

NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Term 1 – 31/03/2021

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the students and their families who make another step in their faith journey this week, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You and your families are in our prayers as you experience the mercy of God's love in this special way.



HOLY WEEK

School Holy Week Ceremonies

We continue our Holy Week experiences this week.

Thursday 1 April 12:00pm - The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ presented by Year Six

Parish Holy Week Ceremonies & Mass Times

	<u>SPRINGWOOD</u>	<u>LAWSON</u>
Holy Thursday - 1 April: The Last Supper	7.30pm	7.30pm
Good Friday – 2 April: Stations of the Cross	10.00am	10.00am
Passion of the Lord	3.00pm	3.00pm
Holy Saturday – 3 April: Vigil Mass	6.00pm	6.00pm
Easter Sunday – 4 April: Morning Mass only	8.00am, 9.30am	8.00am, 9.00am

Please note: There are no 9.30am Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

**** You must book for any of the above Masses. Please phone 4754 1052.**

**** 150 people only per Mass at Springwood.**

Kindergarten Enrolment 2022

Interviews are currently underway for families enrolling for Kindergarten 2022.

If you are enrolling your child into Kindergarten in 2022 or have a family friend who is interested in enrolling into St Thomas Aquinas, please contact the school office on (02) 4723 3800 for an application form as soon as possible.

Applications are also being taken for Grades 1-6 for 2022.



St Thomas Aquinas Primary Springwood
Enrol now for 2022 Call for a personalised tour

Winter Uniform - Term 2

Students are to wear their **full winter uniform** by **Monday 3 May, 2021 (Week 3)**. As the weather may be warmer during Week 1 and Week 2 (Term 2) students are welcome to wear either their full summer uniform or full winter uniform.

The winter uniform is available from **The School Locker** online at:

<https://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/st-thomas-aquinas-primary-school>

Uniform Expectations

Thank you to those students who continued to wear the correct school uniform each day.

We have noticed an increase in the number of students who do not follow our expectations in regard to hair styles. Therefore, we ask that parents reinforce these expectations with their children over the school holidays and when they leave home for school each day.

Hair styles

Students should wear neat and tidy hairstyles to complement our school uniform. Hair is to be kept off the collar or tied back securely. No hair should be in the way of the eyes. Hair is not to be coloured or tinted. Unusual styles or cuts are not allowed. These guidelines apply to both girls and boys. Please attend to this over the school holidays, if required.

Year 6 Camp Fees

The camp fee of **\$360** can be made via the Qkr! App. This cost includes all camp fees (food, accommodation, and activities) and transportation to and from Collaroy.

The 1st Instalment was due on 20 March 2021. Thank you to all those who have either paid in full or the instalment. If you have not paid then it is assumed you will pay the whole amount by 20 May. The next instalment is due on **20 April**.

Alternatively, please contact Cheree Brown or the Principal to discuss options that are available to you.

Yours sincerely, Year 6 Team of Legends



Catholic Out of School Hours Care - Morning Supervision

Our school is fortunate to have a Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care, which is serviced by Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited. Our COSHS operations within the safety and convenience of our school premises for children in Kindergarten to Year 6.

Supervision of our students does not commence until 8.35am. Therefore, parents are asked **not to drop students off to school prior to 8.35am each day**. If parents need to drop students off prior to 8.35am then they are asked to enrol their child into COSHS on those days. COSHS allows supervision of the students and students being involved in activities with their peers, especially as the weather becomes cooler next term.

For enquiries and to enrol your child into COSHC please contact STA COSHC -

Via email: sttspringwood@cdpsl.org.au **or Phone:** Kelly Travers on **0400 253 528**

Effort in Learning Awards

Congratulations to the following students, who received Merit Awards at our last School Assembly. Well done on your efforts everyone - keep up the good work!



Week 9

Flynn Baker	Anthony Daw	Cooper Kelly	Annabelle Priest
Edith Banks	Emilie Dempsey	Amelia Kennedy	Charlotte Priest
Ethan Banks	Leo Donohue	Benjamin Kerkham	Hunter Rawlings
Gemma Boersma	Stella Donohue	Henry Kermodé	Mackenzie Seymour
Eli Borg	Will Ghata	Koby Kime	Cade Smith
Lara Buhs	Eamonn Grady	Oscar Kirton	Hugo Strickland
Luca Burchall	Charlotte Harrison	Connor Leahey	Darcey Thomas
Emily Burke	Violet Heaven	Huxley Logue	Sophia Veira
Trinity Callaghan	Peter Hogan	Ryder Lopez	Layla Watson
Thomas Chapple	Keira Holdsworth	Maxwell Lovric	Elle Whitsun-Jones
Tyler Chapple	Payten Holmes	Mollie Malone	Edward Whyllie
Oliver Christodoulou	Pepper Hughes	Ella Mecham	Abigail Wilson
Nate Clarke	Alicia Hummel	Aidan O'Brien	Jesse Wronski
Emma Davies	Belle Hummel	Erin Phelan	Harry Younger

2021 ANZAC Day March

Unfortunately, we have been advised that Springwood RSL Sub-Branch is not able to conduct services or the march this year. However, they wholeheartedly once again support the community driveway remembrance event [Light Up the Dawn](#).

They will make an assessment later in the year regarding holding a Victory in the Pacific, 15 August and an 11 November Remembrance Day Service.

2021 School Photos – Save the Date

Our 2021 School Photo Day will be held in Term 2 on **Wednesday 26 May (Week 6)**. Students will need to **wear their full winter school uniform**. Further information and ordering details will be sent home early next term.



SkoolBag Update - Subscribing to Each Grade

We would like to streamline the messages we push out on SkoolBag so that whole-school information is sent to all families and grade-relevant information is only published to parents and carers of children in that particular grade, so families are not receiving additional information not relevant to them.

Currently most families have subscribed to the school account only, which is great. In order to streamline the messages further, we ask that if you have not yet subscribed to your child's grade, can you please do so by following the instructions below. This will ensure that you receive all school and all grade relevant information. You can subscribe to more than one grade if you have more than one child.

How to Install SkoolBag

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!

To subscribe to Grades: Tap to open the app on your device. Tap on the St Thomas Aquinas logo appearing at the top of the screen to access a list of information categories. You will see the headings *General*, *Groups* and *EForms*. Tap on *Groups* to see a list of the scholastic years/grades at our school. Tap on *Add/Remove groups* to select and subscribe to your preferred grades. Now you should see all notifications relevant to those specific grades as well as all general notifications.

Please note: SkoolBag app has recently been through an upgrade and now items relevant to the whole school community are categorised into different areas in the *General* tab. Most notifications can be found in *Notices*.

2021 Cross Country – Term 2 (New Date)

Our school Cross Country race will now be held on the new date of **Wednesday 21 April, 2021 (Week 1, Term 2)** on the St Thomas Aquinas Primary School grounds. It will involve children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

- ❖ Children are to wear a shirt representing their team colour, along with sports shorts and joggers/runners.
- ❖ All children MUST bring a water bottle and their hat.
- ❖ Sunscreen will be provided.
- ❖ Students with sensitive skin must provide their own sunscreen.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2021 TERM 1	Week 10	Thursday 1 April HOLY THURSDAY	Good Friday Liturgy LAST DAY OF TERM 1
		Friday 2 April	Good Friday – Public Holiday
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS			
TERM 2	Week 1	Monday 19 April	Term 2 Commences for Staff and Students
		Tuesday 20 April	Year 5 Excursion to Australiana Pioneer Village
		Wednesday 21 April	School Cross Country (New date) – information to follow
	Week 3	Tuesday 4 May	Primary Diocesan Cross Country – selected students
		Wednesday 5 May	Mothers' Day Stall – details to come
	Week 4 & Week 5	Tuesday 11 May to Friday 21 May	2021 NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5
	Week 6	Wednesday 26 May	SCHOOL PHOTOS – Winter Uniform – information to follow
	Week 7	Monday 31 May	Staff Development Day (PUPIL FREE)
	Week 8	Wednesday 9 June To Friday 11 June	Year 6 Camp
Week 10	Friday 25 June	Last Day of Term 2	

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - TERM 2 (Week 7)
Monday 31 May 2021
(Pupil Free Day - students do not attend school)

Wishing all our STA families a safe and happy holiday!