



NEWSLETTER

No. 4 Date: 14/05/2018 Week 3 Term 2

Dear St Thomas Aquinas Families,

Our new term is certainly now underway with the first signs of winter weather to remind us of the seasonal change to expect in the Mountains at this time of year.

Visiting classrooms and other learning spaces each day is a wonderful reminder of the craft of teaching and the power of learning to inspire the **passion**, and **compassion** of our students.

It is always a delight to witness good learning in action and to see students thinking deeply, engaged and enjoying the challenge of learning. This means that as educators and learners we strive to build a culture that reinforces the belief that through hard work and good strategies the talents and gifts of students can be developed to their full potential. This aptitude is often referred to as a **Growth Mindset**.

Walking through learning spaces during the first fortnight of term and speaking with students about their learning I have been impressed by the strong climate of student engagement and hard work.

A few highlights include:

- Learning Intentions (lesson aim) and success criteria (jointly constructed) and utilised by students as a tool for self-assessment
- Problem solving strategies utilised in various Key Learning Areas including in Numeracy and Coding
- Music and Band lessons where students are actively involved in composing playing and appreciating music
- Students engaged in daily writing for a purpose and audience
- Opportunities for students to reflect on scripture and Catholic values
- High quality literature being enjoyed, shared and used as mentor texts
- Physical Education lessons focused on developing skills, promoting socialisation and team work
- Conversing in and learning about another language and it's culture (Italian)
- Intervention programs in Mathematics and Literacy to support students to achieve growth
- Feed-back as an integral part of learning: teacher to student, student to teacher and student to student.



The knowledge, skills and attitudes we teach need to always be considered within the scope of how they ultimately influence a child's passion and compassion as a young person within a learning community. In visiting classes to **honour** and **celebrate** the wonderful learning taking place I am always in search of signs of that passion and compassion.

Until next time,

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Sergio Rosato
Principal

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – Friday 8 June, 2018 (Before the Long Weekend)

St Thomas Aquinas School will be holding a Staff Development Day on **Friday 8 June – before the Queen's Birthday long weekend**. The focus of the day will be on English Literacy. Therefore, **this will be a PUPIL FREE day**. Due to the public holiday Monday, normal classes will resume on Tuesday 12 June.

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Mothers Day Stall

Over recent days a team of wonderful mums spent time wrapping and creating beautiful gifts to be sold at the Mother's Day Stall. The Mother's Day Stall was an amazing success. Children were able to purchase a lovely gift ranging from \$2 to \$10 for that special mother figure in their lives. Our sincere thanks to the ladies who coordinated the gift wrapping and to those who assisted to set up the Stall and to sell items last Thursday. Our gratitude goes to the great parent team led by Kristie Loughton and assisted by Debbie White, Linda Fletcher, Kylie Jones, Meredith Kenn, Natalie Mace, Anne-Marie Cantrell, Kerrie Penson, Rebecca Jeffers, Brook Jeffers and Mary Clark (Assistant Principal).



HAPPY
MOTHERS
DAY
2018



The Mothers Day Stall raised funds that will go to the purchase of school IT resources (further chromebooks). The Stall made \$3600 (after expenses). A wonderful achievement!

Wishing all mothers, grandmothers and mother-figures a blessed and happy day for Sunday.



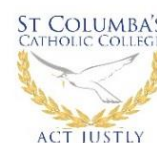
Diocesan Cross Country

The Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country carnival was held on Tuesday 1 May at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek. STA students achieved some outstanding results, both individually and in age-group teams. We congratulate our St Thomas Aquinas team for their excellent behaviour and efforts on the day as they represented our school, many finishing in the top 20 competitors. Thank you to the parents for their support and to Mrs Gippel and Mrs Bousfield who coordinated our team. Special congratulations to the following students who gained a place at the MacKillop Cross Country to be held on Friday 15 June, 2018: **Annalise Blattman, Kael Brown, Ruanii Claudino, Jessica Gomez, Odette Laurent, Amelia Peake and Mia Watson.** Congratulations to the following teams gaining first place in their age-group: **8/9 Years Girls, 8/9 Years Boys, 10 Years Girls, 10 Years Boys, 11 Years Boys and 12/13 Years Girls.**



Year 7 2019 Enrolments – St Columba's Catholic College

A reminder that enrolment applications for Year 7, 2019 at St Columba's Catholic College are now due. For further information contact the Enrolment Secretary, **Sandra O'Brien, on 4754 8900 or 4754 8907**



Book Club

Book Club (Issue 3) was recently given out to the students and orders are due back on **Wednesday 16 May**. Please check that order forms are filled out correctly including both the child's name and class. Credit card payments must be made online via the Loop.

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Student Awards

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



Annika Adorini	Alfie Cook	Lucy Hall	Brydan McLeod
Ryder Astle	Amelia Crouch	Charlotte Harrison	Jett Murtikos
Violet Bentley	Joshua Croucher	James Hicks	Harrison Newport
Samantha Bourke	Aden Cullinane	Audrey Hodgins	Lilly Phuntsok
Esme Brennan	Finn Cullinane	Ethan Konwerski	Orion Pick
Lachlan Brown	Jacob Danks	Patricia Lia	Tyson Ramires
Elysia Burchall	Ashton Davies	Veronica Lloyd-Williams	Hayden Rawding
Ryan Butler-Whitmore	Harriet Davis	Imogen Mathew	Samantha Schroeder
Dylan Cantwell	Joshua Duck	Sienna Mathew	Eve Talbot
Annabelle Clark	Chloe Galluzzi	Vincent McLaren	Hamish Wills
Liam Clink	Thomas Grodzicki	Ashton McLeod	Daniel Woods
Bentley Colburn			

ANZAC Day 2018

Thank you to the following students for representing STA at the Springwood ANZAC March and Commemoration Service:



Myles Albury	Annabelle Duck	Alexander Kerkham	Aidan O'Brien
Sadie Albury	Joshua Duck	Benjamin Kerkham	Amelia Peake
Ethan Baddock	Luke Edwards	Elizabeth Kerkham	Eydie Peake
Cameron Barr	Noah Edwards	Jordan Kime	William Peake
Gemma Boersma	Eleanor Fortunat	Koby Kime	Jacob Pospischil
Lily Boersma	Noah Francia	Talyka Kime	Luke Pospischil
Leo Borg	Summah Galea	Harry Kitching	Hamish Richards
Lillian Borg	Declan Garvan	Joseph Kitching	Ruby Roberts
Thomas Brosnan	Leah Garvan	Ethan Konwerski	Florence Rooney
Caleb Byrnes	Mitchell Garvan	Lachlan Konwerski	Oliver Savage
Olivia Byrnes	Matilda Gauci	Odette Laurent	Mackenzie Seymour
Marlowe Carey	Callum Gibbons	Brianna Leehy	Jamie Sharp
Max Carroll	Emilia Gosling	Jessica Mace	Jessica Sharp
Ben Cassidy	Lila Hagelburg	Maddison Machon	Arabella Stewart-Rowley
Alannah Collins	Lucy Hall	Lexie Mackay	Hugo Strickland
Xanthe Connell-Badics	Lara Heyman	Joseph Mahns	Claire Thomas
Noah Costello	Benjamin Hinley	Alana Mathew	Caitlin Vears
Grace Costigan	Payten Holmes	Benjamin Mathew	Adele Wade-Ferrell
Liam Costigan	Ella Hoppe	Sienna Mathew	Mia Wade-Ferrell
Ayva Dacey	Pepper Hughes	Ryan Mills	Romilly Wade-Ferrell
Evelyn Dacey	Evelyn Iles	Lizzie Mulhall	Tristan Wade-Ferrell
Cooper Davies	Harrison Iles	Caitlin Murphy	Rhys Walton
Rowan Davies	Poppy Jenkins	Liam Murphy	Lachlan Williamson
Shaelee Davies	Emily Jones	Nicholas Neil	Hayden Willingham
Dominique Dewhurst	Harvey Jones	Harrison Newport	Heidi Willingham
Luca Dewhurst	William Jones	Lachlan Newport	Jesse Wronski
Luke Doorey	Alana Kenn		



School Photos – Friday 25 May

2018 School Photo day for St Thomas Aquinas will be on **Friday 25 May**. School Photo envelopes have been given out to students. Sibling envelopes are available from the office. Parents who order online do not need to return an envelope to the school. If paying by cash, envelopes need to be returned with the correct money. No change will be given for photo orders. **All orders are due by Wednesday 23 May.**

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Finance - Notice of Withdrawal of Enrolment

If a student is to be removed from the school a term's notice (10 weeks) must be given to the Principal in writing or a full term's fees will be charged and payable. This ruling forms part of the School Fees Management Policy and is available for review on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) website: <http://parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfees>. However, there are some circumstances that are unavoidable and these cases can be put forward to the Principal in writing for consideration. The final decision, however, will remain with CEDP. **Cheree Brown, Finance Secretary**

Kindergarten 2019 Enrolment Open Days

Throughout the month of May the school is hosting Open Days for prospective families for enrolment in 2019. If you or someone you know would like to find out more about our school please join us for a tour to see *learning in action* on one of the following:

Morning Tours: 9.15am – 10.00am

Tuesdays – 15th, 22nd and 29th May 2018

Wednesdays – 23rd May 2018

Thursdays – 17th and 31st May 2018

Afternoon Tours: 2.15pm – 3.15pm

Wednesday – 23rd May 2018

Thursdays – 17th and 31st May 2018

For further information and school enrolment packs telephone the School Office on 4723 3800 or collect material on the day. **Kindergarten 2019 enrolments close on 31 May, 2018.** Late enrolments will be considered if vacancies exist. No student will be refused enrolment because of a family's genuine inability to pay fees.

DIARY DATES

2018 TERM 2 Week 3	Tuesday 15 May	Year 1 Excursion to Australian Museum MacKillop Cross Country – selected students NAPLAN Testing for Years 3 & 5 9.15 – 10.00am Kindergarten 2019 Open Day Tour 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	16	8.30am Staff Briefing Year 6 Camp NAPLAN Testing for Years 3 & 5 9.20am Parish Mass – Year 2 attending
	17	8.30am Staff Prayer Year 6 Camp NAPLAN Testing for Years 3 & 5 9.15 – 10.00am Kindergarten 2019 Open Day Tour 2.15 – 3.00pm Kindergarten 2019 Open Day Tour
	18	Year 6 Camp 8.30am – 3.05pm School Band
Week 4	Monday 21 May	12.35pm Pentecost Liturgy and Family Day (Mufti Day) 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	22	9.15 – 10.00am Kindergarten 2019 Open Day Tour 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	23	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.20am Parish Mass – Year 5 attending 9.15 – 10.00am Kindergarten 2019 Open Day Tour 2.15 – 3.00pm Kindergarten 2019 Open Day Tour
	24	8.30am Staff Prayer 9.00am – 1.00pm School Band
	25	SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Support Group – Raising Grandchildren: Raising Grandchildren is a support group for grandparents who care for their grandchildren. The group meets on the **first Wednesday of the month during school terms**. Come along to meet other grandparents who are the primary carers of their grandchildren. Next meetings for Term 2 – **6 June and 4 July 2018, 10.00am – 12.00pm** at **Tanderra OOSH, 14 Raymond Road, Springwood**. For **more information and to RSVP** please **call Jenny on 0450 001 393**.

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Group: Are you struggling with your child's behaviour? Learn how to Manage unwanted behaviour, encourage good behaviour, identify and manage emotions and strengthen your relationship. For parents and caregivers with children aged from 2 – 12 years of age. The 3-week parent group will be held from **Tuesday 22 May to Tuesday 5 June, 2018** at **Tanderra OOSH, 14 Raymond Road, Springwood, 10.00am to 12.00noon**. **Cost:** gold coin donation. **Register at Gateway Family Services on 1300 316 746**. Childcare is available (must be booked).

Sent Home Recently:

- Staff Leave Announcement for KM (*salmon*)
- Staff Leave Announcement for IS (*cream*)
- Staff Leave Announcement for 2D (*lemon*)
- Penrith Lakes Excursion Note to Year 2 (*cream*)
- Mothers' Day Stall Note
- School Photo Order Envelopes and Note (*lemon*)
- Dinosaurs and More Excursion Note to Year 1
- Pentecost Liturgy, Mufti and Family Day Note (*gold*)

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