

# UPDATE

No. 7 Date 30/08/13 Week 7 Term 3



## 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!

Sarah Arnold	Frank Dyer	Julia Hoare	Alexis Owen
Isaac Bailey	Luke Edwards	Matthew Hurley	Darcy Rafter
Mackenzie Barglik	Bethany Evans	Elizabeth Kerkham	Kristian Rosenblum-Webster
Zachary Birch	Benjamin Filla	Sean Konwerski	Tyler Scanlon
Makayla Boere	Grace Fowler	Matthew Kwiedor	Luca Segedin
Noah Brown	Loralei Gill	Thomas McGrath	Micah Segedin
Ysobel Challice	Abbey Gomez	Vincent McLaren	Hayley Shiels
Oliver Clancy	Xavier Gonzalez	Chelsea Micallef	Mayah Shore
Reid Clarke	Mathew Hall	Addison Miller	Emily Trent
Christopher Collis	Finn Hartley	Jack Murhpy	Andrew Young
James Croucher	William Hinchliff	Dylan O'Flanagan	

## Love One Another Award - correction

Congratulations to Lara Gordon who also received a Love One Another Award at last week's Assembly for living out the school motto. Well done Lara.

## Principal's Morning Tea – correction

We would like to also add Tara Clancy and Isabel Dyer to our Principal's Morning Tea recipients from our last Newsletter. Well done to you both for your efforts in learning. Our apologies for omitting this and the above item from our last Newsletter.

## STA Walkathon 2013 – next Wednesday, 4 September

The Walkathon will be held on **Wednesday 4 September commencing at 9.15am** starting from school on a course that loops around Winmalee. Sponsorship cards and information were sent home recently.

This venture promises to be not only an important fundraiser, but also an exciting community-building event. All students are able to participate and contribute to raising funds to purchase further technology resources for use in the classroom, such as electronic whiteboards & ultra short-throw data projectors in learning spaces.

There are some excellent prizes available for students such as an Apple iPad for the individual student who raises the most funds. Other incentive prizes will include a range of items, gift vouchers for each grade and a special class lunch with the Principal for the class that raises the most funds. Our sincere thanks to Tracey Arnold of Tracey Arnold & Associates Lawyers for her generous sponsorship of this event and contribution towards the prizes.

In order to achieve our goal of \$25,000 we need to have every family working together to make the Walkathon a resounding success. To do this we require volunteers to assist in various areas such as:

- Walking with classes (assisting teachers with student supervision on the walk)
- Water stations
- Barbeque
- Traffic and Safety

Parents and carers can volunteer by booking online at:

- ✓ <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>
- ✓ Event Code: **BHMK3**

Extra sponsorship cards can be obtained from the office on request. **All money collected is to be returned to school by Friday 13 September.** We thank you in anticipation for your good-will and help to make our STA Walkathon 2013 a great success!

## School Sports Uniform

A number of students have been wearing incorrect sports uniform recently. In keeping with our Uniform Policy a reminder that our **Sports** uniform consists of:

- Navy blue school sports shorts or long navy school sports track pants (no displayed brand-names, logos or stripes and not too tight).
- School sports shirt.
- Joggers that are **predominately white**. No Fluoro or multi-coloured shoes are permitted.
- **White shoelaces** only.
- Short white socks.

We believe that by encouraging students to take pride in themselves and their appearance we are promoting school spirit, self-esteem and a sense of belonging to the St Thomas Aquinas school community. Thank you for your support with this matter.

*love one another*

## ST THOMAS AQUINAS NEWS

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Father Paul Slyney  
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## St Thomas Aquinas Parish – Celebrate and Connect Sunday

The Parish will be hosting this special celebration of our local faith community after 9.45am Mass on **Sunday 8 September** at the School Hall (Bishop Manning Learning Centre) and grounds. The celebrations will consist of various entertainment items such as an Irish Band, a Dance Troupe as well as musical contributions from students of St Columba's High School and our own Junior Choir (a note went home today for the Junior Choir).

There will be a free barbeque and refreshments for all. Families are asked to bring either a salad or something sweet to share and supply their own cutlery and crockery. Weather permitting it will be a great day for a picnic lunch, so also bring rugs or folding chairs.



### Autumn Fair Craft Group

The St Thomas Aquinas Autumn Fair craft group has now commenced making items in preparation for next year's Autumn Fair. They meet each Friday in **Sr Monica's Room** from 9.05am to 11.05am. All welcome!

### Book Club

Students have been given the second book club magazine for Term 3 (Issue 6). **All orders must be returned by next Monday 2 September.** 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.



### Head Lice Facts

A number of cases of head lice have been reported in the school this term. In light of this parents may find the following information helpful for effective treatment and eradication of this problem.

Anyone can get head lice. People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. They cannot jump or fly, only crawl. Head lice eggs are small (the size of a pinhead), are whitish brown in colour and oval. The adult lice are about 2-4mm long and are dark coloured. Eggs are laid on the hair shaft close to the scalp. The egg is called a 'nit'. The louse emerges after 6-7 days and reaches adulthood 10 days later.

The following results from a survey conducted by NSW Health shows that:

- About 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- Anyone can acquire head lice regardless of age, gender or cleanliness of hair.
- Head lice can move from one person's head to another via hair
- Head lice have a short survival life after they are released from a person's head

**No one treatment kills all of the eggs.** Wash pillowcases in hot water and wash other bed linen and hats etc that have been in contact with the head. Tie back long hair to prevent spread of head lice. Daily combing of hair using a fine tooth comb and white conditioner is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs. **Persistence is the key.**

**KM Assembly** – Parents please note this will now be held on the last Monday of Term 3, 16 September, instead of 2D.

**Save the date!**

### DIARY DATES

<b>2013</b> <b>TERM 3</b> <b>Week 8</b>	<b>Monday 2 September</b>	12.30pm Assembly – 1D presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	<b>3</b>	9.05am Coffee & Chat 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	<b>4</b>	<b>School Walkathon</b>
	<b>5</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer
	<b>6</b>	Stage 2 Touch Football – selected students
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Monday 9</b>	12.30pm Assembly – 2W presenting 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	<b>10</b>	9.05am Coffee & Chat 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	<b>11</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.30am Parish Mass – Year 6 attending 7.00pm First Reconciliation
	<b>12</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer
	<b>13</b>	<b>Grandparents Day</b>

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Rainbow Pre-school Open Day 2013:** "A top quality pre-school education within a natural bushland setting", Rainbow Preschool, will be holding their annual Open Day at **53 Singles Ridge Road, Winmalee** on **Saturday 7 September** from **1.00pm – 3.00pm**. Join us for a sausage sizzle and visit to see what we have to offer your child. All welcome! For more information phone 4754 4910 or visit the website at [www.rainbowpreschoolwinmalee.com](http://www.rainbowpreschoolwinmalee.com).

#### Sent Home Recently:

- Walkathon Permission Note
- Head Lice note to Kindergarten
- Milo Blast Cricket Permission Note – selected students
- Influenza B Alert (red & white)
- Junior Choir Note re Celebrate & Connect Sunday (green) - today



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