

# UPDATE

No. 17 Date 15/10/12 Week 2 Term 4

Dear St Thomas Aquinas Families,

Welcome back. We hope everyone has had a lovely break and is ready for a busy Term 4. A calendar for Term 4 will be coming home this week.

## 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!



Genevieve Blandin de Chalain	Nathan Fokes	Bridie Knibbs	Henry Rutkowski
Noah Brown	Eve Fowler	Jack Kuypers	Adam Sypka
Jack Crouch	Ruby Fuhrmann	Ayva Meadows	Joshua Taylor
Alison Edwards	Connor Harvey	Alison Menzies	Maria Todarello
Daniel Elliott	William Hinchliff	Mitchell Owen	Isabella Trinajstic
Sienna Evans	Kayla Hurley	Cameron Morris	Sarah Wilson
Giancarlo Falcetta	Erin Hutchinson	Matthew Nutland	Benedict Zierholz
Krystal-Lee Finch	Sophie Kerrison	Laura Robertson	Darian Zunic

### Student Sporting Achievement

On Sunday 30 September, some students from our school competed in the National Taekwondo Tournament at Homebush achieving some fantastic results. Congratulations to **National Gold Medalists** - Olivia De La Harpe (2S) and Grady De La Harpe (5B); **National Silver Medalist** - Annalise Della-Libera (5B) and **National Bronze Medalist** - Liam Carvasiglia (6L).

### Government Funding Cuts

On the first day of the holidays all the Principals and CEO staff met to discuss State Government funding cutbacks to Education across the state. The challenge here is that for every \$1 cut by the state, the Commonwealth cuts \$3! This will have significant implications for our system of schools. Currently, there are further discussions taking place between all parties. As more information comes to hand you will be informed.

Bishop Anthony and the CEO wanted all Principals to reassure parents that, as previously stated on many occasions, no child will be denied a Catholic School education due to legitimate financial difficulties, regardless of any implications that Government funding cuts may have for our system of schools.

### 2013 World Youth Day Raffle Tickets

World Youth Day Sydney in 2008 and Madrid in 2011 were significant events in the spiritual growth of the young people who attended. The next World Youth Day is in Rio de Janeiro in July 2013 and the Diocese is planning to support as many youth as possible who wish to go. The Diocese, parishes and schools are carrying out several fundraising events to raise funds to assist our young pilgrims. The main fundraiser will be a raffle with the 1<sup>st</sup> prize being a Toyota Yaris. Tickets will be sold through the 49 parishes and 88 schools.



This week each family who do not have older siblings at St Columba's will receive two books of raffle tickets. Bishop Anthony has asked that every effort be made to sell and return these tickets to school by 7 December 2012. Primary schools are asked to support the fundraising efforts as one day these children may have the opportunity to be a pilgrim when they are in high school. Thank you in anticipation for being part of WYD13 Rio and supporting our young people.

### St Thomas Aquinas Family Favourites Recipe Book

Last week a note was sent home to all families regarding this fundraising initiative for Term 4. Families are invited to provide recipes for this book which will be printed and bound and available for purchase in Week 8. Recipes need to be sent to the school by the end of Week 4. A price and order form will be sent home in Week 5. Blank recipe proforma sheets are available at the school office and a copy of the note with further details. Please support this initiative and help to raise funds for our school. Thank you. **The Parent Fundraising Team**

### Leave for Mr Rosato

Serge Rosato will be on leave for the next few weeks due to the illness of his wife Keryne. Serge and Keryne sincerely thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts and support at this time. Avril Llewellyn will be Acting Principal and Joanne Toohey will be Acting Assistant Principal until Mr Rosato returns to school.



## ST THOMAS AQUINAS NEWS

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## Autumn Fair Craft Group

The St Thomas Aquinas craft group has started up again for Term 4. Over the term the group will be busy making items in preparation for next year's Autumn Fair. They are currently looking for donations of any unwanted bits and pieces you may have at home such as photo frames, fabric, ribbon, jewellery (old or broken is fine), leather thong, thread, or other craft products. They meet each Friday in the school hall from 9.20am to 11.20am. All welcome!



## Autumn Fair 2013

Planning for next year's event will commence at the meeting on Wednesday 24 October at 7.00pm in the hall. All very welcome!

## Book Club

Issue 7, the first book club for Term 4 has been sent home with students and is due back to school **no later than Monday 22 October**. 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.



## DIARY DATES

<b>2012</b>  <b>TERM 4</b>  <b>Week 2</b>	<b>Monday 15 October</b>	12.30pm Assembly – 5/4N presenting Milo T20 Cricket NSW State Finals – selected students
	<b>16</b>	9.05am Coffee & Chat Diocesan Basketball Competition – selected students from Years 3-6 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	<b>17</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing Bell Shakespeare Workshops & Performance – Year 6
	<b>18</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer Years 3 & 4 Kanga Cricket Competition – selected students
	<b>19</b>	9.20am Parish Mass – 3C & 6L attending Kindergarten Pizza Day
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Monday 22</b>	12.30pm Assembly – 5B presenting
	<b>23</b>	9.05am Coffee & Chat 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	<b>24</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing Rice Day for the Missions 7.00pm Autumn Fair 2013 Meeting
	<b>25</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer 12.00pm & 12.45pm Police Band Concerts
	<b>26</b>	9.20am Parish Mass – 3CH & 6M attending
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Monday 29</b>	12.30pm Assembly – K6A presenting
	<b>30</b>	10.00am Hall Blessing & Opening Ceremony – all welcome. 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	<b>31</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing Musica Viva Concerts
	<b>November 1</b> (All Saints Day)	8.30am Staff Prayer
	<b>2</b> (All Souls Day)	9.20am Parish Mass – 2T & 5B attending

### Important Dates to Remember for Term 4 2012

<b>Autumn Fair 2013 Meeting:</b>	<b>Wednesday 24 October 2012 at 7.00pm</b>
<b>Kindergarten 2013 Parent Information Evening:</b>	<b>Wednesday 7 November at 7.30pm</b>
<b>Kindergarten 2013 Orientation:</b>	<b>(Week 7) – Monday 19 &amp; Tuesday 20 November 9.30am-10.30am</b> <b>(Week 8) – Wednesday 28 &amp; Tuesday 29 November 9.30am-10.30am</b>
<b>End of Year Mass:</b>	<b>Wednesday 12 December at 12.00pm</b>
<b>Christmas Concert:</b>	<b>Thursday 13 December at 7.00pm</b>
<b>School Awards Assembly:</b>	<b>Tuesday 18 December at 12.00noon</b> (in the Church)
<b>Year 6 Graduation Mass:</b>	<b>Wednesday 19 December at 7.30pm</b>
<b>Last Day of Term 4 2012:</b>	<b>Wednesday 19 December</b> (for students)
<b>Staff Development Days:</b>	<b>Thursday 20 &amp; Friday 21 December</b> (pupil free)

### Sent Home Recently:

- Year 6 Bell Shakespeare note (green)
- Kanga Cricket Permission note – selected students
- STA Family Favourites Recipe Book note (pink & white)



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