

UPDATE

No. 14 Date 24/08/12 Week 6 Term 3

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

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!



Isaac Bailey	Isabella Higginbotham	Tegan Murphy	Conna Taylor
Lauren Beaton	Jacob Hodges	Benjamin Pout	Riley Thompson
William Bush	Hannah-May Jeffrey	Jayden Rook	Angus Thomsen
Alison Edwards	Daniel Kime	Grace Sato	Samuel Turner
Audrey Ellem	Brady Leehy	Tyler Scanlon	Jack Wicks
Keelan Ellis	Lachlan Leehy	Blake Sibbald	Ryan Woods
Samuel Fuller	Izabelle Lockley	Riley Sophokleous	Alexander Young
Faith Gill	Flynn Mackay	Julian Sypka	Darian Zunic
Jake Gordon	Sophia Minale		

J Rock and Wakakirri

To all our JROCKERS and families, congratulations on a fabulous day on Monday! You danced, jived and performed your hearts out and we are very proud of you all. Congratulations also on reaching Division 1 in the Grand Final in Wakakirri. What an achievement!!! Keep on Believing!

Michelle Nightingale

Year 2 Excursion to Penrith Lakes

On Wednesday Year 2 went on their excursion with some parents as well. We met Mr C (Clever) and Mr E (Excellent). We had fun activities. We went dip netting and bug hunting (with plastic bugs). There were sausage sandwiches and slushies at lunch. We saw a bush canoe and a row boat. Some birds tried to eat our food. We caught some bugs in the lake and saw them under a microscope. We all had fun. **Elizabeth Duncan 2T**

Year 2 went on their Penrith Lakes excursion on Wednesday 22 August. We travelled by bus. We saw lots of things about wet and dry environments and how Penrith Lakes was made and how we use it today. We had two guides, Mr C (Clever) and Mr E (Excellent), they were very funny. We identified different trees from their leaves, found many kinds of insects and caught water bugs when we went dip netting. Later we identified the water bugs under a strong microscope on a big screen. We even saw a funny puppet show. We had a great lunch of sausage sandwiches and a nice cool 'slushie'. We played on the grounds and had lots of fun. It was a great excursion and we learnt a lot about our local environment with natural and man-made features. Thank you to all the parent helpers on the day. **By 2S**

Springwood Vietnam Veterans' Day

Last Sunday 30 of our students participated in the Annual Vietnam Veterans and Associated forces Memorial Day. On a beautiful sunny Springwood morning these wonderful student ambassadors joined with veterans and various other representative organisations to honour the men and women who have served our nation.

The march began impressively with two Caribous flying over the march as it proceeded up Macquarie Rd to the Cenotaph. During the moving memorial service guest speaker and journalist, Sandra Lee spoke about the special role that animals have played in Australian theatres of war. The address was in honour of the other guest of honour, Explosive Detection Dog (EDD) Sarbi. Sarbi's incredible story includes being captured in action whilst on active duty in Afghanistan in September 2008 and subsequently dog-napped by Australian special forces 13 months later. During the ceremony members of our Student Representative Council laid a wreath at the war memorial in honour of veterans.

I would like to congratulate the students who were encouraged to attend this service and praise them for their exemplary conduct throughout the march and memorial service.

Lest we Forget. **Sergio Rosato, Principal**



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ST THOMAS AQUINAS NEWS

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Fathers' Day Stall – 31 August 2012

A reminder that next Friday, 31 August, we will be having a Fathers' Day Stall as part of our 2012 fundraising and community outreach. **Students** will be able to **purchase a coffee/tea mug filled with wrapped chocolates or lollies** at a **cost of \$5.00 each** for the special male in their lives.

Thank you to all those families who have so generously donated items and especially to all those parents who have been working so diligently over the past few weeks in preparation for the day.

Book Club

Issue 6 has been sent home with students and is due back to school **no later than Monday 3 September**.

Please check that order forms are filled out correctly including both the child's name and class. Credit card payments must be made online first and the receipt number needs to be recorded on the order form.



Premier's Reading Challenge 2012

A reminder that all books need to be entered onto the Premier's Reading Challenge website by 31 August 2012.

Autumn Fair Craft Group

The St Thomas Aquinas Autumn Fair craft group has now commenced making items in preparation for next year's Autumn Fair. They meet each Friday at the school from 9.20am to 11.20am. All welcome.



DIARY DATES

2012 TERM 3 Week 7	Monday 27 August	12.30pm Assembly – KL presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	28	9.05am Coffee & Chat 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	29	8.30am Staff Briefing Voice of Youth (Year 6) in the hall
	30	8.30am Staff Prayer Basketball Clinics – Years 3 & 4
	31	9.30am Parish Mass – K6A & 5/4N attending Fathers' Day Stall
Week 8	Monday 3 September	12.30pm Assembly – 1D presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	4	9.05am Coffee & Chat Kanga Cricket Regional Finals – selected Year 6 students Year 5 Excursion to Bathurst 3.40pm Staff Meeting 7.30pm Parish Meeting in hall
	5	8.30am Staff Briefing
	6	8.30am Staff Prayer
	7	9.30am Parish Mass – 4O & 4W attending Stage 2 Touch Gala Day

COMMUNITY NEWS

Support for Those Separated or Divorced: The Solo Parent Ministry provides an opportunity on the last Tuesday of each month for those whose marriage relationship has broken down, to come together with others in similar situations; the purpose is to share experiences, receive support and understanding and hopefully learn from each other. The next gathering is on Tuesday 28 August at CCSS Centre 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown, at 7.30pm. Facilitator is Sr Eileen Quade. Register by phoning 9933 0205 or emailing eileen.quade@ccss.org.au

Managing Reduced Family Finances: If you are one whose family finances have been drastically reduced due to a family crisis of one kind or another, the Solo Parent Ministry (CCSS) is holding a Seminar at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 29 August. Our CCSS Financial Counsellor, Sharon Yeh, will cover such aspects as working with a Money Plan, ways to budget, looking at options to deal with debts, how to negotiate with Creditors and more. All welcome; bookings to be made with Sr Eileen Quade Ph 9933 0205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.

Sent Home Recently:

- Catholic Outlook Magazine
- Wakakiri Grand Final Ticket Order form (*mauve*)



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Remember to note in your diary:

Grandparents Day – Wednesday, 19 September 2012

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