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Dear Parents and Carers,

Family Learning Conferences

The Family Learning Conferences have been a wonderful opportunity for teachers to meet with parents and students either via video conferencing (Zoom) or phone call to engage in rich learning conversations during the last few weeks of term. The students have been excited to share their learning experiences and goals with their parents and set goals for Term 3.

Enrolments 2021

We are now accepting **Kindergarten Enrolments for 2021**. If you have a child who is starting school in 2021 please contact the school office for an enrolment pack as soon as possible.



LEGO Drive

Do you have any unwanted or unused LEGO at home? We would love to take it off your hands.

To complement our learning spaces, we are looking to enhance our collection of multi-use resources such as Lego. All donated Lego will be used to support the many learning projects our students will be involved in across the school.

Simply drop off any unwanted Lego to the school office after the school holidays. Thank you.

Uniforms

At St Thomas Aquinas we expect that all students wear the correct uniform with pride and follow our school uniform and grooming agreements. We are extremely pleased that the majority of our students wear the correct uniform each day. However, recently it has become apparent that some students are not wearing the correct school uniform. In particular, we have noticed some students with unusual styles of haircuts, coloured hair, excessive jewellery, various coloured socks and nail polish.

We ask that all families **read the school Uniform and Grooming policy (attached)** and reinforce these expectations with their children. If a student is unable to wear an element of the correct school uniform a note from the parent indicating the reason needs to be presented to the teacher. The winter uniform items are available from our clothing pool.

Staying in the Loop



SkoolBag

SkoolBag is our main form of communicating to parents and carers. SkoolBag allows us to notify families directly through the app. School news, excursions notes, information about upcoming events and general reminders will be communicated directly to families via SkoolBag. If you have not downloaded our SkoolBag app we strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Follow the instructions below to download the FREE SkoolBag app or search via the website: www.skoolbag.com.au/

For iPhone and iPad users: Go to the Apple App Store, search for "SkoolBag" and download the free SkoolBag app. After opening the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

For Google Android Users: Go to the Google Play Store, search for "SkoolBag" and download the free SkoolBag app. After opening the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

Please also ensure that you sign up to the grade or grades that your children are part of this year. This can be done within the app and allows us to personalise the information that we send out as throughout the year some messages will only need to be sent to particular grades.



Facebook

The **St Thomas Aquinas Celebrates Facebook** page is primarily an opportunity to celebrate learning at our school. We aim to feature learning in the learning spaces, outside, incursions, excursions as well as special whole school events. Go to www.facebook.com and search for **St Thomas Aquinas Celebrates - Home/Facebook** then like and share our page.

Kind regards,

Marina Hardy Principal