



NEWSLETTER

No. 2 Date: 04/03/2020 Week 6 Term 1



ST THOMAS AQUINAS

Primary Springwood

OPEN DAY

25 March 9:30am-11:00am
and 2:00pm-3:00pm

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – MONDAY 27 APRIL

A Staff Development Day has been scheduled for Monday 27 April (**Week 1 of Term 2**) when all teaching staff will be engaged in professional learning.

Due to this professional learning Monday 27 April will be a PUPIL FREE day.

Therefore, the **first day of Term 2 for students will be Tuesday 28 April.**

School Peace Prayer

Each day, before recess, students and staff at our school recite the School Peace Prayer – the Prayer of St Francis:

*Lord
Make me a gentle person,
Who brings your peace to other people.
Where people are sad,
Let me bring joy.
Where people are lonely,
Let me bring friendship.
Where people are hurtful,
Let me bring forgiveness.
For it is in giving that we receive,
And it is in service to others
That we become more like Christ.
AMEN*



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Zone and Diocesan Swimming Carnivals 2020

On Tuesday 18 February, 32 of our students competed in the Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook Pool. All swimmers swam admirably with several students, including all four of our relay teams, being selected to represent Nepean Zone at the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival, on 20 February at Blacktown Swim Centre. Despite the quick turnaround, all eighteen of our swimmers who made this next level swam extremely well, especially against some stiff competition.

We congratulate all of the children who were selected for these carnivals, not only for their overall performances but also for the great sportsmanship that was displayed throughout both days. We'd also like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents, grandparents and guardians who were able to attend. They all offered wonderful support at both carnivals and we are sure that they are as intensely proud of their children as we are.

The following students shone at our school carnival and received their trophies and medallions at our extraordinary assembly held on Friday. An amazing achievement to these swimming athletes for being named Swimming Age Champions and Runners Up for 2020.

Boys

Junior Boys Champion: Sebastian Hickey
Junior Boys Runner Up: Dylan Cantwell
11 Years Boy Champion: Lachlan McAlpine
11 Years Boy Runner Up: Will Ghata
Senior Boys Champion: Zachary Croyston
Senior Boys Runner Up: Samuel Moore

Girls

Junior Girls Champion: Isla Croyston
Junior Girls Runner Up: Maeve Sullivan
11 Years Girls Champion: Ella Holdsworth
11 Years Girls Runner Up: Amelia Steadman
Senior Girls Champion: Ruby Roberts
Senior Girls Runner Up: Kiahna Koutsonikolis



Congratulations to the following students:

School Team: Lucas Brown, Bella Cantrell, Dylan Cantwell, Isla Croyston, Zachary Croyston, Will Ghata, Sebastian Hickey, Jessie Hicks, Ella Holdsworth, Pepper Hughes, Elise Hurley, Kayden Jeffers, Liam Keogh, Hugo Koutsonikolis, Kiahna Koutsonikolis, Luke Malone, Lachlan McAlpine, Ella Mecham, Madison Moore, Sam Moore, Sunnee Murtikos, Dmitry Pochukaev, Maria Pochukaeva, Charlotte Priest, Alana Prior, Ruby Roberts, Florence Rooney, Natasha Springgett, Amelia Steadman, Maeve Sullivan, Hamish Wills and Lola Wyld.

Nepean Zone Representatives: Dylan Cantwell, Isla Croyston, Zachary Croyston, Sebastian Hickey, Jessie Hicks, Kayden Jeffers, Kiahna Koutsonikolis, Hugo Koutsonikolis, Lachlan McAlpine, Maeve Sullivan, Hamish Wills, Lola Wyld, Sunnee Murtikos, Pepper Hughes, Ella Holdsworth, Bella Cantrell and Will Ghata.

Report from the Student Representative Council (SRC)

On Thursday 20 February our 2020 Student Representatives experienced a leadership session with Tim Powell from *Values for Life*. We would like to share some important insights that we gained from this wonderful experience with our wider school community.

After Tim introduced himself, he talked about the qualities of a leader and the fact that it is not just about yourself. Tim taught us many games to improve our teamwork and leadership skills. The first game involved the whole SRC team. The game was called Zoom, where the cards "zoom-out" starting from small objects to larger objects in ascending order. Zoom required us to work as a team and use our communication skills. It took us about seven minutes to sort the cards in order. In this game, we learned how to work as a team and that we were all the pieces of the puzzle.

We also played a game that encouraged us to work as a team. It involved tapping each other on the shoulders repeatedly with both players getting points. Tim told us, that at a different school, there were two girls who scored around about 35 points! We were all amazed at such a high score and asked how they did it, and he said that he was amazed as well and the way they did was with teamwork. The learning that we took away from this activity was the importance of teamwork and that it is not just about the badge, but about the leadership and always challenging yourself to be the best person you can possibly be.

We also got to watch snippets of the movie *The Lorax* by Dr Seuss. It explained how one person can positively change a negative situation. This showed us, that there's always a chance to change a situation, even with just one voice.

Thank you from the SRC to STA for this experience and to Tim Powell from *Values for Life* for teaching us the core values necessary for being in a leadership role. **Student Representative Council**

Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC)

Families wishing to enrol their child/ren in or enquire about COSHC can phone **Kelly Travers, STA COSHC Manager, on 0400 253 528** or email to coshcstthomasspringwood@parra.catholic.edu.au. Enrolment is **done online**. All enquiries and enrolment are dealt with directly by COSHC. For an enrolment form please click on the link provided here. Please note that the enrolment period may take 10 days prior to your child commencing.



2020 STA Student Representative Council with Tim Powell



2020 COSHC
Enrolment Form V6.1

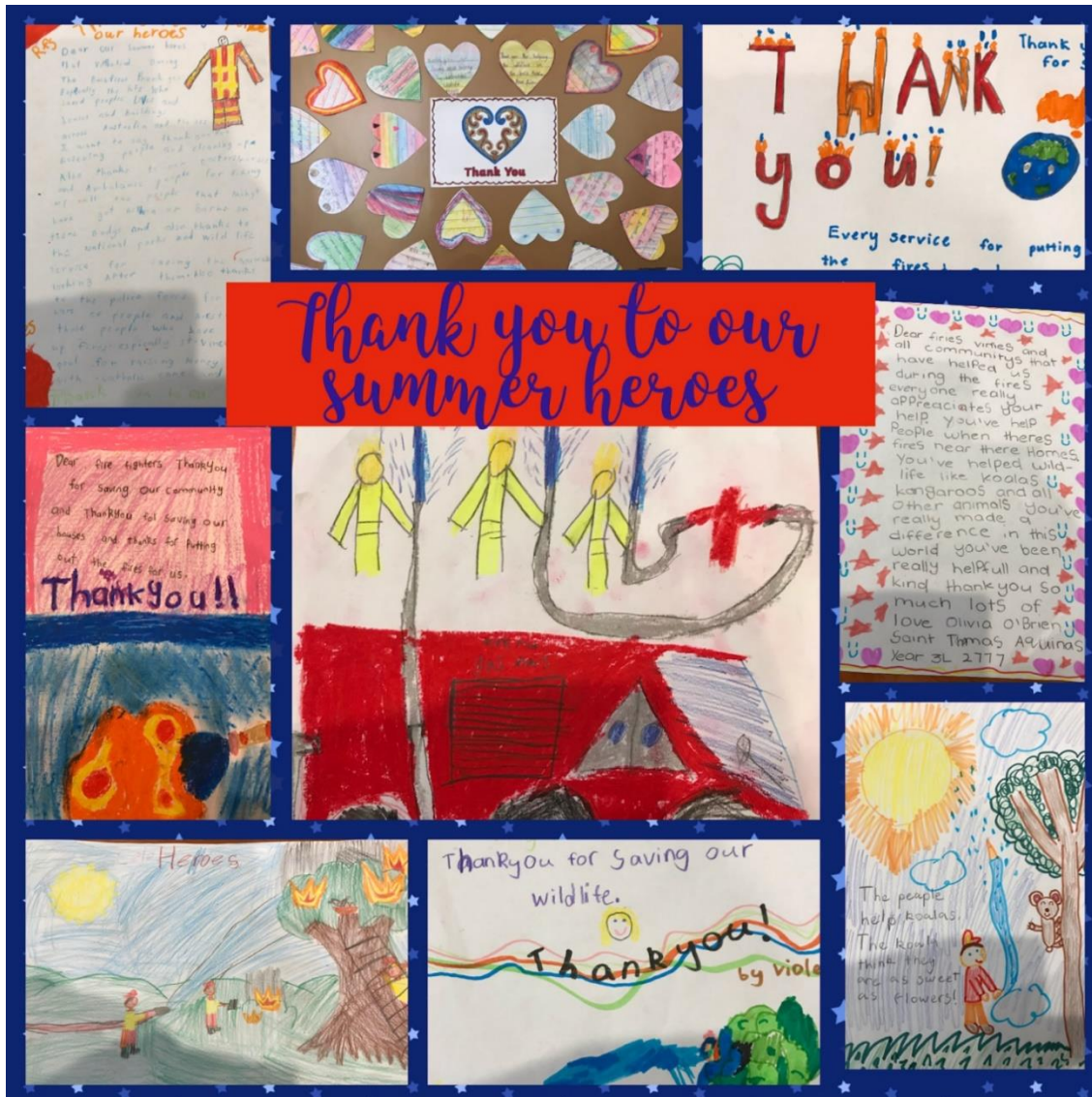
Summer Heroes "Thank You Assembly"

On 21 February, we held an assembly to thank the Emergency Services for being our Summer Heroes. Students expressed their gratitude in different ways. Below are some of the works they did reflecting on the horrific conditions over summer and the memories it brought back.

An extract from Bushfire...A True Story - by Sienna Hughes (5L)

I was four years old and in preschool, the sky was really dark and the air was packed with smoke. My mum eventually came to pick me up, she was crying when I came outside and she rushed me into the car. I didn't get to say goodbye to any of my friends. In the car, she held my hand and I asked, "Mummy what's wrong?" We drove down to my house, there was fire everywhere and I could hear screaming and yelling from all directions. I looked to my right and saw Oli sitting staring out of the window, looking just as clueless as I was. I didn't understand what was going on, especially when we were speeding towards the fire and not away from it.

We drove straight through it, my mum was gripping the wheel and we were all sweating. Then I saw him, my dad was surrounded by fire and as red as a rose. Mum drove straight over to him as I yelled "DADDY!" He got in the car and we drove through the fire once more. I looked back and through the sliver in between the fire, all I could see was the burnt remains of our house. When we got back to the road it was packed. A few hours later we were at the motel, half our car was burnt, but we didn't care. As we piled out of the car Mum and Dad hugged Oli and me. They kissed us and repeated over and over, "Oh thank God you are safe!"



We thank the Emergency Services for being our Summer Heroes!

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DIARY DATES

2020 TERM 1 Week 6	Thursday 5 March	8.30am Staff Prayer
	6	2.30pm School Assembly – NEW TIME!
Week 7 Wellbeing Week	Monday 9 March	3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	10	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	11	9.20am Parish Mass – Years 5 attending
	12	8.30am Staff Prayer
	13	NO ASSEMBLY – held fortnightly now instead of weekly.
Week 8 School Dentist Clinic	Monday 16 March	3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	17	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	18	9.20am Parish Mass – Years 6 & Kindergarten attending
	19	8.30am Staff Prayer
	20	2.30pm School Assembly

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Springwood-Winmalee District Girl Guides: Inviting new members to 'Come and Try Girl Guides'. For more information please contact by - **Email to:** Sw.districtmanager@gmail.com or **Phone: 0414 406 239.**



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NEW SKILLS AND MAKE
NEW FRIENDS

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Sent Home Recently:

- Responsible Use of ICT Note
- Year 6 Commemorative Shirt Note
- Year 6 Camp Note
- Meet the Teacher Note for Kinder, Year 1, 2F and 3D (blue)

My School Lunch Box

Our school does not have a canteen, however, families can order healthy, fresh lunches in a convenient way online through <http://www.myschoollunchbox.com.au>



Lost Property: Recently handed in to Office – iPhone with camouflage 'Supreme' cover.