

UPDATE

No. 18 Date 26/10/12 Week 3 Term 4

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!



Jackson Bagatella	Jade Fiala	Summer Mabon	Riley Sophokleous
Jeremy Barker	William Forster	Julia McIlveen	Lilli Thompson
Willow Barker	Chloe Galluzzi	Lachlan Morris	Will Ticehurst
Eliza Barr	Claire Gardiner	Benjamin Murray	Antonio Todarello
Georgia Carter	Zara Gillan	Anne Oliver	Nicholas Towell
Ethan Clarke	Mia Grodzicki	Ryan Perryman	Isabella Trinajstic
Patrick Costigan	Alex Gutteridge	Alyssa Pospischil	Isaac Wardle
Luke Crouch	Jarrood Hackney	Dominique Roberts	Lachlan Waters
Finn Cullinane	Jade Hume	Kai Simpson	Aiden Wynne-Jones
Edward Davies	Hayley Kime	Lachlan Slatford	Laurence Wynne-Jones
Mason Evans			

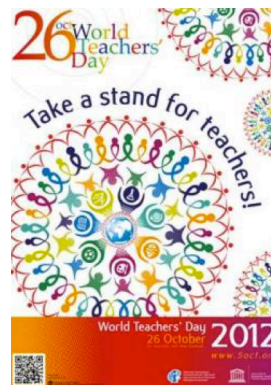
International Teachers Day - Friday 26 October

This is a day when teachers are celebrated for their dedication, hard work and commitment to the students in their care. This anonymous poem says it all:

Why God Made Teachers

*When God created teachers,
He gave us special friends
To help us understand His world and truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder of everything we see,
And become a better person with each discovery.*

*When God created teachers,
He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow so we can all decide
How to live and how to do what's right instead of wrong,
To lead us so that we can lead and learn how to be strong.
Why God created teachers, in His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world a better, wiser place.*



Hazard Reduction Smoke

Winmalee Rural Fire Brigade will be conducting a large scale hazard reduction around the area of St Columba's High School to Shelton Avenue (behind Coles), Winmalee, this weekend (weather permitting). We have been advised that there is the possibility that residual smoke will still be present on Monday. Please take the appropriate precautions if your child suffers from asthma, lung or heart conditions. For further Public Health information call (02) 4734 2022.

Hall Blessing Ceremony

Next Tuesday, 30 October, all students are requested to be in full summer school uniform, **not sport uniform**, for this special occasion.

St Thomas Aquinas Family Favourites Recipe Book

The closing date for the family favourite recipes is next **Friday 2 November**. So far, we have not received very many recipes and if we do not have sufficient, this publication will not be viable. Please send your recipes in as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Pupil Free Day – Friday 7 December

Please note in your diary this date which will be a Staff Reflection Day for all STA staff.

Autumn Fair 2013

Thank you to the families who attended the meeting last Wednesday. As part of our Autumn Fair preparations for next year, we are asking for a donation of toys appropriate to be used as lucky dips, prizes for amusements or something to go in show bags i.e. slinkies, rubber snakes, bubbles, pencils and rubbers etc. Your support will help make this St Thomas Aquinas community event even more fun for our families and friends. They will be collected during Week 4. Thank you. **Parent Fundraising Team**

St Thomas Aquinas School warmly invites you to the
Bishop Manning Learning Centre Blessing Ceremony
Tuesday 30 October, 2012 at 10.00am
All welcome!

Love one another



ST THOMAS AQUINAS NEWS

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Staff news

While Mrs Rosato is on sick leave, Mrs Kylie Williamson has taken her place in Writer's Club.
Mrs Maria Dodd is continuing to teach in 2T while Mrs Joanne Toohey is Acting Assistant Principal.
Mr Robert Mullen is taking sick leave for the rest of this year while he has treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukaemia.
Mrs Ann Gippel will be teaching PE in his place.

Please keep Keryne Rosato & Robert Mullen in your thoughts and prayers.

2012 Christmas Concert - Thursday 13 December.

As in previous years, students will be encouraged to dress thematically for the concert as follows:

Kindergarten – angels	Year 4 – jeans and t-shirt (Australian 'shepherds')
Year 1 – green clothes and tinsel	Year 5 – black clothing
Year 2 – Mary and Joseph	Year 6 – Magi/wise men (royal colours)
Year 3 – traditional shepherds	

More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta School Funding Website

www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta School Funding website has been created in response to the NSW Liberal Government's plan to cut \$1.7 billion from school education funding in New South Wales. It is vital that we continue to oppose the NSW Government's decision to cut \$1.7 billion from school education funding. Please find the 2013 Diocesan School Fees Information Sheet attached.

Wakakirri DVD

Parents may order the DVD of the show online at a cost of \$42.00 each. Go to www.wakakirri.com You will need a paypal account to order online. No ordering is done through the school. Order by 31 October 2012.

DIARY DATES

2012 TERM 4 Week 4	Monday 29	12.30pm Assembly – K6A presenting
	30	10.00am Hall Blessing & Opening Ceremony – all welcome. 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	31	8.30am Staff Briefing Musica Viva Concerts Year 5 Drama
	November 1 (All Saints Day)	8.30am Staff Prayer
	2 (All Souls Day)	9.20am Parish Mass – 2T & 5B attending
Week 5	Monday 5	12.30pm Assembly – 1R presenting
	6	9.05am Coffee & Chat 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	7	8.30am Staff Briefing Year 5 Drama 7.30pm Kinder 2013 Parent Information Evening
	8	8.30am Staff Prayer Year 1 Excursion to Sydney
	9	9.20am Parish Mass – 1S & 5S attending Principal's Morning Tea

Important Dates to Remember for Term 4 2012

Kindergarten 2013 Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 7 November at 7.30pm

**Kindergarten 2013 Orientation: (Week 7) – Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 November 9.30am-10.30am
(Week 8) – Wednesday 28 & Tuesday 29 November 9.30am-10.30am**

Staff Development Day: (New) Friday 7 December (pupil free)

End of Year Mass: Wednesday 12 December at 12.00pm

Christmas Concert: Thursday 13 December at 7.00pm

School Awards Assembly: Tuesday 18 December at 12.00noon (in the Church)

Year 6 Graduation Mass: Wednesday 19 December at 7.30pm

Last Day of Term 4 2012: Wednesday 19 December (for students)

Staff Development Days: Thursday 20 & Friday 21 December (pupil free)



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Sent Home Recently:

- Staff Leave Announcement for 2T (pink)
- Head lice note to K-6A
- Change of Kinder 2013 Orientation Dates note – (selected families)

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