



# UPDATE

No. 8 Date: 01/12/2016 Week 8 Term 4

## Student Awards

**Congratulations** to the following students, who received Merit Awards at our last two School Assemblies. Well done on your efforts everyone – keep up the good work!



### Week 7

Paul Anderson  
Ethan Banks  
Jeremy Barker  
Olive Borbely  
Samantha Bourke  
Lily Brosnan  
Lachlan Brown  
Emily Burke  
Ferris Carey  
Antoinette Caristo  
Mia Cini  
Brianna Collins  
Grace Costigan

Abigail Croucher  
Matilda Debien  
Summer Faulkner  
Isla Field  
Abbey Gomez  
Joshua Harrison  
Luke Harrison  
Evie Hodgins  
Harry Kitching  
Matthew Kweidor  
Ella Laurent  
Lachlan McAlpine

Thomas McGrath  
Abbey Murphy  
Felicity Paul  
Nicolas Peat  
Adrian Perez-Eaton  
Martin Perez-Eaton  
Jacob Pospischil  
Luke Pospischil  
Cameron Purcell  
Hayden Rawding  
Jack Reynolds  
Vienna Reynolds

Sahara Rodemark  
Layla Sawyer  
Mackenzie Seymour  
Rosie Sieders  
Jack Thomas  
Riley Thompson  
Bella Ticehurst  
Benjamin Waters  
Cameron Waters  
Darcy Weston  
Tia White  
Lola Wyld

### Week 8

Harrison Adorini  
Sadie Albury  
Jackson Bagatella  
Montana Barry  
Alice Bauerhuit  
Isabelle Blacklock  
Skye Boyden  
Emily Burnett  
Benjamin Cassidy  
Shayla Coburn  
Alannah Collins  
Charlotte Croft  
Finn Cullinane  
Jacob Danks

Emilie Dempsey  
Marius Edmonds  
Luke Edwards  
Noah Edwards  
Audrey Ellem  
Jessica Ellis  
Grace Fetherston  
Jack Fuge  
William Ghata  
Ellen Glasson  
Zachary Gonzalez  
Caitlin Graham  
Sasha Grahovac  
Ziggy Green

Kate Harrison  
Eadi Hazell  
Finton Hazell  
Gwendolyn Henderson  
Cameron Hickey  
Isabel Hill  
Ronan Hurley  
Paige Irwin  
Erin Kenn  
Thomas Larkin  
Oliver Ligteringen  
Amber Lovric  
Brendan Manning  
Ivan Mayorchak

Chelsea Micallef  
Chyna Moore  
Samuel Moore  
Emma Pospischil  
Trinity Power  
Oliver Scurr  
Jamie Sharp  
Charles Shingles  
Madisyn Treble  
Lara Wallace  
Mia Watson  
William Wright  
Angus Young

## State Soccer Representation

On Monday 14 November, at our school assembly, we hosted a visit from the State Member from the Blue Mountains, Trish Doyle. During the assembly Ms Doyle presented one of our students, Olivia De La Harpe, with a special letter and certificate from the NSW Government. The award was to acknowledge Olivia's selection as part of the NSW State Soccer Girls Team. Congratulations again to Olivia for this wonderful achievement.



## Second-hand Lego drive for St Therese's Community School, Wilcannia

St Thomas Aquinas School has undertaken to support St Therese's Community School in Wilcannia. This initiative will be facilitated by our teacher librarian Karen Bousfield, who will be working at the school for the first half of 2017. Our initial support is to have a collection drive for second-hand Lego (not Duplo) throughout Advent. This offers a very practical way for our students to think of others in **the approach to Christmas. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this relevant social justice** cause.

## Enrolments 2017

Kindergarten Orientation has been held over the last two weeks. It has been a joy to see the eager upcoming students join us for a short time over the 4 mornings as they familiarise themselves with 'big school'. This is also the time the formation of classes for the coming year commences and we remind parents to please notify the school as soon as possible if your child will not be returning for 2017. Your timely attention to this matter would be much appreciated.

*love one another*

## School Opal Card – Online Applications for 2017 Now Open

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications. **Therefore, we will now be able to process your applications online, making it unnecessary for parents to submit a paper form to the school for endorsement.**



A **new application** is required for **students starting school** or for those **who have not had a travel pass before**; for students progressing **from Year 2 to 3** or **Year 6 to 7**; for students **changing schools**, and for students **whose personal details have changed**, such as address etc. NB. Students who do not qualify for free travel may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass instead. **If you already have a current School Opal card that does not need updating DO NOT THROW IT OUT** as you'll be able to use it for the 2017 school year. For details or to apply go to [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

## PARISH NEWS - Phone the Parish Office on 4754 1052 for further details on any of the following:

### Springwood Community Garden Christmas Picnic – 17 December


You are warmly invited to attend the Springwood Community Garden Christmas Picnic on Saturday 17 December at 4.00pm. Located along College Drive, next to St Columba's CC gates (behind old Elmhurst site). Bring food, rugs, friends, kids, explore the garden, meet local gardeners. All welcome!

### Carols in the Church – 19 December 2016

Come and join us for an evening of Carolling in preparation for Christmas. *"He who sings, prays twice"*. St Augustine. Carolling is a wonderful Christmas tradition, so come along! **Monday 19 December at 7.30pm (please be seated by 7.20pm)** at **St Thomas Aquinas Parish Church**. Followed by light supper. All welcome!



## DIARY DATES

<b>2016</b>	<b>Monday 5 December</b>	12.30pm Assembly – 6F presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting	 <p>Scan with your smartphone or tablet for more information. <a href="http://www.stspringwood.catholic.edu.au">www.stspringwood.catholic.edu.au</a></p>
	<b>6</b>	3.40pm Staff Meeting	
	<b>7</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing <b>7.00pm Christmas Concert</b>	
	<b>8</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer	
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	<b>Monday 12 December</b>	<b>12.00pm Awards Assembly – in the Church</b> 3.40pm Leadership Meeting	
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>13</b>	3.40pm Staff Meeting	
	<b>14</b>	<b>12.00pm Thanksgiving Mass</b>	
	<b>15</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer Meet the Teacher for 2017 <b>7.00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass</b>	
	<b>16</b>	Year 6 Picnic Day <b>Last Day for Students for 2016</b>	
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>Monday 19 December</b>	<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – Pupil Free</b>	
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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Christmas Carols at the Shrine - Saturday, 17 December:** The **Schoenstatt Sisters** would like to invite you to join them for an evening of carol singing at the Shrine. Please bring a blanket or chairs and some snacks if you wish. Children are encouraged to come dressed as angels and shepherds. You are welcome to enjoy a picnic dinner in the grounds before the Carols commence. **Where: Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Time: 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Cost: Free - Everybody Welcome.**

**Penrith December 2016 School Holiday Cartooning Workshop: Wednesday 28 – Friday 30 December, 2016** at **Trent Street Girl Guides, Evan Street, South Penrith**. Students learn the art of illustrating through drawing, craft activities and games in a fun-filled environment. For details go to [www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au) or for enquiries phone (02) 9343 0833, 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. All bookings must be done online via email at: [bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au](mailto:bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au)

**Jackeroo Ranch School Holiday Horse Riding Camps:** Located at Bingletree Station in the beautiful Turon Valley (in the Bathurst area) Jackeroo Ranch (established 56 years) is running their popular **summer school holiday** horse riding camps. **1<sup>st</sup> Week: Saturday 7 January – Saturday 14 January, 2017; 2<sup>nd</sup> Week: Saturday 14 January – Sunday 22 January, 2017.** Shorter stays are possible if camps are not fully booked. These camps are for 'horse mad' children aged 6 to 16 years. Five to six hours per day are devoted to horse activities including a one hour lesson and three hours trail riding through the beautiful Turon Valley – with tuition still being given. As well, campers are taught grooming, saddling, haltering, catching a horse, safety aspects and many other facets of horsemanship. Previous experience is not necessary as beginners to advanced riders are catered for. We specialise in teaching nervous riders and developing their confidence. Other activities include gold panning, cattle feeding/checking, cattle mustering, camp fires and native wildlife spotting. (The property abounds with kangaroos, wallabies, wombats, wonderful bird life as well as being a working cattle farm and Quarter Horse Stud. There are Poll Hereford calves and Quarter Horse foals now being born.) This is not just a camp – it's a wonderful farm experience your child will treasure forever. Enquiries phone Mrs Pattie Hudson on 6337 7173 (nights are best). Further information at [www.jackerooranch.com.au](http://www.jackerooranch.com.au)

**This summer get active with cricket!** Cricket is Australia's fastest growing sport. It gives girls and boys of all ages and abilities the chance to get active, develop skills and have fun. This summer why don't you register your child at their local **MILO T20 Blast Centre**. Find out where you can play locally here: [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)

### Sent Home Recently

- Manners Park Christmas Tree Decorating Excursion Permission Note – selected students
- Captivate Hub School Program Note – selected students
- Year 6 Picnic Day Excursion Permission Note