



# UPDATE

No. 6 Date: 18/10/2016 Week 2 Term 4

Dear St Thomas Aquinas Families,

Welcome back to Term 4. A term that promises so much as we celebrate the conclusion of another year of learning at St Thomas Aquinas.

Returning to school life this term has been a reminder of the wonderful Gifts of the Holy Spirit alive and active in our school. We return to school with renewed energy and passion to work together to make a difference to the learning and formation of each child in our care.

We are mindful also that, as a Catholic community, we are called to recognise Christ's presence in the generosity, kindness and mercy of others.

As St John reminds us:

*"No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us." 1 John 4:12*

Wishing all a wonderful term ahead.

Until next time,

Sergio Rosato

## STAFF NEWS

### We welcome back:

- **Sister Monica** who has been on leave travelling and visiting communities through North Queensland. Welcome back Monica and hope your time away was a great time of renewal!

### We ask that you remember in your prayers at this time:

The Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary. In honour of this we have now included rosary beads in each of the class family prayer kits that are available to take home.

- **Robert Mullen** (Sport Teacher) who is currently undergoing treatment for leukemia. We welcome Christie Le Breton who is replacing Robert at this time.
- **Elizabeth Bamford** (KB) on the recent passing of her beloved mother, Pearl Adams. We offer our sincere condolences to Elizabeth and her family at this time.

### Staff Leave:

- **Mary Clark** (Assistant Principal) is currently on leave for 2 weeks long service leave travelling overseas.
- **Michelle Nightingale** (5N) is currently on long service leave overseas until 11 November. We welcome back Ann Gippel who is teaching 5N.

## Term 3 Fundraising

Congratulations on the generous community response to our Term 3 fundraising events:

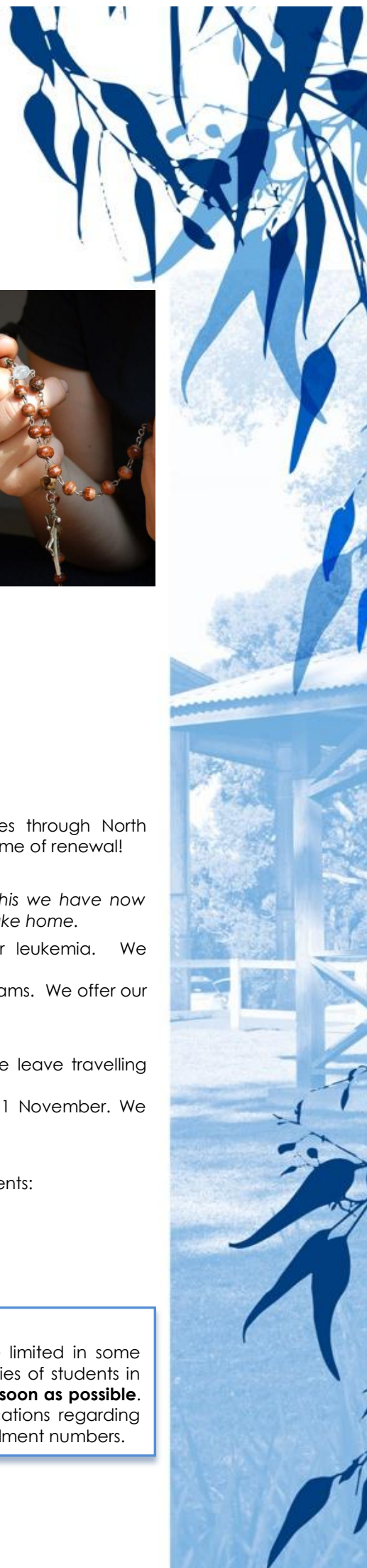
- **Jeans for Genes Day** - \$1000.00
- **Leukemia Foundation** - \$1000.00
- **Year 6 Cake Stall for Catholic Missions** - \$900.00

Thank you for your support.

### Students Not Returning for 2017

The school is currently interviewing families for enrolment for 2017. Places are limited in some grades. To enable the school to plan appropriately we would appreciate families of students in Grades K-5 who are not returning in 2017 to please notify the school **in writing as soon as possible**. Your timely attention to this matter would be much appreciated as the implications regarding staffing and resourcing by the Catholic Education Office stem from accurate enrolment numbers.

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## Student Awards

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



Harley Baker	Keith Eddy	Talyka Kime	Ari-Kai Rawlings
Henry Bender	Ruby Forsyth	Nicholas Koulouris	Riane Santos
Violet Bentley	Alex Freer	Kiahna Koutsonikolis	Flynn Shiels
Isla Coburn	Benjamin Giannakis	Melissa Lee	Preston Tom
Aden Cullinane	Lachlan Golby	Lachlan McAlpine	Adele Wade-Ferrell
Olivia Cummings	Caitlin Graham	Vincent McLaren	Ryley Walker
Ashton Danks	Jeremy Harris	Addison Miller	Tyler Walker
Jacob Danks	Mariella Hill	Sunnee Murtikos	Clare Williamson
Neive DeBono	Audrey Hodgins	Harrison Newport	Chelsea Willingham
Cameron Dempsey	Payten Holmes	Mae Price	Aiden Woolley
Lachlan Dempsey	Ella Hoppe	Annabelle Priest	Andrew Young
Cooper Donohue	William Hurley	Sasha Pyle	

## Down Syndrome NSW

This October you are invited to celebrate **Down Syndrome Awareness Month**. You can help support people with Down Syndrome and their families by making a donation to a registered team or by joining a Step UP! event and walk with family and friends. Further details <http://www.stepupfordownsyndrome.org.au/nsw>. A number of STA staff will be participating.

## Book Fair 2016 – 8 & 9 November

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held in **Week 5 of Term 4 in the library**, with **book sales on Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 and 9 November**. Book Fair is a great fundraiser for the library and ideal for Christmas shopping. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!



## PARISH NEWS

### Parish Office Hours – New Opening Times

The Parish Office will now be open on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** from **8.30am to 3.30pm** and **Fridays** from **8.30am to 12.30pm**. Closed on Mondays. Phone number: (02) 4754 1052.


### Springwood East Timor Support Group Annual Dinner

**Wednesday 9 November, 2016, 7.00pm for 7.30pm** start at **Springwood Sports Club, Macquarie Road, Springwood**. Special presentation by students from Springwood High School who have recently returned from spending time working with local villagers in Timor Leste. **Tickets: \$40**. Seatings for tables of 8. For **bookings** phone **Pam Gorman** on **4754 1160** or email [chrispamgorman@optusnet.com.au](mailto:chrispamgorman@optusnet.com.au)

### St Luke's Gospel – Presented by Dr Laurie Woods

Scripture scholar, lecturer at ACU and Lawson parishioner, Dr Laurie Woods, will present a series of talks on St Luke's Gospel at **St Thomas Aquinas Parish Centre** on **Tuesdays 18 & 25 October** and **1 November** at **7.30pm**. Enquiries phone **4754 1052**.

## DIARY DATES

<b>2016</b> <b>TERM 4</b> <b>Week 2</b>	<b>Tuesday 18 October</b>	Seasons for Growth 3.40pm Staff Meeting	 <p>Scan with your smartphone or tablet for more information. <a href="http://www.staspringwood.catholic.edu.au">www.staspringwood.catholic.edu.au</a></p>
	<b>19</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.20am Parish Mass – Year 1 attending	
	<b>20</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer Year 1 Ceramics Incursion – Day 1	
	<b>21</b>	Year 1 Ceramics Incursion – Day 2	
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Monday 24 October</b>	School Band 12.30pm Assembly – 2D presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting	
	<b>25</b>	Seasons for Growth 3.40pm Staff Meeting	
	<b>26</b>	School Band 8.30am Staff Briefing Seasons for Growth Crazy Sock Day – Catholic Mission Fundraiser (information to come)	
	<b>27</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer Phil Kettle (Author) Visit & Year 4-6 Writing Workshops	
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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Springwood Scorchers Basketball U10 Mixed Competition:** Expressions of interest are being sought for players, coaches, managers and referees to hold an Under 10's mixed basketball competition. **When: Saturdays 10.30-11.30am. Cost: Miniball Registration \$55 (12 mths). Competition Fee: \$45 for 6 week comp. Games: 15 minute halves.** Contact: [frankcaristo@hotmail.com](mailto:frankcaristo@hotmail.com) or phone 0415 823 747. For further information visit <http://www.springwoodscorchers.com.au/scorchers1@bigpond.com>

**Springwood-Winmalee Girl Guides:** are welcoming new youth members and women looking for a challenge. **Pre-Junior Guides (ages 5-7); Junior Guides (ages 7-10); Guides (ages 10-14); Senior Guides (ages 14-18) and Leadership (18+).** If you're looking for a great activity for your daughter, call **Di Strahan** for more information on **0414 406 239**. Or email: [Sw.districtmanager@gmail.com](mailto:Sw.districtmanager@gmail.com)

### Sent Home Recently

- T-20 Blast Cricket Regional Finals Permission Note – selected students
- Girls in Motion Flyer – Stage 3 girls only

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