

UPDATE

No. 1 Date 21/02/14 Week 4 Term 1

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students, who received Merit Awards at this week's and last week's School Assemblies. Well done on your efforts everyone – keep up the good work!



Week 3

Isaac Bailey	Marius Edmonds	William Jones	Bronagh Pell
Noah Barr	Tia Foley	Ainsley Mann	Zoe Peters
Molly Bauerhuit	Grace Fowler	Macklin Miall	Nathan Press
Emanuel Borg	Chloe Galluzzi	Addison Miller	Grace Sato
Emma Brickwood	Harry Gilchrist	Sophie Milsom	Lachlan Steadman
Isabella Bridge	Xavier Gonzalez	Patrick Moore	Conna Taylor
Ruby Butler	Sasha Grahovac	Chelsea Muller	Jack Thomas
Mackenzie Carey	Charlotte Harris	Nicholas Neil	Isaac Wardle
Liam Carr	Matthew Hurley	Kiara Nugent	Cameron Way
Cameron Cassidy	Sebastian Jamnicky	Billie Papisotiriou	Cameron Winfield
Finn Cullinane			

Week 4

Emily Anderson	Neive DeBono	Alexander Kerkham	Keyuri Naidoo
Gabriel Bagatella	Texas Down	Odette Laurent	Annie Oliver
Jordan Banks	Jessica Ellis	Prudence Lia	Riley Pagitz
Thea Breytenbach	Max Friedland-Jaccoud	Scarlett Lia	Amelia Peake
William Bush	Benjamin Giannakis	Isabella Ligteringen	Ellie Penserini
Olivia Byrnes	Samuel Graham	Oliver Ligteringen	Mark Rubelj
Louis Caruana	Mathew Hall	Holly McIlveen	Oliver Savage
Zachary Carvasiglia	Sofia Hammond	Rose Miall	Mackenzie Williams
Alex Cullinane	Xavier Hartley	Chelsea Micallef	Callum Wulff
Ella Danks	Nyah Hutchings	Chyna Moore	Alyssia Zagarella
Jacob Danks	Hayley Jordan		



2014 Swimming Carnival

At last week's Assembly the following students were presented with awards for their success at our recent school swimming carnival. Our school swimming champions for 2014 are as follows:

	Champion	Runner Up
Senior Boys:	Daniel Kime	Michael Christof
11 Yrs Boys:	Matthew Hill	Sebastian Jamnicky
Junior Boys:	Connor Harvey	Mason Evans
Senior Girls:	Katelyn Jones	Julia Young
11 Yrs Girls:	Ellie Watson	Ainsley Mann
Junior Girls:	Olivia De La Harpe	Molly Jones

These students are part of a group of approximately 30 St Thomas Aquinas students who will compete at the Zone Swimming Carnival next Tuesday 25 February at Glenbrook Pool. Congratulations and well done to you all and best wishes at Zone. **Ann Gippel, Assistant Sports Coordinator**

Storm Birds – Professional Learning/Pupil Free Day

Next Monday, 24 February 2014

Facilitated by the Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta and the Good Grief organisation, **staff will undertake training** to equip them to facilitate the *Stormbirds* four session program. The program allows adults to learn about children's normal and natural reactions to natural disasters, and facilitate the safe and creative processes to explore change, feelings and memories, support networks, and looking toward the future with hope. The one-day workshop also allows teachers to process their own experience of the disaster and its impact on both their students and their community.

The program will enable all teachers to facilitate this program as necessary. Counselling support will be made available for individual students who require supplementary processing. The Stormbirds program was developed out of the experience of the Victorian Fires and seeks to build resilience and coping strategies in children.

More information can be found at: <https://www.goodgrief.org.au/stormbirds>



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2014 Parramatta Diocesan Team Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese in sport for this year: **Girls Tennis & Softball** – Zoe Peters (6L) and **Boys Softball** – Lachlan Maurer (5C)

We wish them both well in their sporting endeavours this year.

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.**

Medical Permission Forms for Excursions

These forms were sent home with all students recently for parents to check and update and return to school. Thank you to all those who have already returned them. We request that all forms be completed (both front and back) and returned to school as soon as possible. Your attention to this matter would be much appreciated.

Afternoon Wet Weather Pick Up

If the weather is very wet parents can collect their children from the classroom. If this is near bell time parents do not need to sign-in or use a green form as mentioned above.



Scan with your smartphone or tablet for more information.

www.staspringwood.catholic.edu.au



Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to the following families: Kavisha and Ray Naidoo on the birth of new son Keval, brother for Keyuri (2D); Heath and Alicia Borg on the birth of new son Eli, brother for Emanuel (3S) and Leo (KB) and also to Monique and Matthew Fitzgerald on the birth of new son Harry Petrus, brother to Ella (3S) and Zoe (3CH).

DIARY DATES

2014 TERM 1 Week 5	Monday 24	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (<i>Stormbirds</i> training) – Pupil Free
	25	Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	26	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.20am Parish Mass – Year 3 & 3/2C attending
	27	8.30am Staff Prayer 10.00am – 2.00pm Captivate Primary Choir in hall (Senior Choir attending)
	28	Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Band ensembles
Week 6	Monday 3 March	9.05am Cuppa & Chat 12.30pm Assembly – SRC Induction 3.40pm Leadership Meeting 7.00pm Autumn Fair Meeting in hall
	4	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	5	8.30am Staff Briefing 10.15am Ash Wednesday Liturgy in hall
	6	8.30am Staff Prayer
	7	School Clean Up Australia
Week 7 Catholic Schools Week	Monday 10 March	9.05am Cuppa & Chat No Assembly 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	11	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	12	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.20am Parish Mass – Years 4 & 5 attending 11.00am Morning Tea for Parents followed by Open Classrooms 12.30pm Assembly
	13	8.30am Staff Prayer
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Head Lice Alerts: Year 1 - We ask that all parents please check their child's hair and follow through with appropriate treatment if necessary. More than one treatment is often needed. Thank you for your support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Principal School Wear (formerly known as Sew & Save): For all St Thomas Aquinas School uniform items. The business has now moved to **Shop 2/66 Springwood Avenue, Springwood.** Phone number remains the same: **4751 3157.** Trading hours: **Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm, Sat 9.00am-12.30pm.** Sharon and Paul wish to thank the school community for their past support and look forward to seeing you at the new premises.

Sent Home Recently:

- Kinder Information notes (*mauve, blue or lemon*)
- Opening School Mass Invitation (*sky blue*)
- Autumn Fair Meeting Invitation (*gold*)
- Autumn Fair News #1 (*gold*)
- Kinder Sport & Library Days note (*lemon*)
- School Band note (*green*)
- Senior Choir note - *today*

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