

UPDATE

No. 1 Date 04/02/13 Week 2 Term 1

Dear St Thomas Aquinas Families,

Welcome to the new school year! We especially welcome all our new families.

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!



Lukas Banks	Ellen Glasson	Dominick Jamnicky	Madisyn Treble
Mia Cini	Lucy Hall	James Lin-Green	Isaac Wardle
Brianna Collins	Owen Harris	Bella McSpadden	Benjamin Williamson
Finn Cullinane	Gwen Henderson	Vienna Reynolds	Aidan Wynne-Jones

Staff 2013

School Leadership Team

Principal: Sergio Rosato

Assistant Principal: Avril Llewellyn

Religious Education Coordinator (REC): Coley White

Grade Reference Teachers

These staff members are responsible for supporting teachers, parents & students:

Kindergarten: Elizabeth Bamford
Year 1: Shedden Dunnclyffe
Year 2: Coley White
Year 3: Keryne Rosato

Year 4: Avril Llewellyn
Year 5: James Costigan
Year 6: Geraldine Lohan

Home Liaison: Sister Monica Armstrong s.g.s.

Teacher/Librarian: Karen Bousfield

Sport: Ann Gippel/Robert Mullen

Italian: Jenni Wurf

School Counsellor: Jeanne Appleton

Teachers' Aides: Julie Sargent, Michelle Sadler
Diane Hall, Paula Heil

Cleaners: Helen Hinley, Shelley Slender

Maintenance: Gerry Walsh

KB Elizabeth Bamford (Mon-Thur),
Carolyn Edwards (Fri)

KL Annabelle Leroy

KM Deborah Mitchell

1D Shedden Dunnclyffe

1H Blanche Hortense

1R Jennifer Robson (Mon-Thur),
Michelle Hinchliff (Fri)

2D Maria Dodd

2S Melissa Stafford

2W Coley White

Joan Noney (Wed)

3CH Chris Chenoweth

3S Megan Strutt

Writers' Club: Keryne Rosato

Learning Support: Deborah Orford

Music: Viv Llewellyn

Literacy/Numeracy Support: Kathryn Cefai

Library Assistant: Kerri Eisenhuth

Office: Lee-Anne Brown, Kathryn Wachter
Deborah Lawrence (Finance)

4/3C Elaine Collier

4B Beth Carroll

4N Michelle Nightingale

5B Bernadette Sierra

5SW Colleen Scott (Mon-Wed),
Rebecca Williams (Thurs-Fri)

6/5M Kate Mackenzie

6C James Costigan

6L Geraldine Lohan (Mon-Thur),
Amy Blom (Fri)

K-6A Marie Gough,

Lorraine Patoulous,

Christine Smallwood (T.A.)

Fiona Oliver (T.A.)



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Congratulations and Blessings

To Mrs Beth Carroll (previously Miss O'Brien) and her husband, Peter, who were married in the school holidays. We wish them all the very best for their future together.

Opening School Mass

9.30am Wednesday, 6 February 2013

An invitation is extended to all our school families to attend our Opening School Mass next **Wednesday 6 February in the Parish Church**. We hope that many of you will be able to join us to celebrate the commencement of the 2013 school year with our Pastor, Father Paul Slyney.

Following our Eucharistic celebration we warmly invite both existing and new parents of our school community to join us for morning tea in the new school hall.

love one another

Meet the Teacher Meetings 2013

These important meetings for information sharing will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 18 and 19 February for all grades. Notes will be sent home shortly.



Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival will be held this Thursday, 7 February at Glenbrook Pool. All students in Years 3-6 will be attending. Due to safety reasons, all students must travel to the pool by bus with their class. Parents are welcome to attend the carnival. **Please return all notes by tomorrow, 5 February!!**

Procedure for Parents Visiting the School

When collecting children early or bringing them late to school parents/guardians must complete and sign a green note available from the school office. Parents/guardians who are collecting or escorting their child or visiting any part of the school for any reason must sign in at the school office and collect a visitors badge before proceeding to the classroom. The student must then take the completed form to the class teacher. **Whenever parents visit the school during school time they must sign in at the office.**

Invitation from Bishop Anthony Fisher OP

TODAY - Monday, 4 February, at 6.00pm in the Bishop Manning Learning Centre

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will address the wider Blue Mountains community at Springwood Parish about his vision and ongoing commitment to this key area of the Diocese.

He will address the pastoral life of the region, detailing the Diocesan commitment to education, pastoral care and community services in the Blue Mountains and how these services may be provided into the future.

All are warmly welcome and invited to attend.

DIARY DATES

2013 TERM 1 Week 2	Monday 4 February	12.30pm Assembly 6.00pm Bishop Anthony OP address in new hall
	5	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	6	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.30am Opening School Mass in Parish Church followed by morning tea.
	7	School Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook Pool – Yrs 3-6
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Week 3	Monday 11	12.30pm Assembly – Swimming Awards
	12	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	13	8.30am Staff Briefing 12.30pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy – Bishop Manning Learning Centre
	14	8.30am Staff Prayer
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Week 4 Meet the Teacher Week	Monday 18	12.30pm Assembly 3.00-8.00pm Meet-the-teacher
	19	3.00-6.30pm Meet-the-teacher
	20	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.30am Parish Mass – Year 2 attending
	21	8.30am Staff Prayer
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Drawing Classes for Kids and Adults: Afternoon classes for kids, evening and daytime classes for adults – **absolute beginners welcome!** This course is designed to teach the skills of drawing at an achievable pace so that you will be bringing home great artwork right from the start! Subjects include animals, portraiture, landscape, old stone buildings, birds & lots more. We use lots of different media including pastel, charcoal, pencil and watercolour pencil. All art materials are provided. \$12/hr (discount for pension card holders). Friendly relaxed atmosphere. Vanessa has been teaching drawing in the Mountains for over 10 years. For more info call Vanessa Joret on 4758 8030 or to see Vanessa's artwork, students' artwork and course outline go to www.vanessajoret.com.au

Captivate Commercial Dance Ensemble Auditions: Represent your school in dance! Auditions on **Friday 8 February 2013, 4.30pm-7.00pm, Patrician Bros, Blacktown. All styles welcome!** Learn new skills, have great training, meet new people and have some amazing workshop and performance opportunities – **FREE!** For more information go to www.parra.catholic.edu.au/captivate or email pmarkham@parra.catholic.edu.au

Sent Home Recently:

- Swimming Carnival Permission note – Yrs 3-6 (*sky blue*)
- Kindergarten Term 1 Information note (*green*)
- Bishop's Address Invitation (*pink*)
- Kindergarten Sports Uniform Change note (*yellow*)
- Opening School Mass Invitation (*pale blue*)



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