

UPDATE

No. 7 Date 17/07/15 Week 1 Term 3

Dear St Thomas Aquinas Families,

Welcome back to Term 3 and to another term of learning and community at STA. We also welcome all new students and their families to our school.

On Wednesday students and teachers travelled to the Glenbrook Athletics Park for our Annual Sports Carnival. This year the decision was made to change from our usual venue (Tom Hunter Park) and try the facility at Glenbrook. From the feedback received this seems to have been a positive choice in many ways.

The winter weather was kind to us as we were blessed with a beautiful sunny day which made it possible for a large number of families to attend the carnival and be part of the day. It was delightful to see and hear students participating so enthusiastically and with a spirit of joy and sportsmanship. I commend the students for their conduct and cooperation and acknowledge the dedication of our entire staff both teachers and administration personnel in ensuring such a successful day.

As in previous years, the Ori Café Springwood, organised a fantastic BBQ as well as cakes and other refreshments. The BBQ and food helps to make the carnival a hospitable and enjoyable day for all. I thank Therese Jones for her service to our school over so many years even though this year the Jones family **no longer has children at STA**. It is great to know that we have been able to plan for succession next year and keep this part of the carnival continuing. I thank all the parents and grandparents who helped in various capacities on the day for your generosity.

Days such as our Sports Carnival encourage our students to appreciate community, to learn in different ways and to challenge themselves to strive to do their best.

NB. Sports Carnival trophies and medals will be presented at **next Monday's Assembly**.

Until next time,

Sergio Rosato

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Student Awards

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



Matilda Gauci	Odette Laurent	Benjamin Prior
Zofia Hammond	Ebony Manning	Ellie Savage
Ryan Hanrahan	Nataly Mayorchak	Amelia Steadman
Gwendolyn Henderson	Lachlan McGrath	Isabella Valle
Abigail Larkin	Dylan Mitchell	Ryley Walker

Wakakirri 2015

A very big 'thank you' to the parents and children involved in Wakakirri 2015 for returning to school early to prepare for our performance in August. A massive 'thank you' to those beautiful parents who helped create props on this day as well. Great team work by all! **Michelle Nightingale**

Book Club

The first Issue of Scholastic Book Club for Term 3 (Issue 5) was given out to students this week. All orders **must be placed by Monday 27 July**. **Orders after the due date WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED so please make sure you send them in on time**. Please check that order forms are filled out correctly including both the child's name and class. Credit card payments must be made online first and the receipt number needs to be recorded on the order form.



'Tumour Terminators' Fundraising by STA Student

The following letter was composed by one of our students with this worthwhile fundraising initiative:

Hi,

My name is Molly and I am 10 years old. This year on the 9th of August I will be running the City to Surf to raise money for kids with cancer. All the money I raise will go to the Steven Walter Children's Cancer Foundation through the Tumour Terminators.

The Tumour Terminators was named by a boy named Joel who lived in the Blue Mountains and lost his battle with cancer when he was 10. My goal is to raise \$750 and run 14km in under 60 minutes. The link to my sponsorship page is: <http://city2surf2015.everydayhero.com/au/molly-1>

If everybody makes a little donation I hope we can make a BIG change.

Thanks,

Molly Peake

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ST THOMAS AQUINAS NEWS

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Hardcopy Newsletters

School Newsletters and Updates are now available on our website and via the Skoolbag app. A very small number of hardcopies may be available from the office at time of publication of each issue.

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you

If you or someone close to you has suffered **ANY** abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact **NSW Police on 1800 333 000**

DIARY DATES

2015 TERM 3 Week 2	Monday 20 July	12.30pm Assembly – Sports Carnival Presentation of trophies and medals 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	21	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	22	8.30am Staff Briefing
	23	8.30am Staff Prayer Stage 2 Soccer Competition – selected students
	24	Band Commences for Term 3 – <i>please note change of day</i>
Week 3	Monday 27 July	12.30pm Assembly – 4C & 4S presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	28	Stages 2 & 3 Milo T20 Cricket – selected students 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	29	8.30am Staff Briefing
	30	8.30am Staff Prayer
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Play Softball: Training held at Lomatia Park, Springwood. Play at the same place each week (Surveyors Creek Penrith). All ages - 5yrs to adults, boys, girls, men and women. Play at the same time each Saturday during the spring and summer months with breaks during school holidays. **Registration: Sunday 19 July, 10am to 1pm at Lomatia Park, Springwood.** For more information **phone: 0477 459 560.** See our website: www.bluemountains.softball.org.au. **NEW Junior players, please bring Birth Certificate (original & a copy).**

Seminar - Understanding Family Law: CCSS Solo Parent Services will hold this seminar over two sessions covering different aspects of Family Law in each session. **Session One: Wednesday 22 July:** Overview of the Family Law Act (FLA) Separation/Divorce will cover topics including Time limits under FLA, Children under the FLA, Parenting Plans, Family Dispute resolution, What Constitutes abuse or family violence, The role of Independent Children's lawyers and how the court determines what's in the best interest of children. **Session Two: Wednesday 12 August:** Overview of Family Law Act (FLA) with a focus on Property - topics include Timetables within the FLA, what constitutes property under the FLA, Application of FLA in de facto or same sex relationships, Spouse Maintenance, Consent Orders and other topics. **Venue:** DAC, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7.30pm - 9.30pm. **Cost:** \$7.00 per session. **Registration Essential:** Eileen or Rita 9933 0205 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Springwood Cricket Club 2015-2016 Registration: The 2015-2016 cricket season is just around the corner and Springwood Cricket Club is looking forward to another great summer. All current and new players are welcome to join. We field teams from under 8's to under 16's and the season starts on Saturday 27 September 2015. **Registration days: Springwood Town Square** - Saturday 25 July – 9am to 1pm and Saturday 1 August – 9am to 1pm; **Winmalee Shopping Centre** - Saturday 1 August – 9am to 1pm. If you can't make it on either of these days, simply go to the Club website at www.springwoodcc.com.au and open the Documents/Administration menu where you'll find the junior registration forms. **For more information please call Matt Rogers on 0412 289 645 during business hours.**

Sent Home Recently:

- Sports Carnival Spectator Information Note (*orange*)
- (AEDI) Australian Early Development Index 2015 Letter to Kindergarten Parents (*salmon*)



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