

UPDATE

No. 7 Date 22/8/14 Week 6 Term 3

St Thomas Aquinas Springwood attends Blue Mountains Vietnam Veterans Day

Each August Vietnam Veterans Day is commemorated in Springwood. This year this event occurred on Sunday 17 August also marking the 52nd anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. The memorial is organised by the Blue Mountains Vietnam Veterans Association.

The March proceeds down Macquarie Road in Springwood's town centre and normally finishes at the War Memorial where a wreath-laying service takes place. This year due to the inclement weather the service took place on the grounds of nearby Braemar Art Gallery.

St Thomas Aquinas Springwood students have traditionally participated in the day by marching in support of the veterans and by laying a wreath in honour of all those who have served.



In spite of the weather a strong contingent of students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated on the day and distinguished themselves by their conduct and reverence.

Vietnam Veterans Day is an important community event for the Lower Blue Mountains. Over recent years it has also attracted a significant attendance by Sydney's Vietnamese community. The Vietnamese community have been generous in donating money to a number of veterans who lost their homes during last year's bushfires.



Prayers were offered during the service for all those who served our nation and also for peace in the world. The scripture reading taken from the Gospel of St John speaks of Christ's great commandment to the nations:

My commandment is this: love one another, just as I have loved you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them.

We are proud to share this commandment as our school motto.

Sergio Rosato, Principal



School Gardens Mulching Day & BBQ

Friday 29 August

Next Friday we will be holding a **parent working bee** commencing at **9.30am**, in order to mulch gardens that were damaged in last year's bush fires. We are asking for volunteers to assist on the day spreading the mulch to aid in the recovery process for our school surroundings. In addition we will be holding a **free BBQ**, run by a team of parent helpers and members of Rotary, **for all students and volunteers** on this day.



If you are able to assist, please return the response slip from the note that was sent home earlier this week or phone the office on 4754 2554. Volunteers are also asked to bring gloves, rake or garden fork and wheelbarrow if possible. Your help is much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing many of you on the day!

love one another



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Foreign Coins

Each gold coin collection day we are still receiving foreign coins among the coins donated. Could parents please be aware that children will not differentiate between the different types of currency and some New Zealand coins are very similar to Australian Coins, eg. the New Zealand \$2 coin looks similar to the Australian dollar.

The Bank will accept foreign coins to send overseas for **charity**, but the coins do not have any value in Australia. Please do not send any foreign currency to the school. Thank you. **Deborah Lawrence, School Finance Secretary**



Book Club

Issue 6 has now been distributed to each class. **All orders must be placed by Monday 1 September. We will no longer be accepting any orders after the due date so please make sure you get 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.

DIARY DATES

2014 TERM 3 Week 7	Monday 25 August	9.05am Cuppa & Chat 12.30pm Assembly – 5/4S presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	26	Voice of Youth (Year 6) at Katoomba 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	27	8.30am Staff Briefing Parish Mass – Year 4 attending Drama/Literacy – KB & KL
	28	8.30am Staff Prayer Principal's Morning Tea School Band
	29	Mulching & BBQ Drama/Literacy – Years 1
Week 8	Monday 1 September	9.05am Cuppa & Chat 12.30pm Assembly – KL presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	2	Stage 2 Rugby League 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	3	Parish Mass – Year 5 attending Drama/Literacy KB & KL Tennis Clinics – Year 3 & 4 Seasons Grief Program – selected students
	4	8.30am Staff Prayer School Band
	5	Stage 2 Touch Football Drama/Literacy – Year 2 & KM

Change to calendar date Please note that Mass for Kinder & Year 6 is now Wednesday 10 September (Week 9), not Week 10 as published earlier in our Term 3 Parent Calendar.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Springwood Art Show 2014: Springwood High School, Grose Road, Faulconbridge, is holding their annual Art Show on weekend of 29 to 31 August. The show features Panel Discussion Q & A, Artists' Perspectives on the Archibald Prize (including 2014 Finalists, Mathew Lynn, Mick Bales and Winter Magic Festival Artstreet 2014 Director, Victor Peralta). **Opening Night: Friday 29 August** – doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start; **Saturday 30 August:** 9.30am-6.00pm; **Sunday 31 August:** 9.30am-4.30pm. *Close of Show with Simon Mamie (ABC 702).* **Tickets:** Friday Night - \$15 (includes light supper and wine); Sat & Sun – Adult \$5, Concession \$2.50, Family \$10. Tickets at door or Springwood High School Office. For more information email springwoodartshow@gmail.com or phone 4751 9261 or visit the Facebook page or www.springwoodartshow.org.au

Faulconbridge Cricket Club 2014-15 Registrations: *It's not too late to register!* Places are still available for boys and girls in Faulconbridge Cricket Club teams playing 'up the hill' in the Blue Mountains competition. Training is held each Tuesday afternoon from 4.00pm at Lomatia Park, Springwood, with first pre-season training on 2 September. We have teams to suit players aged 5 to adult and provide all equipment and training. Playing shirt and cap included in registration fee. For more information contact Sue Fletcher on 0413 032 688, email: fletchis@bigpond.net.au or web: <http://faulconbridgecc.nsw.cricket.com.au>

Bereavement Support Program – Springwood: CCSS Solo Parent Ministry will be running an eight session Bereavement Support Program in Springwood for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or long term partner. Sessions held on every second Wednesday commencing 3 September from 10.30am – 12.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, 313 Macquarie Rd Springwood. Each fortnight a different aspect of grief will be discussed, with some input, reflection and sharing about how grief is affecting you and how you are working through it. The first topic is "The Physical Effects of Grief". Details and Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Phone 9933 0205.

Sent Home Recently:

- Mulching Day & Thanksgiving Day (October) note
- Voice of Youth Permission Note for Year 6
- Diocesan Athletics Permission Note – selected students
- Postponed Netball Gala Day Permission Note – selected students



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