

UPDATE

No. 2 Date 27/02/15 Week 5 Term 1

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!



Jackson Bagatella	Cameron Dempsey	Taj Leathers	Luke Redmond
Montana Barry	Mason Evans	William Lister	Noah Rehutai
Max Blandin de Chalais	Eleanor Fortunat	Zoe Long	Abigail Rogers
Isabella Bridge	Jack Fuge	Vincent McLaren	Oliver Savage
Cooper Brown	Zachary Gonzalez	Joshua Mitchell	Natasha Springett
Emily Burnett	Jake Gordon	Ethan Muller	Isabella Stewart
Anneliese Carroll	Lillian Gosling	Abbey Murphy	Amelia Synnott
Owen Croft	Ruby Hammond	Niamh O'Connell	Jack Thomas
Makayla Crouch	Connor Harvey	Luca Penserini	Gabriel Valle
Joshua Croucher	Mali Haynes	Orion Pick	Alayna Williamson
Finn Cullinane	Levi Kirkpatrick	Nathan Press	Clare Williamson
Mark D'Alessio	Thomas Larkin	William Rayner	Alyssia Zagarella
Coopah Davies			

Parking Matters

It has been brought to our attention that a few parents are misusing the 'kiss and drop' zone in the church driveway during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. This zone, as the "NO PARKING" sign states, is to be used as a drop-off point only and therefore is a **no parking zone at all times**. If a parent wishes to park and walk their child, they must use the marked parking spaces in the church car park. Similarly, there should be no cars waiting in this drop-off zone in the afternoon to pick-up a child. Whilst it is a safety issue, it also causes lengthy traffic delays along the church driveway.

Students must not be walking unaccompanied to the church car park or any other area on the parish site. All children should be collected in person and accompanied and supervised closely by parents/guardians to motor vehicles. The practice of having children wait for parents on kerbs adjacent to the car park is also potentially dangerous.

THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE – THERE IS A HIGH VOLUME OF PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN THE AFTERNOON.

Whilst this may be slightly inconvenient, it is far better than jeopardising the safety and well-being of people. Thank you for your support with this matter.



Smartphone School to Parent Communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for schools to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets).

St Thomas Aquinas School is now using this App for parents to receive notifications and access information such as newsletters, upcoming events, school documents and much more. Visit www.skoolbag.com.au. To install the App on your device please follow these instructions:

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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School Fee Matters

School Fees Term One

Please note the **due date for Term One fees is 6 March 2015**. Statements have been progressively sent out over the past fortnight. Families who have opted for a flexible payment plan or salary sacrifice through the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) will be flagged accordingly as an arrangement. Other families who are paying by instalments will only be recognised as having an arrangement with the school if they contact Deborah Lawrence either by phone on 4754 2554 or email dlawrence1@parra.catholic.edu.au.

If no arrangement has been formally organised to pay by instalments the full Term One fees should be paid by the due date, otherwise they will be deemed overdue.

Sibling Discounts

If an older child who is attending a Diocesan School in the Parramatta Diocese leaves the school the family needs to notify St Thomas Aquinas so the fees can be adjusted accordingly. Sibling discounts are calculated using the information the CEDP has on hand in January.

It is up to the parents/guardians to let me know, as the school the student is leaving from does not automatically know they have younger siblings in the system. **Deborah Lawrence, School Finance Secretary**

Lost Property

Our lost property box is now located near the Hall toilets. Please remember to clearly mark all of your child's belongings with their name.



Clothing Pool

Our Clothing Pool is currently operating on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00-3.30pm and on Friday mornings from 9.00-9.30am thanks to the generosity of two parents. We are hoping to also run it on Monday mornings from 9.00-9.30am. If you are able to assist with the Clothing Pool at this time please contact the school Office on 4754 2554. If you are not able to help on a regular basis perhaps you may consider being on a back-up list to relieve when others are not available. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

FREE Movie Night – TONIGHT 27 FEBRUARY 2015 at 6pm

Catholic Care and **St Thomas Aquinas Parish** will be hosting a 2nd FREE family movie night TONIGHT at **St Thomas Aquinas School Hall**, 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood. **6.00PM** - Family animated movie (G); **8.00pm** – Older kids and teens movie (PG). Due to licensing restrictions titles are withheld. To find out the movies being shown, contact Celia on 0499 077 511. Free popcorn and face painting also available. Bring along comfy rugs, pillows and picnic.

For all the community to enjoy!

DIARY DATES

2015 TERM 1 Week 6	Monday 2 March	12.30pm Assembly – SRC Induction 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	3	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	4	9.20am Parish mass – Years 4 & 5 attending
	5	8.30am Staff Prayer
	6	
	Week 7 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	Monday 9 March
10		3.40pm Staff Meeting
11		Stage 3 AFL Paul Kelly Cup – Selected students 9.20am Parish mass – Year 2 attending
12		8.30am Staff Prayer 11.05am Principal's Morning Tea – selected students
13		Red Cross Pillowcase Project – Year 3 Year 6 visit by Paul Ryan & Peta Sparkes in Hall

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cabaret for Cambodia –Fundraiser: This event will be held to raise funds for **the Cambodian Bush School at Siem Reap**. The Bush School is supported by Winmalee Lions & St Finbar's Social Justice Group. There will be live performances, raffles, lucky door prizes and fabulous prizes, (including a mid-week escape holiday). It's being held on **Saturday 7 March 2015 from 7.30pm till 10.00pm, at St Finbar's Hall, Levy Street Glenbrook. Cost is \$20 p/p or \$40 per family** (or donation), & includes supper and door prizes. BYO drinks & nibbles. For info, Contact Doug on the mobile 0403 303 943, or 4701 5459, or just turn up on the night (about 7.15pm).

Aspergers Support Group: For people with Aspergers Syndrome, their families, carers, parents and friends. **1st Wednesday of the month – 4 March, 1 April, 6 May and 3 June. 10.00am to 11.30am** at **Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre, 62 White Cross Road, Winmalee**. For enquiries please phone 4754 4050.

Sent Home Recently:

- Rouse Hill House & Farm Excursion Note to Year 5 & 5/4C



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