

# UPDATE

No. 15 Date 07/09/12 Week 8 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!

Alice Bauershuit	Georgina Jelovic	Sarah-Jane Noonan-Michels
Maxwell Blandin de Chalain	Brooke Kay Vaughan	Ciaran O'Donoghue
Keegan Breytenbach	Ebony Kent	Emily Porter
David Cant	Erin Kilner	Cameron Purcell
Grace Caruana	Declan Klukow-Leavey	William Richardson
Louis Caruana	Connor Le Breton	MarcAnthony Simone
Texas Down	Danielle Leehy	Conna Taylor
Keith Eddy	Lachlan Lloyd	Bronte Tracey
Marius Edmonds	Eamonn Luchetti	Noah Tracey
Thomas Gawthorne	Richard Martinello	Ryley Walker
Xander Hallam-Vajda	Nataly Mayorchak	Caely Waters
Isabel Hill	Blake Mazurek	Ellie Watson
Lachlan Holman-Lee	Lachlan McGrath	Justin Williams
Timothy Hurley	Andrew Moran	Alayna Williamson
William Hurley	Liam Murphy	Rebecca Wilson
Nyah Hutchings	Maddison Newbold	



## ST THOMAS AQUINAS NEWS

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### UCANN PARENT FORUM - Is your child struggling at school?

Join our discussion about assessing children's needs and ways to work together with your school to support your child's learning on **Wednesday 12 September at 7.00pm at St Thomas Aquinas School.**

#### Guest speakers:

- David Hawkins (Clinical Psychologist)
- CEO Staff (Student Services)
- Venessa Ward (ucann parent)

#### RSVP to one of the following:

- Email: [ucann@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ucann@parra.catholic.edu.au) or
- SMS 0400 477 046 or
- [Facebook.com/UCANN.info](https://www.facebook.com/UCANN.info)

★ **In order to determine the viability of this forum, please RSVP if you are attending by 11.00am next Monday, 10 September.**

For further information visit [www.ucann.info](http://www.ucann.info)



## FROM THE REC (Religious Education Coordinator)

Have a look at the new STA parish website:

<http://www.stachurchspringwood.org.au/>

Our parish has a new website. It has information about Mass times, sacramental programs, news, coming events, parish history, the parish bulletin and more. There is a wonderful collection of photos supplied by the Hurley family, which show some of the significant events and people in our parish history. Well worth a look.



### Student Fundraising

We kindly request that student fundraising for outside of school activities not take place in the school. We make this request in the spirit of fairness to all.

## Grandparents' Day

Wednesday 19 September 2012

A cordial invitation is extended to all Grandparents to attend this special day in their honour.

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| <b>12.30pm:</b>        | Assembly in the Bishop Manning Learning Centre |
| <b>1.20pm:</b>         | BYO Picnic Lunch in school grounds             |
| <b>2.05 – 2.30 pm:</b> | Open Classes                                   |

(Please bring your own chairs and picnic rugs etc) **Tea and Coffee available**

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## 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.

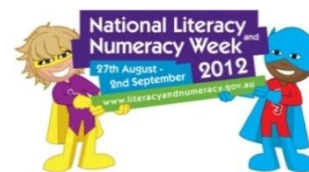


## Milo T20 Blast Cricket

Our Girls Cricket team participated in the Regional Finals last Tuesday, 4 September. There were 12 teams from all over the Western Region. With students away on excursion, our team played with great enthusiasm and team spirit. The girls were undefeated on the day winning the Regional Trophy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. This team will now participate in the NSW State Finals on Monday, 5 October at Blacktown International Sports Park. Congratulations and well done to all those students! **Robert Mullen, Sports Coordinator**

## Literacy and Numeracy Week 2012

We are continuing with this initiative run by the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation which aims to teach marginalised Australians how to read and write, specifically the 0-7years age range. Students are asked if they would like to donate pre-loved books in reasonable condition from home. Each class will keep a tally of how many books are brought in. Our Mini Vinnies Group will be involved, collecting the books and recording a school tally. Thank you to all those who have donated books so-far for this worthy cause. We will collect the books until the end of the term. After this they will be delivered to Officeworks, who are providing the transport to areas where the books will be distributed.



## Springwood School of Music Lessons

Lessons will commence for Term 4 in Week 1. Please contact the School of Music on 4751 3845 for more information.

## Winter/Summer Uniform Changeover

As the weather at this time of year is so changeable students may now wear either summer or winter uniform for the remainder of the term. We ask that parents use their discretion in determining which uniform to wear according to the conditions on the day and that either full summer or full winter uniform is worn and not a mixture of the two. Official changeover to summer uniform is the first day of Term 4. Please refer to the Parent Information Handbook for details.

## DIARY DATES

<b>2012</b> <b>TERM 3</b> <b>Week 9</b>	<b>Monday 10 September</b>	12.30pm Assembly – 5S presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	<b>11</b>	9.05am Coffee & Chat 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	<b>12</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing <b>7.00pm UCANN Parent Forum – Bishop Manning Learning Centre</b>
	<b>13</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer Principal's Morning Tea
	<b>14</b>	9.30am Parish Mass – Kindergarten attending
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Monday 17</b>	12.30pm Assembly – 4W presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	<b>18</b>	9.05am Coffee & Chat 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	<b>19</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing <b>Grandparents Day</b>
	<b>20</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer
	<b>21</b>	9.30am Parish Mass Wakakirri Grand Final – selected students <b>Term 3 Concludes</b>
<b>TERM 4</b> <b>Week 1</b>	<b>Monday 8 October</b>	<b>Term 4 Commences for students and staff</b>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Springwood-Winmalee District Girl Guides:** Vacancies exist in the following units: Explorer Pre-Junior Guides for girls aged 5-7years, Quest Junior Guides aged 7-10years and Adventure Guides aged 10-14years. If you would like to come along and try Guides please contact our District Leader, Dianne Strahan, by phone on 4751 6431 or mobile 0414 406 239 or email: [dianne\\_strahan@hotmail.com](mailto:dianne_strahan@hotmail.com) and check us out on <http://swguides.org> and our state web site <http://girlguides-nswact.org.au>

**Holiday Sports Clinic – At St Dominic's College: October 2, 3 & 4 2012 from 9.00am – 12.30pm** at St Dominic's College – Copeland St, Kingswood. Children aged 6 -13 Years (Boys and Girls welcome). Cost: \$80 (less for siblings). Coaches: Steve Muller (B.Ed PDHPE); Luke Borg (B. Ed PDHPE). The aim of this clinic is to increase the enjoyment gained from sport through the development of skills, self-confidence and positive social interaction. Participants need to wear sports style clothing and bring a water bottle and a hat. Morning snacks provided. Limited Spaces: Register by phoning Steve Muller on 0418642697 by 21/9/12.

## Sent Home Recently:

- Staff Leave Announcement to KB (*green*)
- Staff Leave Announcement to 1S (*pink*)
- NSW Bishop's Letter - today (*buff*)
- Letter from Principal re State Government Decision - today (*buff*)



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