

UPDATE

No. 3 Date 18/03/13 Week 8 Term 1

Dear St Thomas Aquinas Families,

SRC Induction

Last Monday we came together to induct our Student Representative Council for 2013. Through this ceremony we continue an important tradition at St Thomas Aquinas as the light of student leadership is passed on to a new group of leaders.

The SRC is comprised of students from each class in Years 5 & 6. Each Year 5 class has one representative and each Year 6 class has 3 student representatives. After discussing and thinking about the qualities of being a servant leader in their class, students in these grades are able to nominate candidates for this role.

At St Thomas Aquinas we look to Jesus Christ as our ultimate role model of servant leadership. The elected student leaders for 2013 are charged with the responsibility of doing as Jesus showed us through his words and actions. It is ultimately actions rather than words that distinguish good servant leaders. Or as St Francis of Assisi simply put it – Preach the Gospel always..... if necessary use words. Or how we can practically live out our school motto, *Love One Another* – in other words how can I make a positive difference by what I SAY and by what I DO?

So what makes a good leader? What example does Jesus give leaders in order for them to lead? During the ceremony I spoke to the students on how The 7 Gifts of The Holy Spirit empower us to carry out the calling God places on our lives. The other exemplar I shared with the students was through the painting of The Parable of the Prodigal Son by Rembrandt which is on display in our school assembly area. This depiction of this parable highlights the model of servant leadership as exemplified by the love and mercy of the Father towards his wayward son.

May God bless each one of our SRC students as they take up the responsibility to serve others and to be credible role models.

Our 2013 SRC members are:

Sarah Arnold
Michael Christof
Annalise Della-Libera
Oscar Dodd

Isabella Ligteringen
Elizabeth Makepeace
Tommy Okladnikov
Maxwell Peters

Jack Rowe
Jemma Tomes
Hannah Ward



Pope Francis

Last Thursday we received the news of the election of our new Pope, Francis. The new head of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics, who was formerly known as Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, was born in Argentina of Italian immigrant parents. Pope Francis is the first Jesuit to be elected pope. His chosen name, Francis, was inspired by St Francis of Assisi; a man of poverty, peace and lover of nature. As a school we acknowledge the charism of St Francis each day at 11.00am when we pray the Peace Prayer as a whole school.

We pray for the new pope as he commences his work on behalf of and as head of the universal Church.

Sergio Rosato
Principal

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ST THOMAS AQUINAS NEWS

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School Band

We have had an amazing response to this creative arts initiative with more than 90 students beginning to learn an instrument. A large number of students wish to learn the alto or tenor saxophone and we are still trying to get instruments for some students. We apologise to any families who have not received the saxophone yet, but we hope to rectify this situation very soon.



Tomorrow, Tuesday 19th, we will continue the lessons with Mr Llewellyn (Mrs Nicholson teaches on alternate Tuesdays) so all students should bring their instrument and book each Tuesday.

Student Excursion Medical Forms

These forms were recently sent home to all families to be checked, updated and returned to school. Thank you to all those who have already returned their forms. All forms are now due back at school, so please return them as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Thank you for your attention to this matter. **Office Staff**



Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Alison and Matthew Hall on the birth of new daughter Annabel Sophie, sister to Lucy in 1D.



Scan with your smartphone or tablet for more information.

www.staspringwood.catholic.edu.au

Springwood Project

Families seeking information about the Springwood Project, as mentioned in the Blue Mountains Gazette last week, can go to the diocesan website: www.parra.catholic.org.au for Bishop Anthony's address to the community meeting on 4 February and a fact sheet about the project. Comments and questions may also be submitted via the Contact Us page at <http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/about-your-diocese/contact-us/contact-us.aspx> or write to: Springwood Project, Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, PO Box 3066, North Parramatta NSW 1750.

DIARY DATES

2013 TERM 1 Week 8	Monday 18 March	10.20am Visit to Year 6 by Delma Horan & Phil Stewart from St Columba's H S 12.30pm Assembly 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	19	9.05am Cuppa & Chat Stage 2 & 3 Diocesan AFL Competition – selected students 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	20	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.30am Parish Mass – Year 6 attending
	21	8.30am Staff Prayer
	22	12.15pm Singing Practice for Holy Week
Saturday 23 March: Springwood Foundation Day – Choir Performance @11.30am & Parade @ 1.00pm		
Week 9	Monday 25 March	12.30pm Palm Sunday Liturgy (in Hall) 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	26	10.05am Last Supper Liturgy (in Hall) 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	27	11.40am Garden of Gethsemane for parents 12.00pm Stations of the Cross 2.15pm Crucifixion Liturgy (in Assembly Area)
	28	12.00pm Waiting at the Tomb (in Assembly Area)
	29	Good Friday – Public Holiday
Week 10	Monday 1 April	Easter Monday – Public Holiday
	2	12.35pm Resurrection Liturgy (in Hall) 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	3	9.30am Parish Mass – Year 1 attending 7.00pm Autumn Fair meeting in Hall
	4	8.30am Staff Prayer
	5	SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

COMMUNITY NEWS

Easter Sunday FunDay: Everglades House and Gardens, 37 Everglades Avenue, Leura, will be hosting this fun day on **Sunday 31 March from 10.00am to 4.00pm.** Activities include: magical face painting, live entertainment for the kids, old-fashioned games for the kids, yummy food and coffee and lots of Easter Egg hunts. Entry fee: \$10 for kids, \$5 for adults (\$25 for family of four). For transport information and program visit www.everglades.org.au

Inspector Bryson Anderson Memorial Fund Barefoot Bowling & Family Fun Day: Inspector Bryson Anderson, husband and father of 3, was killed in the line of duty in December 2012. In partnership with The Police Association of NSW and Police Legacy, an appeal has been set up to support his widow and three children. Hawkesbury Police are hosting a barefoot bowls & family fun day to raise funds for this appeal on **Sunday 14 April, 2013 from 10.00am to 4.00pm at Pitt Town & District Sports Club, 139 Old Pitt Town Road, Pitt Town.** Join us for a fantastic day with demonstrations from POLAIR, Police Rescue, Mounted Police, and the Police Dog Unit. There will also be a petting zoo, face painting, music, pony rides, market stalls, martial arts demonstrations, jumping castle, all day BBQ and a chocolate wheel with fabulous prizes kindly donated by local businesses and loads more entertainment. Enquiries contact: Vikki Jonns at jonnvik@police.nsw.gov.au or Sen. Con Day at day1jul@police.nsw.gov.au or Inspector Rode-Sanders at rodelusuz@police.nsw.gov.au or phone Windsor Police Station on 4587 4099.

Sent Home Recently:

- Paul Kelly Cup AFL Permission Note – selected students
- Springwood Foundation Day Senior Choir note – selected students (green)
- Springwood Foundation Day note (yellow)
- Year 6 Camp Permission Note
- Autumn Fair Sponsorship Letter
- Autumn Fair News No. 4 (brown)

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