

UPDATE

No. 21 Date 06/12/12 Week 9 Term 4

Principal's Morning Tea

The following students were acknowledged at a special afternoon tea on Thursday, 6th December for consistent effort in areas of their learning. Congratulations and well done to you all!



Lauren Beaton
Aliyah Brown
Noah Brown
Marlowe Carey
Oscar Delehunt
Gabriel Esquivel
Mischa Evans
Giancarlo Falcetta
Tia Foley
Ruby Fuhrmann
Amy Harvey
Ronan Hurley
Meg Jefferson
Hannah-May Jeffrey
Madison Johns
Brooke Kay Vaughan
Teneka Kime
Daisy-May Laws
Prudence Lia
Summer Mabon

Elizabeth Makepeace
Ainsley Mann
Aemon Marshall
Kinaya Mgaza
Emily Porter
Laura Robertson
Abigail Rogers
Oscar Scanlon
Nicholas Sirmais
Rebecca Tabor
Conna Taylor
Jorja Teuma
Lilli Thompson
Angus Thomsen

Noah Tracey
Dylan Waddell
Elizabeth Wakeling
Cameron Way
Rebecca Wilson
Daniel Wurf
Bonnie Zarb



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (PUPIL FREE)
TOMORROW - FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

Captivate Drama Performance – Monday 10 December in school hall

Next Monday our Year 5 students will be performing the play 'Marshall Armstrong is New to Our School'. The students have been rehearsing over the past few months with professional actors in preparation for the day. There will be 2 performances: Session 1 at 11.40am and Session 2 at 2.05pm (repeat of session 1). All welcome. **(There will be no assembly.)**

Follow the Christmas Star Concert – next Thursday 13 December at 7.00pm

Our annual Christmas concert will be held next Thursday commencing at 7.00pm. As in previous years, students will be encouraged to dress thematically for the concert as follows:

Kindergarten – angels

Year 1 – green clothes and tinsel

Year 2 – Mary and Joseph

Year 3 – traditional shepherds

Year 4 – jeans and t-shirt (Australian 'shepherds')

Year 5 – black clothing

Year 6 – Magi/wise men (royal colours)

Sydney Welsh Choir & St Thomas Aquinas School Choir Christmas Concert

Thank you to all those choir students who attended this special performance last Sunday and all those families who supported them. Special thanks to Viv Llewellyn who conducted both choirs. It was a wonderful occasion enjoyed by many.



End of Year Mass – next Wednesday 12 December 2012
12.00pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church. All welcome!

love one another



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St Vincent de Paul Class Hampers

Thank you to all those families who have already donated to this worthy cause. We will continue to collect items until the end of next week, 14 December.

Lost Property

As we approach the end of the year we ask all parents to please check the lost property box for any items your child may have lost at the school during the term.



2013 World Youth Day Raffle Tickets

All tickets, sold or unsold, are now due back to the school. Thank you to all those who have already returned them.

Student Sporting Achievement

Congratulations and well done to Anna Porter (3C) and Kaitlyn Fischer (6C) who recently competed in Melbourne at the National Gymnastics Clubs Competition. Their team performed very well on the day.

We also congratulate Jenna Jones (5B) on her achievements at a recent National Athletics competition in Adelaide. Jenna received 7 medals in total – 4 gold and 3 silver and attained 5 National Records. Jenna was also awarded Parramatta Diocesan Amy Winters Sports Person of the Year 2012 at a recent awards ceremony. Well done Jenna on these fantastic results!

St Thomas Aquinas Family Favourites Recipe Book 'Kitchen Creations'

Thank you to all those who have ordered recipe books. The book, titled 'Kitchen Creations', has now gone to print and will be ready before the end of the term. For those who have not ordered a book, but would still like to, extra books will be available to purchase from the office.

Springwood School of Music – 2013 Music Lessons

The Springwood School of Music is now taking enrolments for small group lessons held at St Thomas Aquinas and also St Columba's High School in 2013. Lessons commence Monday, 11 February 2013 (Week 3 of Term 1). Many children are on the waiting list. Places for 2013 can only be confirmed with an enrolment form and deposit completed and returned by 15 December 2012. Fees for group lessons are \$140.00. Avoid disappointment and enrol now! **Enrolment forms are available at the St Thomas Aquinas School office.** For further information please phone 4751 3845 (please leave message when phone unattended). Music School is located at 210 Macquarie Road, Springwood and is open 2.30-7.30pm Mon-Thurs and 2.30-6.30pm Friday.

DIARY DATES

2012 TERM 4 Week 9	Monday 10 December	11.40am & 2.05pm Captivate Drama Performance 'Marshall Armstrong is New to Our School'
	11	K-2 Safety with Pets Program incursion 2.05pm Final Assembly for 2012 in hall 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	12	12.00pm End of Year Mass Reports to Parents
	13	7.00pm Follow the Christmas Star Concert
	14	School Talent Show
Week 10	Monday 17 December	Year 6 Picnic at Blue Gum Lodge
	18	12.00pm Annual School Awards Ceremony – in the Church
	19	12.30pm Meet the Teacher 7.30pm Year 6 Graduation Mass Last Day for Students for 2012
	20	Staff Development Day
	21	Staff Development Day Term 4 Concludes

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Zany Yare, Lower Blue Mountains Youth Circus, Presents 'Split Second': The year 2012 is nearing its end and with it, the world! But DON'T PANIC! Zany Yare's beloved mad scientist, Doctor von Uckienstien, has invented a time machine before it's too late! Join him on his crazy circus adventure through time! **Two of our St Thomas Aquinas students, Elanor Williams and Ebony Manning, will be participating in the performance at Springwood Civic Centre, 106-108 Macquarie Road, Springwood, on Saturday 15 December at 7.00pm and Sunday 16 December at 1.00pm. Cost: \$15, Concession - \$10, Family \$40 (2 x adult and 2 x children). Bookings: info@zanyyare.com.au or visit the website www.zanyyare.com.au for more information.**

Music and Readings for Christmas: Sunday 16 December at 7.30pm – Massed Choir, Soprano & Tenor Soloists, Harp, Organ & Brass. Suggested Donations: \$10, \$25 Families.

Sent Home Recently:

- Head Lice note to 2S
- Final Order Form for STA Family Favourites Recipe Book (pink)
- Captivate Performance Invitation to Year 5 (lemon)
- Staff Development Day Reminder note (red)
- Excursion Note for SCG January Test Cricket Match – selected students



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