

UPDATE

No. 4 Date 31/05/13 Week 5 Term 2



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!

Carla Adamson	Jack Graham	Niamh O'Connell	Samantha Schroeder
Willow Barker	Jarrod Hackney	Thaliya Okladnikov	Luca Segedin
Keegan Breytenbach	Mathew Hall	Alexis Owen	Liam Sibbald
Zachary Carvasiglia	Kate Henderson	Hayley Page	Julian Sypka
Lucas Collins	Chiara Hill	Billie Papatotiriou	Antonio Todarello
Christopher Collis	Sean Konwerski	Jack Poulter	Benjamin Tracey
Alex Cullinane	Ella Laurent	Cameron Purcell	Isabella Valle
Lachlan Dempsey	Scarlet Lia	Amali Rehutai	Cameron Way
Britney Dorman	William Lister	Lachlan Roberts	Samara Whitton
Jake Gordon	Chelsea Micallef	Grace Sato	Luke Wright
Lara Gordon	William Moore	Oscar Scanlon	Darian Zunic

Love One Another Award

Congratulations to Sarah Arnold (6L) and Thomas Manzie (5SW) who received Love One Another Awards at this week's Assembly for living out the school motto. Well done to you both.

Principal's Morning Tea for Effort in Learning

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!



Larissa An U	Holly McIlveen	Luca Penserini	Bronte Tracey
Alex Bagatella	Estelle McLellan	Jessica Press	Nathan Treble
Ayla Bogg	Joshua Mitchell	Oliver Rizzuti	Tiarnah Wanimbo
Lucy Brown	Cameron Morris	Mia Rodemark	Daniel Woods
Charlotte Burke	Chelsea Muller	Isabella Stewart	Alex Young

Ferris Carey
Lucas Claudino
Christopher Collis
Lachlan Conway
Clélia Davies
Lachlan Dempsey
Daniel Elliott
Eve Fowler
Grace Fowler
Annabel French
Matilda Gauci
Faith Gill
Filip Grus
Jakub Grus
Izabelle Lockley
Chiara Major
Ainsley Mann



Kindergarten 2014 Enrolments

A reminder that applications for Kindergarten 2014 are now due. First round offers will be communicated to families once interviews have concluded. **If you have not already returned your enrolment form, please do so as soon as possible as demand for places appears strong for 2014.**

AFL After School Clinics

Please note that these clinics are only being held on school grounds and the school is not part of the organisation of these events. Any queries or change of arrangements must be made through the AFL contact: Michael O'Grady on 0431 955 721, NOT the school office.

Morning Arrival for Students – "Kiss and Drop Area"

It has come to our attention that some parents have been stopping and waiting in this area during morning drop-off to get out of the car with their children to watch them walk across to the school or to get items out of the boot of the car etc, causing lengthy delays for other traffic trying to also use this area. **If a parent wishes to park and walk their child, they must use the marked parking spaces in the church car park.** We ask that all parents please respect the true purpose of this area (to Kiss and Drop) and **do not use it if they wish to stop for more than a few seconds.** Your support with this matter would be much appreciated.

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ST THOMAS AQUINAS NEWS

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Father Paul Slyney
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Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Joanne and Dean Perryman on the birth of new daughter Amelie Charlotte, sister for Ryan (2D).

Lost Property

We ask all parents to please check the lost property box as it is overflowing with items left at the school over the past few weeks! Smaller items of jewellery and toys may also have been handed into the office during the term. Please remember to mark all items clearly with your child's name.



School Funding Uncertainty

With a Federal Government election looming, the future funding of our Catholic schools is of great concern! There is great uncertainty about the funding of our schools coming from all sides of politics!

Some questions to ask our federal politicians:

1. When will the final financial outcomes for each of the six years of the rollout, 2014 to 2019 inclusive, for each Catholic school (both Catholic Education Commission and non-systemically funded) be known?
2. Can you explain your claim on Sunday 19 May that the average non-government school in NSW will lose \$800,000 if the new funding model is not adopted?
3. What guarantees do we have that the full funding for the model will actually be found, or delivered by 2019?
4. How can the Commonwealth predict funding for 2016 at this stage, given the 2015 review of indexation?

As a community we need to be proactive in ensuring justice for those families who choose a Catholic education and already pay up to 20% - 25% of the overall cost through school fees and fundraising (depending of which figures you choose to believe!). Will we be further penalised for saving the government money!?

DIARY DATES

2013 TERM 2 Week 6	Monday 3 June	12.30pm Assembly – 5B 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	4	Play for the Bicentenary of the Blue Mountains Crossing in Hall for K-6 Tennis Clinics – Stage 2 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	5	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.30am Parish Mass – Kinder attending
	6	8.30am Staff Prayer Stage 2 Excursion to Hartley
	7	11.35am St Columba's Missioning
Week 7	Monday 10	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
	11	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free
	12	Drama Rehearsal – Stage 3 all day in hall
	13	8.30am Staff Prayer Paul Kelly Cup Parish Confirmation – 7.00pm
	14	Camp Quality Puppet presentation

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Thomas Aquinas Girls' Uniform for Sale: One **Size 12 short sleeve blouse** embroidered with school logo - \$30.00 and **one pair Size 10 colottes** - \$30.00 (saving of \$14 on price of new items). Both items as new. Phone (02) 47 53 1120.

World Youth Day 2013 Fundraiser – Vegas 4-Man Ambrose at Springwood Country Club: The Springwood Country Club, Hawkesbury Road, Springwood will be hosting this event on Sunday 16 June, to raise funds to send Troy Gordon and Tori Moore, two local Year 11 students, to attend World Youth Day celebrations in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, later this year. **Cost is \$60 which includes entry, breakfast, lunch and prizes. Registration begins at 7.30am and tee-off at 8.45am.** Payment is requested at the time of booking. Credit cards will be accepted over the phone. The format will be Vegas Ambrose with a shot-gun start. Player numbers are limited to 144. On the day there will be Long Drive, Nearest the Pin and Straight Drive competitions. A drink cart will be on the course and carts are available at the additional cost of \$40. All money raised will go towards getting the students to Brazil. Enjoy a meal at Josh's Bistro. Bring the family and make a weekend of it and stay at the nearby Pioneer Hotel. For bookings phone the Springwood Country Club on (02) 4739 8928, Josh's Bistro – 0413 811 056, Pioneer Hotel – 0414 515 166.

St Finbar's Youth/Family Mass: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, 6.00pm at 46 Levy Street Glenbrook. All adults, children, mums, dads, singles, friends, neighbours, everyone is invited to attend our Youth/Family Mass. Bring the teens, bring the grandkids, we know they will have a great time. From May onwards, two youth groups will be running at St Finbar's Parish Centre: **the Edge Youth Group – for primary school students from 5pm – 6pm (before Youth Mass)** and **the Lounge Youth Group – for high school students from 7.30 – 8.30pm (after Youth Mass)**. Enjoy wonderful music, a terrific homily from Fr Wim, a BBQ, soup & supper and games. If any Dads are able to assist with the BBQ please call Darren Dukes on 0405 324 515 or if you are able to assist with the soup and supper please contact Cath on 4739 5763. Choir practice from 4pm. All welcome to join in. Please ask for Claire Brown. So bring a friend when you come along to enjoy the fun. **All welcome!**

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