

# UPDATE

No. 19 Date 06/11/12 Week 5 Term 4

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### Student Awards

**Congratulations** to the following students, who received Merit Awards at last week's School Assembly. Well done on your efforts everyone - keep up the good work!



Mackenzie Barglik	Mia Grodzicki	Christopher Manzie	Abigail Rogers
Charlotte Burke	Alex Gutteridge	Emily McMaster	Aamber Rowe
Lillian Burke	Mathew Hall	Grace Miller	Daniel Salisbury
Marlowe Carey	Charlotte Harris	Sophie Milsom	Noah Samoluk
Matthew Cassidy	Leia Hermosa	Chyna Moore	Oliver Stewart
Tara Clancy	Chiara Hill	Katie Moore	Ethan Szmytka
Samuel Crook	Kaitlin Hurley	Ryan Perryman	Conna Taylor
Britney Dorman	Isaac Hutchinson	Jack Poulter	Madeleine Teuma
Samuel Edwards	Hayley Kime	Jessica Press	Will Ticehurst
Keelan Ellis	Ryan Leehy	Georgie Purcell	Ryley Walker
Sienna Evans	Scarlett Lia	Thomas Rizzuti	Samara Whitton
Krystal-Lee Finch	Oliver Ligteringen	Lachlan Roberts	Benjamin Williamson
Kaitlyn Fischer	Bridget Lloyd-Williams	Sahara Rodemark	Luke Wright
Audrey Gauci	Luke Major		

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### Combined Catholic Schools Athletics and PSSA Carnivals – October 16 & 17

Congratulations to Mackenzie Barglik (High Jump), Ricky Martinello (Long Jump) and Jenna Jones (several Track & Field) who represented the Mackillop region at these recent State events. This is an exceptional achievement by these students and we are very proud to have them representing St Thomas Aquinas at this level.

### Rice Day for Catholic Mission – Wednesday 24 October

Thank you to everyone involved in this very successful awareness-raising event, held as part of our school focus on the work of Catholic Mission. The feedback from students, parents and teachers alike has indicated that the nominated theme of 'Reaching out in Hope to a Special Someone' was taken to heart. The amount raised by this initiative was \$654.70.

Our particular thanks to Deb Breytenbach for coordinating the team of parent helpers: Belinda Waters, Ingrid Rutkowski, Maria Falcetta, Carolyn Edwards, Helen Hinley and Toni-Maree Costigan; to all those who lent their rice cookers and to Chantal Morris, Karleen Hutchings, Rebecca Williams who helped with the cooking and serving on the day. **Joanne Toohy**



### Hall Blessing Ceremony

Thank you to all those who attended this beautiful ceremony last week. A full report will be included in our next newsletter.

### Sport

Any students in Years 4 & 5 who play tennis, softball or basketball at representative level and would like to try out for the Parramatta Diocesan teams nomination forms are due no later than this Friday 9th November 2012.

#### TENNIS:

Tuesday 13th November @ 12pm  
Nepean District Tennis Association,  
Cnr Castlereagh Rd & Gt Western Highway, Penrith

#### SOFTBALL:

Thursday 22nd November @ 4pm  
Stanhope Garden Softball Centre,  
Stanhope Parkway, Stanhope Gardens

#### BASKETBALL:

Tuesday 27th November @ 4pm  
Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre,  
Herbert St Cambridge Park  
Please see the office for the nomination forms

**Reminder:**  
**Staff Development Day**  
**(Pupil Free)**  
**Friday 7 December**

### Staff News

In 2013 Mrs Joanne Toohy, class 2T teacher and Religious Education Coordinator, will be taking a year's leave. Part of that year will be undertaking some educational research through the Australian Catholic University. The temporary REC position for 2013 will be advertised shortly.

### Kindergarten 2013 Parent Information Evening

A reminder that this meeting will be held this Wednesday, 7 November at 7.30pm in the hall.

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## Students Not Returning for 2013

The school is currently interviewing families for enrolment for 2013. Places are limited in some grades. To enable the school to plan appropriately we would appreciate families of students in Grades K-5 who are not returning in 2013 to please notify the school in writing as soon as possible. Your timely attention to this matter would be much appreciated as the implications regarding staffing and resourcing by the Catholic Education Office stem from accurate enrolment numbers.

## Class Placements for 2013

At this time of year, the school commences the process of placing students in classes for the following year. If you have a reasonable request for a placement for your child for 2013, you are required to put the request in writing stating child's name, child's present class, your request and the reason for the request.

NOTE: It is important that parents understand this is not an opportunity to request a specific teacher as your child's class teacher for next year. Teachers will not be assigned classes for 2013 until mid-December. Class lists will be formed first and then teachers assigned to the classes.

Requests may relate to special needs, pastoral care, wellbeing needs or the like. **No absolute promises regarding class placements can be made by the school. Please be assured that the best interests of the children will be carefully and professionally considered by teachers as they form class groupings for 2013.**

There are MANY factors which affect the placement of students. Parental requests are only one of the issues to be taken into account. The school has a highly rigorous process in place which carefully considers all these factors before placing a student in a class.

For requests to be considered, they must be received at the school office **no later than Friday, 16 November, 2012. Please note that no requests will be considered after this date.**

## St Thomas Aquinas Family Favourites Recipe Book

The final day to send in recipes will be this Wednesday, 7 November.

## International Teachers Day

Many thanks to the parents who supplied a beautiful morning tea for this occasion. The staff really appreciated your recognition.

## DIARY DATES

<b>2012</b> <b>TERM 4</b> <b>Week 5</b>	<b>Monday 5 November</b>	12.30pm Assembly – 1R presenting
	<b>6</b>	9.05am Coffee & Chat 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	<b>7</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing Year 5 Drama <b>7.30pm Kinder 2013 Parent Information Evening</b>
	<b>8</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer Year 1 Excursion to Sydney
	<b>9</b>	9.20am Parish Mass – 1S & 5S attending Principal's Morning Tea
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Monday 12</b>	12.30pm Assembly – 6L presenting
	<b>13</b>	9.05am Coffee & Chat 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	<b>14</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing 10.30am Reconciliation – 6L Year 5 Drama
	<b>15</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer
	<b>16</b>	9.20am Parish Mass – 1D & 5/4N attending Drinks & Popcorn Day

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Gateway Family Services Parenting Course:** Barry Palm presents “**Step...by...Step**”, “**12 Practical Steps to nurture your child's developing mind**”. Barry draws upon the outstanding work of renowned Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, Dr Daniel Siegel to - help parents be confident in establishing positive life-long relationships with their children and help children to thrive in every way. **When:** Monday evenings 12/11, 19/11 & 26/11/12 from 7.00pm-9.00pm. **Where:** Gateway Family Services, 70 Old Bathurst Road, East Blaxland. **Cost:** \$5 per session (includes handouts and supper). To register phone Gateway Family Services on 4739 5963.

**Glenbrook Spring Festival Concert – Organ & Brass:** This **Sunday, 11 November** at **3.00pm**, at **St Finbar's Catholic Church**, 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook. Robert Ampt – Organ; Sydney Brass; Paul Goodchild – 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet. Suggested donation \$15, accompanied children free.

## Sent Home Recently:

- Year 6 PDHPE note (*lilac*)
- Year 2 Design & Make note
- Year 1 Art Gallery Excursion note



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