

UPDATE

No. 20 Date 26/11/12 Week 8 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!



Alex Bagatella	Jake Gordon	Ella Maurer	Taleah Rust
Mollie Bauerhuft	Angus Hayden	Blake Mazurek	Toby Samoluk
Lauren Beaton	Mason Haynes	Holly McIlveen	Tyler Scanlon
Michelle Bird	Jade Hume	Evey McLaren	MarcAnthony Simone
Ferris Carey	Matthew Hurley	Olivia Morrissey	Riley Sophokleous
Liam Carr	Daniel Isaac	Chelsea Muller	Steffani Sroczyński
Liam Carvasiglia	Hayley Kime	Ethan Muller	Laurence Szentkuti
Lachlan Dempsey	Dylan King	Ryan Mulvaney	Emma Szymtka
Britney Dorman	Ella Laurent	Ehren Natter	Samuel Turner
Mikaela Douglas	Brady Leehy	Ciaran O'Donoghue	William Turner
Mischa Evans	Brianna Leehy	Thaliya Okladnikov	Eden Vassallo
Zac Farley	Christian Lia	Jordan Pagitz	Kane Walton
Benjamin Filla	Prudence Lia	Billie Papisotiriou	Tiarnah Wanimbo
Claire Gardiner	Izabelle Lockley	Ryan Perryman	Cameron Waters
Thomas Gawthorne	Chiara Major	Orion Pick	Elanor Williams
Loralei Gill			



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FROM THE REC (Religious Education Coordinator)

Christ the King - 25 November 2012: one liturgical year gives way to another

The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of Year B in the Liturgical calendar. It is a celebration of the 'kingship' of Jesus, a reign based not on wealth and power, but on justice and peace. The Gospel reading (Jn 18:33-37) recounts the conversation between Jesus and Pontius Pilate. Pilate sees Jesus' claim to kingship as a direct threat to his own political rule as Gregory Sunter explains:

Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. (<http://liturgyhelp.com.au>)



As Year B draws to a close it is timely to focus on these aspects of the kingdom of God and our contribution towards its coming.

NB. On Sunday Dec 2nd 2012 we begin Advent Year C in the liturgical cycle. **Joanne Toohey**

Drinks & Popcorn Sale

The drinks and popcorn sale was most successful and raised \$344.00 for our school. Thank you to all families for your support and especially to all the parents who assisted in any way.

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

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 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.

Student Absences

It is a legal requirement that all student absences are explained. Notes will be coming home to parents regarding any unexplained absences over the last 2 terms. All absences and partial absences will appear on student reports.

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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.



Sydney Welsh Choir & St Thomas Aquinas School Choir Christmas Concert – 2 December 2012

A special concert featuring the Sydney Welsh Choir and the St Thomas Aquinas School Choir, conducted by Viv Llewellyn, will be held on **Sunday, 2 December 2012 at 2.00pm** at the **Bishop Manning Learning Centre, St Thomas Aquinas School**. The concert will include Christmas music and carols and the choirs will sing a piece together in Welsh. **Tickets:** \$20 each, \$10 for children under 12. Phone 4754 2554 or 4739 0384 (AH) or tickets available at the door. Proceeds from this concert will help to support our pilgrims to World Youth Day in Rio 2013.

Library News

All library books and readers should be returned to school as soon as possible. Borrowing from the library for this year has now finished.



Scan with your smartphone or tablet for more information.
www.staspringwood.catholic.edu.au

DIARY DATES

2012 TERM 4 Week 8	Tuesday 27 November	9.05am Coffee & Chat (Final for 2012) 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	28	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.30am-10.30am Kinder 2013 Orientation Year 5 Drama 10.30am Reconciliation – 6C
	29	8.30am Staff Prayer 9.30am-10.30am Kinder 2013 Orientation
	30	9.20am Parish Mass – 2S, 5/4N & 6C attending
Sunday 2 December		Sydney Welsh Choir with St Thomas Aquinas School Choir in Hall
Week 9	Monday 3 December	School Chess Competition
	4	9.05am Coffee & Chat School Chess Competition 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	5	8.30am Staff Briefing Year 5 Drama 10.30am Reconciliation – 6M Year 3 Incursion - Travelbugs
	6	8.30am Staff Prayer Principal's Morning Tea
	7	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free

Important Dates to Remember for Term 4 2012

End of Year Mass:	Wednesday 12 December at 12.00pm
Follow the Christmas Star Concert:	Thursday 13 December at 7.00pm
Year 6 Picnic Day:	Monday 17 December (Blue Gum Lodge)
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)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Positive Partnerships - Autism Spectrum Free One-day Parent Workshop: The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Helping Children with Autism package. The Workshop, **2012NSWPC11**, will be held on **Thursday 6 December** at **Rooty Hill RSL, 55 Sherbrooke Street, Rooty Hill**, from **9.00am – 4.30pm (registration from 8.15am)**. Registrations may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are available, but to avoid disappointment we recommend you register early. Online registrations preferred at www.positivepartnerships.com.au. For further information phone 1300 881 971.

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:

- Bishop Anthony's Statement re Royal Commission into Child Abuse (*blue*)
- Invite to Advent Liturgy (*purple*)
- Band Workshop & Concert note – selected students (*pink*)
- Sydney Welsh Choir Concert note – choir students only (*green*)

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