

UPDATE

No. 11 Date 01/12/14 Week 9 Term 4

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!



Larissa An U	Abbey Gomez	Amber Lovric	Jack Savage
Jordan Banks	Xavier Gonzalez	Shyelo Malim-Martinez	Patrick Seymour
Eliza Barr	Jakub Grus	Finn McCaffery	Klara Trinajstic
Noah Barr	Mathew Hall	Vincent McLaren	Isabella Valle
Henry Bender	Georgia Hammond	Sophia Minale	Reece Vane
Sarah Boxall	Faith Heape-Wright	Genevieve Miruzzi	Kane Walton
Skye Boyden	Isabella Higginbotham	William Moore	Madison Williams
Imogen Carvasiglia	Isabel Hill	Liam Murphy	Joshua Williamson
Liam Clink	Matthew Hurley	Jack Reynolds	Aiden Woolley
Brianna Collins	Hayley Jordan	William Richardson	Alex Young
Aden Cullinane	Thomas Larkin	Erin Robinson	Alyssia Zagarella
Finn Cullinane	Brianna Leehy	Mia Rodemark	Darian Zunic
Jade Fiala	William Lister	Ellie Savage	Goran Zunic
Thomas Gawthorne	Lachlan Lloyd		



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Principal's Morning Tea for Effort in Learning

The following students were acknowledged at a special morning tea in Week 7 for consistent effort in all areas of their learning. **Congratulations and well done** to you all!



Riley Barglik	James Glasson	Matthew Kwiedor	Trinity Power
Thomas Brosnan	Charlotte Harris	Abigail Larkin	Jessica Press
Mya Buchtman	Maclean Hartley	Caitlin Leech	Georgia Purcell
William Bush	Gwendolyn Henderson	Danielle Leehy	Amali Rehtai
Liam Carr	Liam Hicks	Alison Lovric	Anastasia Sawyer
Cameron Cassidy	Matthew Hurley	Ella Maurer	Elizabeth Tabor
Zoe Cini	Ronan Hurley	Kate Mclveen	Isabella Trinajstic
Sophie Clink	William Hurley	Gela Moss	Rebecca Wilson
Grace Costigan	Katelyn Jones	Caitlin Murphy	Saffi Wilson
Amali Crouch	Alana Kenn	Jack Murphy	Daniel Wood
Mischa Evans	Chloe Kitching	Bronagh Pell	Tahlia Woolley
Sienna Evans			



Christmas Concert 2014

This year we are embracing a concert **theme** of Christmas in Australia through our music, narration and costume. The clothing suggestions for each grade tie in with the particular songs that the students are learning. Please do not feel obliged to invest significant time or cost in the organisation of costumes. Homemade and created from ready-to-hand materials is best. Students are encouraged to dress for the concert as follows:



Kindergarten – angels

Year 1 – outback colours (red, orange, yellow) with tinsel trim (e.g. garland or lei)

Year 2 – traditional/Biblical shepherds

Year 3 – Christmas colours (red, green, white)

Year 4 – Mary and Joseph

Year 5 – Aussie shepherds (denim jeans/shorts & checked shirts /t-shirts)

Year 6 – Magi/kings

Bus Travel for Students Entering Year 3 2015 – all applications now due back!

A **reminder** that if your Year 2 child currently has a bus pass, you will need to complete a new bus pass application for Year 3 2015 and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already returned their application. Forms are available from the office.

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Staffing 2015

Viv Llewellyn

It is with sadness (for us and joy for him) that we announce that Viv Llewellyn has decided to retire as the Music Teacher at our school at the end of this year. I am sure that all would agree that Viv's contribution to our school community has been extraordinary. He is a music teacher of incredible stature and ability. His love of, and skill in teaching music and the creative arts has help build a culture at our school in this regard that is second-to-none. His ability to engage all kids in the wonder of performance and music is a lasting gift to all students he has taught. Equally, Viv's presence on our staff has been important to our school. He is a gentleman who is always positive, kind and generous. Viv is a true professional who genuinely cares about students and staff. We are very pleased that Viv has agreed to continue to teach and conduct both our school choirs at STA in 2015. We applaud Viv for his distinguished service to our school and wish him all of God's blessings as he embarks on this next chapter of his life. **Sergio Rosato, Principal**

Staff News - commencing in Term 1 2015

- We warmly congratulate Blanche Hortense for her appointment to STA.
- Congratulations to Kylie Williamson for her appointment as classroom teacher in 2015 job sharing with Sarah Dignam.
- We warmly welcome Belinda Carroll as a class teacher. Belinda is currently at Bethany and has had a most successful two years of teaching there.
- We will also be welcoming Virginia Fortunat who currently teaches at St Nicholas of Myra to our school as a class teacher. Virginia has experience in the Broken Bay and Parramatta Dioceses.
- We also welcome Leigha Wills as music teacher at STA. Leigha is an experienced music teacher previously working in both primary and secondary schools. She currently holds a position at the Joan Sutherland Centre.

Lost Property

As we approach the end of the year we ask all parents to please check the lost property box for any items your child may have lost at the school during the term. Smaller items may be in the office.



Candy Canes at School

Students may only bring these to school on the next two Fridays if they wish. They may only be eaten at recess or lunch. Students should not be eating these at other times at school during the week. Your support is greatly appreciated.

DIARY DATES

2014 TERM 4 Week 10	Monday 8 December	Chess Competition in Hall 3.40pm Leadership Meeting	 Scan with your smartphone or tablet for more information. www.staspringwood.catholic.edu.au
	9	Chess Competition in Hall 12.00pm End of Year Thanksgiving Mass 3.40pm Staff Meeting	
	10	8.30am Staff Briefing 1.30pm Senior Ensemble to St Columba's Reports to Parents	
	11	School Band 7.00pm Christmas Concert	
	12	12.30pm Catch up Assembly & Premier's Reading Challenge	
	Week 11	Monday 15 December	
16		12.00pm Awards Ceremony – in Church	
17		8.30am Staff Briefing 12.30pm Meet the Teacher for 2015 7.00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass – in Church Last Day for Students for 2014	
18		STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE	
19		STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE Term Concludes for Staff	

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Pinnaroo Vacation Care - Open for end of Term 4 Pupil Free Days: Pinnaroo will be open for **Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December, 2014**, for the 2 end of term Pupil Free Days. Christmas-themed activities include Dough Ornaments, Ice Cream Pudding, Christmas Stocking, Christmas Hoi, Snow Domes, Angels, Christmas Tree, Christmas Looming (*bring along your boards*), Christmas foods from around the world and much, much more. Everyone welcome! Childcare benefits available. **Book now on 4754 1543.**

Counselling Course for Parents: The St John of God Institute of Counselling, established in 1969, offers a course designed to develop skills in personal growth, communication, parenting and general counselling principles. Participants can learn new skills in dealing with daily personal challenges and the issues that arise within families, the school environment and in the workplace. It is conducted on Tuesday evenings within the school term between 7.30pm – 9.45pm at Holy Cross College, Victoria Road, Ryde commencing on Tuesday 3 February 2015. The cost for the course is \$450.00 for the year with an early bird offer of \$400.00 if paid in full by the end of February 2015. For enquires please contact: Michael Hill - 9869 3774 or 0410 774 432; Carol Harding - 9639 0096 or 0408 705 848; Janelle Carlile - 0431 598 004; or Email: counselling1969@gmail.com

Sent Home Recently:

- Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease Alert (*red & white*)
- Kindergarten Restaurant note to Parent Helpers (*orange*)
- Advent Liturgy Invitation (*lliac*)

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