 July - **The Princess & The Fairy Wish** (4-12yrs): 9.30am-2.30pm. Tuesday 10 July – **Pirates of the Has-Been** (4-12yrs): 9.00am-2.00pm; **A Bag Full of Stories** (4-12yrs): 2.00-5.00pm. Thursday 12 July – **Drama Games & Scenarios** (5-16yrs): 9.00am-1.30pm; **What Lies Beneath?** (9-16yrs): 1.30-5.30pm. Monday 16 July – **Puppetry No. 1** (4-12yrs): 8.30am-1.30pm; **But Wait There's More! Sell It!** (5-16yrs): 1.30-5.00pm. Tuesday 17 July – **Mime & Mask** (4-14yrs): 8.30am-1.30pm; **If the Hat Fits** (4-12yrs): 1.30-5.00pm. **South Penrith Workshops:** Wednesday 11 July – **The Princess & The Fairy Wish** (4-12yrs): 8.30am-1.30pm; **If the Hat Fits** (4-12yrs): 1.30-5.00pm. Friday 13 July – **But Wait There's More! Sell It!** (5-16yrs): 9.00am-1.30pm; **What Lies Beneath?** (9-16yrs): 1.30-5.30pm. Wednesday 18 July - **Pirates of the Has-Been** (4-12yrs): 9.00am-2.00pm; **A Bag Full of Stories** (4-12yrs): 2.00-5.00pm. Workshop details outlined below:

The Princess and The Fairy Wish (4-12yrs): Princess Heather's life is always so busy, and sometimes, she just wants to relax. As a result, she wishes that she was a fairy, as a fairy's life seems a lot easier than hers. However, when she turns into a fairy, her life seems even more difficult than before.....

Pirates of the Has-been (4-12yrs): A bunch of old pirates decide to come out of retirement to teach the young whipper snappers how to be a REAL Pirate. Come walk the plank, talk like a pirate and enter the world of the Has-been Pirates. Today we learn how to be a REAL Pirate.

A Bag Full of Stories – Storytelling (4-12yrs): The ancient art of storytelling is for all ages. Storytelling can encourage children to explore their own imagination and expressiveness. In our fast-paced world of mass media, storytelling can be a nurturing way to remind children that the spoken word is powerful, listening is important, and warm communication between people is an art.

Mask & Mime (4-14yrs): Masks have a long history of use in performance. Students will develop an understanding of 'mime' as a technique used for expressing emotion, character, action and bodily movements. Students create their own masks and use these in mime performances.

If the Hat Fits (4-12yrs): Today we will have a ball and use hats to develop interesting characters, learn positive group dynamics, cooperation and physical awareness. The hats will be used as a tool for creating, developing and experimenting with characters. What type of character will you become?

What Lies Beneath? Let's Make a Movie (9-16yrs): Have you heard the noises coming from under the floorboards? Things are disappearing from the house, lights are on that you are sure you turned off and you can't find that old suitcase you brought in from the garage. Who or what could be responsible for these mysterious happenings? Come film the story and help solve the mystery.

Puppetry No. 1 (4-12yrs): Children are naturally curious! Children communicate more easily with a puppet on their hand, giving them confidence to express their ideas and feelings. The children will have great fun as they try out different types of puppets. They will also make a number of their very own puppets to take home. They take home a puppet theatre to make as well!

But Wait There's More! Sell It! (5-16yrs): Today, we will learn the art of persuasion and how to sell any product to anyone. Convince the audience they really need it and to buy anything you offer. Can you sell ice to the Eskimos? Let's make and film some fabulously fun ads.

Drama Games & Scenarios (5-16yrs): Great fun where children get to work in groups or individually and be creative. Working as a team improves friendships and teaches us how to work with, cooperate, develop leadership skills and listen to others.

For information, prices and bookings go to www.kidscanact.com.au or call Cathie Parkes on 0414 475 158.

July 2018 School Holiday Basketball Camps: No1 Draft Pick Basketball Academy has brought together some of the most innovative basketball minds in Australia. Led by Sydney Kings legend and NBL Hall of Famer Steve Carfino, who has surrounded himself with professionals in skills training, fitness / conditioning and basketball insight to kids of all levels. We cater for all ages and skill levels from Learn to Play to more advanced players. Most importantly the program is designed for the kids to have fun. The more skilled players will be challenged with more difficult drills, but not at the expense of others who are playing for the first time. No1 Draft Pick School Holiday Camps have it all – instructions on how to play with a strong fundamental base with skills competitions and fun competitive games. **School Holiday Camp – Olympic Park – 6 To 17 Years:** Mon 9th July - Fri 13th July, from 9:30am - 3:30pm. **School Holiday Camp – Concord – 6 To 10 Years:** Mon 16th July - Fri 20th July, from 9:00am - 1:00pm. **School Holiday Camp – Concord – 11 To 17 Years:** Mon 16th July - Fri 20th July, from 1:30pm - 5:30pm. For more information on our holiday camps you can email us at info@no1draftpick.com or phone: 1300 33 N1DP.

Blacktown Arts School Holiday Workshops

Family Art Class: Wednesday 18 July 2018, 10 am – 12 noon, The Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre. Parents/carers and children will work together to create an artwork that explores themes like identity, connection and hope using materials that are found in the exhibition, such as gold paint, beads and poppy seeds.

Painting with Poppy Seeds: Wednesday 11 July 2018, 10 am - 12 noon, The Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre. Drawing inspiration from our current exhibition *Daneha (Seeds)*, young artists aged 7 - 12 years will develop an artwork using the unconventional materials found in the *Star Seed* installation such as poppy seeds, turmeric and paprika.

Girls in Motion Term 3 Program: All girls who are in Years 4 to 8 at Primary or High School are invited to participate in our "Girls in Motion" running program at Tom Hunter Park, Faulconbridge. It is a fun, inclusive, non-competitive running program, designed to inspire and motivate girls to become and stay active as they enter adolescence. The program is centred on the girls participating in 'fun' running based games. The girls will learn about good running technique, play exciting games, and develop confidence in their bodies' ability to move and be strong, fit and healthy. **Program details:** Program runs for 10 weeks during Term 3 2018, on Tuesday afternoon, 4.00 to 5.00 pm, at Tom Hunter Park, Faulconbridge. **Commences:** Tuesday 24 July, 2018. **COST** is \$130 per child. Active kids vouchers can be used. All coaching provided by Lyndal Maloney, from Serotonin Running. Lyndal is a fully accredited Running Coach with Athletics Australia, an accredited teacher with BOSTES, and has a current working with children check. **For more details and a registration form, please contact Lyndal on 0428 003324 or email lyndal@serotoninrunning.com.au. Website: www.serotoninrunning.com.au**

St Columba's Catholic College Student Leadership 2018/19

Congratulations to three of our former students newly appointed to student leadership positions at St Columba's Catholic College last Friday:

- Oscar Dodd - College Captain
- Noah Tracey - College Vice Captain
- Sarah Arnold - College Vice Captain

We are extremely proud that 3 out of the 4 senior student leaders started their education here at STA. God bless Oscar, Noah & Sarah and their families.



Year of Youth - Spirit In Action (SIA)

2018 is being celebrated as the Year of Youth within the Australian Catholic Church. As part of this national focus, our school invited students from Year 5 and Year 6 to a series of faith-based activity sessions known as Spirit in Action (SIA). 25 students participated in the program, which included art, music and discussion activities aimed to foster personal and spiritual growth. The program concluded with a celebration where the students shared their perspectives on 'What Joy means to me', with each other and their parents.

Thank you to Cassie Wotherspoon and Bridgette Moore who coordinated this worthwhile endeavour. Stay tuned for more SIA next term.



Kids with Cancer Foundation Australia



Kids with Cancer Bring a Teddy Muffi Day

The school playground was awash with colour today as our students enjoyed wearing muffi clothing and brought teddy bears and gold coins in support of this fundraising initiative. The total raised as we go to print is \$870.70. Thank you for your generous support of this worthwhile organisation.



DIARY DATES

2018 TERM 2 Week 10	Friday 6 July	Term 2 Concludes
School Holidays		
TERM 3 Week 1	Monday 23 July	Term 3 Commences 12.30pm Assembly – Sports Carnival Ribbons 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	24	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	25	8.30am Staff Briefing Parish Mass – Year 4 attending
	26	8.30am Staff Prayer
	27	Captivate Showcase Ensemble – selected students
Week 2	Monday 30 July	12.30pm Assembly – 3BN presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	31	Stage 2 & 3 Milo T20 Cricket – selected students 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	1 August	8.30am Staff Briefing Parish Mass – Year 2 attending
	2	8.30am Staff Prayer Spoken Word Choir at St Finbars – selected students
	3	Year 6 Bridge Excursion

Save the Date – Term 3 2018

Please note the following diary dates for next term. Further details will be published closer to each event.

- ❖ **Zone Athletics – selected students:** Friday 10 August
- ❖ **Grandparents Day** – Friday 24 August
- ❖ **STA Mullen Mini Olympics:** Thursday 13 September

Sent Home Recently:

- Sports Carnival Information for Families Note
- Kids with Cancer Muffi Day Note (orange)
- Term 3 Weekly Activities Note (pink)
- Captivate Spoken Word Choir Permission Note – selected students
- Swot Tennis Holiday Clinic Flyer
- Parish Confirmation Note to Year 6 Students
- FLC Note to 4CH and 6F Students

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