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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!



Justice Barnes	Keith Eddy	Bridie Le Breton	Tara Slowey
Alice Bauerhuit	Alison Edwards	Will McLaren	Michaela Teuma
Caleb Blick	Keelan Ellis	Madison Micallef	Riley Thompson
Sara Carlin	William Forster	Ethan Muller	Dayne Vassallo
Louis Caruana	Audrey Gauci	Keiran Murphy	Jack Vesperman
Patrick Costigan	Caitlin Graham	Liam Murphy	Patrick Wakeling
Samuel Crook	Lucy Hall	Ryan Perryman	Matthew Ward
Finn Cullinane	Cameron Hampson	Anna Porter	Caely Waters
Benjamin Dack	Bradley Hickey	Emily Porter	Darcy Weston
Edward Davies	Daniel Kime	Zac Reichel	Jesse Wiggins
Lachlan Dempsey	Dylan King	Sarah Robertson	Mackenzie Williams
Ptolemy Dickenson	Justin Kralj	Hannah Roots	Saffi Wilson
Wyatt Dunlop	Ned Lawlor		



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Muffi for SIDS – Next Friday, 29 June

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of SIDs and Kids Red Nose Day. We will be holding a muffi-day on 29 June (**last day of Term 2**) in support of this worthwhile cause.

Students are encouraged to donate a gold coin/s and wear something red on the day. Please note that muffi clothes need to be appropriate to class and playground activities. Closed shoes and hats are essential. With thanks. **Joanne Toohy**



J Rock and Wakakirri Request

The cast and crew of J Rock and Wakakirri are sending out an S.O.S. for any old, scratched CDs that are no longer of use. These CDs will be used as part of our props and will fulfil the 'recycle, reuse' element of our performance. Any old and ruined CDs (as they won't be coming back) can be sent to the library and will be greatly appreciated.

Lost Property – Urgent!

As Term 2 concludes next week we ask that parents **please check the lost property box** if your child has lost any items at the school during the term. The box is currently overflowing with items of clothing, toys and other student belongings.



Shortly, the box will be cleared out and any unclaimed items will be either washed and placed in the clothing pool or disposed of. Please remember to mark all of your child's items clearly with their name. Thank you for your cooperation.



Italian Forum

This term the children in Year 6 have constructed written passages about themselves in Italian. These were major pieces of work, using words and phrases that the students have learnt over a number of years. Below are two examples of their work.

Mi chiamo Sofia. Ho undici anni. Faccio la sesta. Abito a Springwood. Ho i capelli castani, i capelli ricci ed i capelli lunghi. Sono bassa e ho gli occhi verdi. Mi piace giocare a calcio e leggere. Mi piace ascoltare la musica.

My name is Sophie. I am eleven years old. I am in Year 6. I live in Springwood. I have brown, curly, long hair. I am short and I have green eyes. I like to play soccer and to read. I like to listen to music.

Sophie Breytenbach (6L)

Mi chiamo Giustino. Ho undici anni. Faccio la sesta. Sono alto e ho i capelli castani. Ho anche gli occhi verdi e le lentiggini. Mi piace leggere e cantare. Mi piace anche giocare i giochi elettronici ed ascoltare la musica.

My name is Justin. I am eleven years old. I am in Year 6. I am tall and I have brown hair. I also have green eyes and freckles. I like to read and to sing. I also like to play computer games and to listen to music.

Justin Fokes (6M)

Jenny Wurf, Teacher of Italian

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Raising Exceptional Kids

In the coming newsletters we will be including some information on **Building Resilience** from Australia's leading parenting expert, Michael Grose (who appeared on Channel 9's The Today Show).

Some kids are resilient by nature – their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. You know those kids. They get straight back up after a setback or disappointment. Rejection in the playground doesn't faze them. Unfortunately, not every child has such natural resilience.

The good news is that most of the research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their kids.

Resilient kids share four basic skill sets – independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection.

For further information go to www.parentingideas.com.au

CHIPS & POPCORN SALE – Tuesday 26 June



Next Tuesday, 26 June, students will be able to purchase a packet of chips or popcorn, at a **cost of 50cents each**, at recess time. All money raised will be added to funds raised at our Autumn Fair earlier this term. Thank you for your support.



PARISH NEWS

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Family Groups

We are called by the Gospel and our School motto to love one another. You may consider joining a Family Group which is one way for people to get to know others so we can live out this message more easily. Families new to the Christian Community would enjoy Family Groups especially. Contact the Parish Office on 4754 1052 or Dennis Farrar on 0425 209 840.

Sacramental Program

Fr Paul Slyney invites children of the Parish from Year 3 and above to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation followed by First Communion in 2012. One parent/carer for each Child is required to attend two compulsory information meetings on Wednesday 18 July and Wednesday 25 July, both at 7pm in the Bishop Manning Learning Centre at St Thomas Aquinas Primary School. Children are not required at these meetings. The Reconciliation program consists of children being taught at home by their parent/carer, and a weekly 45 minute meeting with other children in the program. In order to receive the Sacrament of Communion in 2012, children must first complete the Reconciliation program in 2012. Enquiries sta@internode.on.net or phone 4754 1052.

Changes to Mass Times and Reconciliation

A reminder that **the Sunday weekly 9.30am Mass has now permanently changed to commence at 9.45am**. Reconciliation will no longer be available on Saturday evenings, but rather by appointment. These changes are necessary for Fr Paul to attend to Lawson Parish as well as Springwood. Sincere apologies for any inconvenience.

DIARY DATES

2012 TERM 2 Week 10	Monday 25 June	11.05am Principal's Morning Tea – selected students 12.30pm Assembly 3.00-8.00pm Family Learning Conferences
	26	9.05am Coffee & Chat Stage 2 Boys Soccer – selected students 11.05am Chips & Popcorn Sale 3.00-8.00pm Family Learning Conferences
	27	8.30am Staff Briefing Stage 2 Girls Soccer – selected students Greg Alexander Shield Rugby – selected students 2.00pm "A Bus Called Heaven" performance by St Columba's students – for Years K-2 in Assembly Area
	28	8.30am Staff Prayer Year 3 Excursion to The Rocks, Sydney
	29	9.30am Parish Mass Mufti for SIDS & Kids Term 2 Concludes
TERM 3 Week 1	Monday 16 July	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free
	17	Term 3 Commences for Students 9.05am Coffee & Chat 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	18	8.30am Staff Briefing
	19	8.30am Staff Prayer
	20	9.30am Parish Mass

Sent Home Recently:

- Captivate Rehearsal Details note – selected students (*orange*)
- Aauinas Court Celebration Choir note – selected students (*pale blue*)
- Mufti for SIDS and Kids NSW note (*red*)
- Student Semester 1 Reports

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