

UPDATE

No. 6 Date 05/06/15 Week 7 Term 2

Dear St Thomas Aquinas Families,

This Sunday, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, a number of our students will be receiving the sacrament of First Communion. For these children and their families this day is imbued with joy, faith and grace.

As Catholic Christians we believe that Jesus is really and personally present to us in the broken bread and shared cup of the Eucharist. Christ's presence under the form of bread and wine is one filled with the greatest intimacy. The simple gifts of bread and wine are changed not by magic, but by God's love and taken into ourselves in faith. As we eat and drink these elements, Christ becomes part of us, and we come alive in Christ. Together we become the Body of Christ.

Saint Augustine taught that if we truly love the Eucharist we will embody what we eat. By receiving the bread – blessed and broken, the cup of wine – poured and shared, we say 'yes' to becoming the same in Christ: blessed, broken, poured out and shared in love.

We pray for each of these young people and their families as they prepare for their First Communion this Sunday. May this Eucharist strengthen them and nourish them for their journey of life.

Until next time,

Sergio Rosato

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Principal

*Set your heart on the higher gifts,
on the things that come from
your Maker In heaven.
These three gifts are all
that remain:
faith, hope and love,
and the greatest is love.
(1Cor.1)*



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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!



Ryan An U	Samuel Graham	Aiden Machon	Amali Rehutai
Ethan Banks	Filip Grus	Preston Mamo	Lachlan Roberts
Riley Barglik	Maclean Hartley	Lachlan McAlpine	Grace Ryan
Caleb Blick	Matthew Hill	Olivia Morrissey	Emily-Kate Shingles
Alexandra Boxall	Audrey Hodgins	Issac Moss	Hugo Strickland
Skye Boyden	Nyah Hutchings	Bailey Nugent	Conna Taylor
Matthew Cassidy	Alexander Kerkham	Charlotte Oliver	Madisyn Treble
Noah Costello	Elizabeth Kerkham	Tom Peake	Klara Trinajstic
James Croucher	Sophie Kerrison	Alyssa Pospischil	Declan Vane
Benjamin Dawson	Levi Kirkpatrick	Olivia Prior	Darcy Weston
Olivia De La Harpe	Peter Koulouris	Sasha Pyle	Jackson Williams
Baxter Ellem	Ella Laurent	James Rafter	Benjamin Williamson
Ruby Fuhrmann	Taj Leathers	Luke Redmond	Alex Young
Jessica Gomez	Scarlett Lia		

Family Learning Conferences (FLCs)

The Family Learning Conferences (FLCs) provide an important opportunity for parents, students and teachers to discuss your child's learning. These meetings will take place on **Monday 15 June (3.30pm – 8.00pm)** and **Wednesday 17 June (3.30pm – 6.30pm)**.

The focus of the Conference is on student learning, identifying areas of strength and areas of development for your child as well as goal-setting for the next half of the year and planning how this will be achieved. **It is encouraged and most beneficial for ALL students to participate in this meeting or at least part of it.**

The online booking code will be issued and **the site will be opened by 4pm next Tuesday 9 June**. Semester 1 Student Learning Reports will be sent to families early in Term 3.

FLCs

School Representative Sports Shirts

If your child has represented the school in a sporting event recently and has not returned the borrowed sport shirt, please do so as soon as possible. Cost of a replacement shirt is \$40. Your attention to this matter will be much appreciated.

Captivate Tickets

For tickets to the Captivate Drama on Friday 12 June (Year 3) and Captivate Choir on Tuesday 16 June and Thursday 18 June (Senior Choir) please go to www.trybooking.com/HNSX

love one another

Faith@work - Diocesan Works Fund Appeal

Last week, at our Pentecost liturgy, we launched our school response to the Parramatta Diocesan Works Fund Appeal. The DWF Appeal is a pastoral care appeal that highlights and supports the various social welfare agencies of the Catholic Church in Western Sydney. It is also known as Faith@work, as the appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as one Church family to support ministries and services that no individual parish or school can offer, such as CatholicCare, and hospital and prison chaplaincies.



We will be collecting for the Faith@work appeal until the final week of the school term. All members of our school community are encouraged to turn faith into action, taking this opportunity to reach out to share the gospel.

Let us pray for the ministries and people supported by the Church through the Diocesan Works Fund Appeal: That as a Church we become the hands and feet of Christ, reaching out to those in need in our community. We pray that we, as one Church, come together to be a force for renewal and a sign of hope. Amen. **Joanne Toohey, REC**



A copy of the Code of Conduct for School Students on Buses is being sent home to all families today with this Update. Please take the time to read it as it applies to many of our students. This information is also given to parents/carers with every bus application form.

St Thomas Aquinas Skoolbag App

We currently have 374 people who have downloaded our new communication app. Please download the free app onto your smartphone or iPad to see news and information about our school.



Hardcopy Newsletters

From Term 3 onwards we will be reducing the printing of our Newsletters and Updates as they are now readily available on the school website and can also be accessed via the Skoolbag app. A limited number only will be available from the school office.

DIARY DATES

2015	Monday 8 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
TERM 2 Week 8	9	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	10	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.20am Parish Mass – Kinder attending
	11	8.30am Staff Prayer
	12	1.00pm <i>Captivate</i> Drama Showcase at Blacktown – Year 3
Week 9	Monday 15 June	12.30pm <i>Captivate</i> Choir and Drama – Year 3 presenting 3.30-8.00pm Family Learning Conferences
	16	2.00-8.30pm <i>Captivate</i> Choir rehearsal and performance at Blacktown
	17	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.20am Parish Mass – Year 6 attending 3.30-6.30pm Family Learning Conferences
	18	8.30am Staff Prayer 7.00pm <i>Captivate</i> Choir performance at Blacktown
	19	Winmalee Cup 2.30-8.30pm Best of <i>Captivate</i> at JSPAC, Penrith

COMMUNITY NOTICES

4th Annual Camsday Family Fun Day – Hot Rod, Car and Bike Show: Sunday 7 June at Springwood Country Club, Hawkesbury Road, Springwood. Entrants from 8.00am (cost \$10); general public from 9.00am (gold coin donation). Join us for this exciting day on behalf of the Cameron Burke Foundation which includes BBQ, Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Live Music, Markets, Reptile Show, Petting Zoo, Trike Rides, Trophies, Live Auctions, Hot & Cold Drinks, Monster Raffle, Emergency Service Car Display and Cars & Bikes. Enquiries and further information phone Michael on 0409 084 419 of Lan on 0419 817 502 or visit www.cameronburkefoundation.com

A Celebration of Classical & Sacred Music: Sunday 14 June, 2015 at 2.30pm at St Finbar's Church, Levy Street, Glenbrook. Enjoy music by Blue Mountains Concert Band, Michael Taylor (organ), Owen Morris (trumpet) and Rachael Johnson (soprano) including Ave Maria, Pie Jesu, Telemann Trumpet Concerto, A Childhood Hymn, Prelude in C Minor and St Clement. Suggested donation: Adult - \$20; Pensioner/Concession - \$10; Children under 15 years – free. Enquiries: 0410 044 008 or www.bmcb.net.au

Prokofiev Peter & The Wolf at the Joan: Sunday 14 June at 11.00am at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Penrith. Prokofiev Peter & The Wolf and music from BIZET L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2 – an enchanting musical tale, and an up-close symphony orchestra experience - a lively entertainment for all the family. Conducted by George Ellis and narrated by Murray Cook (former Red Wiggle). **Tickets:** Adult - \$25; Family (2 + 2) - \$75; Child under 16 - \$20; Infant under 2 – free. **Bookings:** www.thejoan.com.au or (02) 4723 7600.

Penrith City Children's Choir – Songs of the Sea: Boys and girls aged 7 – 13 years are invited to join Penrith City Children's Choir for its next project *Songs of the Sea* directed by Lucy McAlary. Applications close 17 June. If you love to sing, please join us. **No auditions.** For further information contact the Administrator – Liz Strasser on 0418 202 849 or pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au

Sent Home Recently:

- High Tea Flyer for Adam Crouch Foundation
- Greg Alexander Shield Permission Note – selected students
- Captivate Choir Permission Note (*buff*) – selected students
- Best of Captivate Showcase Permission Note – selected students
- INSERT – Code of Conduct for School Students on Buses - TODAY



Scan with your smartphone or tablet for more information.

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