

UPDATE

No. 6 Date 19/07/13 Week 1 Term 3

Dear St Thomas Aquinas Families,

Welcome back to a new Term at St Thomas Aquinas. It was great to see and hear the students reconnecting with friends and teachers on Monday after the holiday break. Term 3 promises to provide many exciting and purposeful opportunities for our students to learn holistically.

On Tuesday students from Kindergarten to Year 6 travelled to Tom Hunter Park for our Annual Sports Carnival. The weather was kind to us on the day and this encouraged a large number of families to attend the event and support the children.

The children participated enthusiastically and encouraged each other and their colour teams. This all made for a wonderful community atmosphere. I commend the students for their sportsmanship, conduct and spirit on the day. Many in attendance commented on this aspect of our children's behaviour.

Thank you to the large number of parents and carers who assisted with the carnival. Thank you to the entire staff that worked as a team on the day to ensure that the children were engaged and well looked after. Our gratitude to our Physical Education teacher, Ann Gippel, for her planning and coordination of the carnival.

A special mention must go again to Brad and Therese Jones from the Ori Café Springwood, who organised a fantastic BBQ as well as cakes and other refreshments. The BBQ and food always helps to make the carnival a warm and enjoyable day for all. Thank you to the hospitality team of parents who worked tirelessly to make sure we were well catered for. It was also wonderful to have Robert Mullen with us on the day as he continues to recover from his Bone Marrow Transplant.

Once again the spirit of this community shone through on the day – we are indeed blessed. (NB. Sports Carnival results will be published in our next Newsletter.)

Until next time,

Sergio Rosato

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FROM THE REC (Religious Education Coordinator)

Today each family of our school community will receive a family prayer booklet 'God is With Us'. Inside your envelope you will find a copy of the prayer booklet and a letter pertaining to the prayer booklet by our Executive Director of Schools, Mr Gregory B Whitby. *God is With Us* aims to assist parents in the family home to be leaders of prayer. *God is With Us* will also help support parents, who are the first heralds of faith to their children. **Coley White**



Autumn Fair Craft Group

The St Thomas Aquinas Autumn Fair craft group will commence next week making items in preparation for next year's Autumn Fair. They meet each Friday in the school hall from 9.05am to 11.05am. All welcome!

Family Learning Conferences

Last term information was communicated to families regarding the ongoing process of assessment and reporting. An important part of this process involves the Family Learning Conferences (FLCs) which will be held next Monday 22 July and Wednesday 24 July.

The Family Learning Conferences provide an opportunity for parents, students and teachers to discuss your child's learning development.

The focus of the Conference is identifying areas of strength and areas of development for your child, goal-setting for the next half of the year and planning how this will be achieved.

Families are reminded to access the online booking site by using the following link:

- <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>
- Enter this school event code – **KV5CA**
- Then follow the 3 simple steps to book

Please note that the booking site will remain open until 9.00am Monday morning – any changes to arrangements that need to be made after this time will need to be through the school office.

love one another



ST THOMAS AQUINAS NEWS

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Clothing Pool Change of Day

The Clothing Pool will now be open on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm to 3.30pm instead of Wednesday afternoons. Therefore, the operating hours will be Monday and Friday mornings from 9.00am to 9.30am and Tuesday afternoons. This schedule will remain until further notice.



Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Kinga and Marek Grus on the birth of daughter Veronika, sister for Filip (2D) and Jakub (KL).

DIARY DATES

2013 TERM 3 Week 2	Monday 22 July	12.30pm Assembly – 4/3C presenting 3.00-8.00pm Family Learning Conferences
	23	9.05am Coffee & Chat 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	24	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.30am Parish Mass – Year 2 attending 3.00-6.30pm Family Learning Conferences
	25	8.30am Staff Prayer T20 Cricket – selected students Greg Alexander Cup – selected students
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Week 3	Monday 29 July	12.30pm Assembly – KB presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	30	9.05am Coffee & Chat Boys Diocesan Soccer Gala Day – selected students 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	31	8.30am Staff Briefing Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm 9.30am Parish Mass – Year 1 attending Girls Diocesan Soccer Gala Day – selected students
	1 August	8.30am Staff Prayer
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Upcoming Events for Term 3:

- **Family Learning Conferences – Monday 22 July & Wednesday 24 July (Week 2)**
- **School Photo Day – Wednesday 7 August (Week 4)**
- **School Walkathon – Wednesday 4 September (Week 8)**
- **Book Fair – Week 9**
- **Grandparents Day – Friday 13 September (Week 9)**
- **Term 3 Concludes – Friday 20 September**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Drawing Classes for Kids: Vanessa Joret has been teaching art classes to kids and adults in the Mountains for over 11 years. See the website: www.vanessajoret.com.au. A New Wednesday afternoon class, suitable for 7-13 year olds, commences this term for beginners. Classes are held at Faulconbridge Public School. Places are limited so bookings essential. For more information please phone Vanessa on 4758 8030.

Brownjohn Family Funerals Free Information Sessions: Thinking of pre-panning your funeral and organising your affairs? Brownjohn Family Funerals is holding these free information sessions on **Thursday 1 August 2013** at **10.30am** and **6.30pm** at **Springwood Sports Club, Macquarie Road, Springwood**. Each session will include the following: Pre-planning Funerals; Wills and Guardianship; Financial Planning. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided. If you would like to attend one of these sessions please call 4751 5665 as soon as possible.

Rhythm of Life Singing Project: Boys and girls aged 9-16 years are invited to be involved in Blue Mountains Youth Choir's next project – Rhythm of Life. We will be joining Penrith City Children's Choir (7-13 years) for three workshops. **There are no auditions**. The first workshop is on **Sunday 4 August at Glenbrook Public School** with the following two workshops at Lawson Public School on Sunday 18 and 25 August. If you love to sing, please join us! For further information and to register, visit: www.academysingers.com.au or contact the Administrator, Liz Strasser on 0418 202 849 or bmyc@academysingers.com.au

Sent Home Recently:

- School Sports Carnival Spectator Information Note (*yellow*)
- School Sports Carnival Reminder Note (*green*)
- School Chess Excursion Permission Note – selected students
- Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm Permission Note
- Parish Sacramental Program Note to Year 3
- Chicken Pox Alert to 3CH (*red*)
- *God is With Us* Prayer Booklet and Letter from Greg Whitby (*today*)



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www.staspringwood.catholic.edu.au