

UPDATE

No. 2 Date 28/02/13 Week 5 Term 1

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!



Emily Anderson	Audrey Gauci	Isabella Luchetti	Lachlan Roberts
Breanna Banks	James Glasson	Flynn Mackay	Jayden Rook
Alice Bauerhuit	Xavier Gonzales	Ainsley Mann	Anastasia Sawyer
Patrick Bourke	Charli Goodway	Nataly Mayorchak	Luca Segedin
Marlowe Carey	Jake Gordon	Bradley McCrean	Mayah Shore
Georgia Carter	Liam Hicks	Holly McIlveen	Amelia Synnott
Zoe Cini	James Hinchliff	Jake McSpadden	Riley Thompson
Lachlan Conway	Lachlan Holman-Lee	Addison Miller	Isabella Trinajstic
Lachlan Dempsey	Elizabeth Kirkham	Annie Oliver	Hannah Ward
Texas Down	Odette Laurent	Ellie Penserini	Lachlan Williamson
Marius Edmonds	Danielle Leehy	Ryan Perryman	Rebecca Wilson
Peter Ellis	Izabelle Lockley	Emma Pospischil	Ryan Woods
Benjamin Filla			



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Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday selected students from St Thomas Aquinas participated in the Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook Pool. All students competed well on the day and were a wonderful representation of our school. Congratulations and well done to you all and especially to the following students who will now go on to compete in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival this Friday:

Annalise Della-Libera	Jenna Jones (Senior Girls' Champion)	Teneka Kime
Mason Evans	Daniel Kime	Blake Mazurek
Annabel French		

Springwood School of Music

Please address all communication re fees, changes to lessons or lesson times to Springwood School of Music after 2.30pm on 4751 3845. Thank you.

Principal's Morning Tea

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



Sophie Camilleri	Lachlan Morris	Jack Rowe	Isabella Valle
Marlowe Carey	Liam Murphy	Taleah Rust	Cameron Way
Michael Christof	Riley Pagitz	Astrid Sarazen	Elanor Williams
Jasmine Clancy	Cameron Purcell	Anastasia Sawyer	Madison Williams
Lucas Collins	Jack Reynolds	Riley Sophokleous	Chelsea Willingham
Brooke Conway	William Richardson	Samuel Turner	Saffi Wilson
Alex Cullinane			
Carmen Fiala			
Tyler Frost			
Lucy Hall			
Joshua Harrison			
Liam Hicks			
Julia Hoare			
Benjamin Huggard			
Matthew Hurley			
William Jones			
Talyka Kime			
Declan Klukow-Leavey			
Isabella Ligteringen			
James Lin-Green			
Ashton McLeod			
Rose Miall			



Mrs Ann Cook

Ann Cook, a former teacher and Religious Coordinator of St Thomas Aquinas, passed away this week after a long illness. Ann was a teacher at St Thomas' for over 2 decades and held the leadership position of Religious Educator for a number of years. She was instrumental in introducing the Peace Prayer which we still say each day as a school. Ann was a gentle, faith-filled woman who will be missed by her family and many friends. We thank her for her gift of vocation to this school community. Ann's funeral will be held next Tuesday, 5 March, at 11.00am at St Thomas Aquinas Church. **Sergio Rosato**

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FROM THE REC (Religious Education Coordinator)

Thank You and Welcome!

To the families of Saint Thomas Aquinas, thank you for welcoming me to your loving and faith-filled community. In my short time we have celebrated and prayed as a school community at both our Opening School Mass and our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Both celebrations were an indication of how strong our trust, love and faith in God is. I look forward to leading our school in prayer, formation and evangelisation in this my new role as Religious Education Coordinator.

Parish Mass Attendance

Each Wednesday a grade will be attending our Parish Mass at 9:30am. Dates of grade attendance can be found on the term calendar. This is an opportunity for our children to deepen their faith and grow closer to God. Last week, Year 2 attended Mass which was celebrated by our Parish Priest Fr Paul Slyney. Being present at this Mass, I can say that Year 2 prayed reverently and did themselves proud in this time of prayer. Thank you to the parents of our school community who also attended Mass and supported our children whilst being nourished by the Word of God. Your continued support in attending the 9:30am Wednesday Parish Mass is welcomed.

Project Compassion

Project Compassion helps fight poverty and injustice around the world. With your support, we can open doors into a better future for the world's poorest communities. \$5 of money raised via our Project Compassion Appeal could help buy a chicken for Matuba's Children's Centre to raise and sell to provide food, medical supplies and school uniforms for children in Mozambique. \$1000 dollars raised by our Project Compassion Appeal could train a rural midwife to assist women and babies in rural Bangladesh. Take the time to visit Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Website with your children at www.caritas.org.au and discover what our generous donations are doing when trying to work towards a brighter and more humane world.

Next Week - 4 things to take up this Lent - Lent doesn't always mean forbidding ourselves some pleasure. It can be an opportunity to seek the pleasure of God's presence. God Bless. **Mr Coley White**

Now Available at STA – My School Lunch Box

My School Lunch Box exists to ensure kids receive the healthiest, freshest lunches in the most convenient way. Families will benefit from the following: healthiest food for each child; made fresh each day from the finest ingredients; no preservatives, colours or flavours; convenient process for parents; kids aren't carrying cash; delivery is free; no volunteers needed.



Families can order online for next day delivery at school – Check out the great menu and very reasonable prices at: <http://www.myschoollunchbox.com.au> Flyers are also available in the school office foyer.

DIARY DATES

2013 TERM 1 Week 6	Monday 4 March	12.30pm Assembly 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	5	9.05am Cuppa and Chat 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	6	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.30am Parish Mass – Year 4 & 4/3C attending
	7	8.30am Staff Prayer
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Week 7	Monday 11	12.30pm Assembly – SRC Induction 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	12	9.05am Cuppa and Chat 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	13	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.30am Parish Mass – Year 3 attending
	14	8.30am Staff Prayer
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - a weekend for married couples: Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset your marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 15-17 March at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings - phone Ardell and Bill Sharpe on 4283 3435 or email wsharpe@bigpond.net.au or for more information visit www.wvme.org.au

"1-2-3- Magic" Evening Parenting Group: A no-nonsense behaviour management program for parents of 2-12yrs. Cost: \$5 per session (including workbook, handouts and supper). Held on **Thursday evenings 28/2, 7/3 and 14/3/13** at **Tandera After School Care, 14 Raymond Road, Springwood** from **7.00-9.00pm**. Bookings essential. Register with Gateway Family Services on 4739 5963. For more information on this and other parenting groups visit the website at www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Sent Home Recently:

- Autumn Fair – 1st note (brown)
- Term 1 Parent Calendar (lemon)
- Diocesan Sports Trial Fee note – selected students



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