

UPDATE

No. 1 Date: 12/04/2019 Week 11 Term 1

Dear St Thomas Aquinas Families,

Today brings to a conclusion a wonderfully rewarding first term of learning and faith at our school. As the term draws to a close it is worthwhile to pause for a moment and recall the many events and variety of educational activities that have occurred during Term 1 to help nurture the students in our care.

This week all classes have reverently participated in the various school-based **Holy Week Commemorations**. These liturgies are an expression of our faith and an integral part of the Religious Education program at our school.

At the heart of our Christian tradition is the life, loving sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ. During Holy Week we are led to contemplate once again that Jesus was both a human person and also from God. We walk with Christ and with one another through the joyful entry into Jerusalem through the rejection and agony of His suffering and death on the cross.



The children have undertaken preparation for each liturgy under the guidance of their classroom teachers so that they could participate both knowledgeably and prayerfully. There have been many highlights to the week and opportunities for contemplation. Our sincere thanks to the families who have attended and shared in these liturgies with students and staff.

In conclusion and on behalf of the entire staff I would like to wish all families a grace-filled, safe and holy Easter – *Buona Pasqua!*

Until next time,

S. Rosato
Sergio Rosato
Principal



Springwood Annual Anzac Day March & Wreath Laying Ceremony

As in previous years, St Thomas Aquinas School has been invited to participate in the Springwood ANZAC Day March and Wreath Laying Ceremony on **Thursday 25 April**. Students who wish to participate are asked to meet Mr Rosato, Ms Smith and other staff in front of Springwood Post Office at 10.00am on the day. The march will then proceed to the Memorial in Buckland Park, where a service will follow. Students are asked to **wear full winter uniform, including school hats**. If applicable, they may march with service medals in honour of family members.

Our school has a proud tradition of representing at this March and ceremony and we would like to encourage as many children as possible to represent the school on this very important national day of commemoration. We look forward to as many students as possible participating in the March.

Italian Forum

This term has seen our Year 4 children competing in the annual STA bocce tournament as part of our Italian program. The students have displayed much excitement and enthusiasm for the game over the past few weeks, which culminated in a demonstration match where our bocce champions played against members of staff. Our overall winners of the Year 4 tournament this year are: **1st: Erin DeBono, 2nd: Lachlan McAlpine, 3rd: Michael Graham**



Many thanks also to our Year 6 bocce umpires who did a wonderful job of umpiring the games and setting up the courts; Baxter Ellem, Brendan McMaster, Jack Fuge, Jack Reynolds and Cameron Hickey. **Jenni Wurf, Teacher of Italian**



2019 Bocce Tournament



love one another



We walk, passing through each event and moment, mindful that we will reach the promise of the resurrection at Easter and that this in turn will transform our lives.



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students, who received Merit Awards at the School Assemblies listed below. Well done on your efforts everyone – keep up the good work!



Week 8

Jemima Barnham	Leah Garvan	Hugo Koutonikolis	Elyse Peat
Charli Burton	Isabella Glew	Aiden Lloyd-Cartwright	Oliver Prior
Ryan Butler-Whitmore	Charlotte Harrison	Seth Loughton	Cherinda Rawlings
Sophia Cantwell	Payton Henson	Arlo Luchetti	Adam Springett
Lilly Chalice	Charles Hicks	Jessica Mace	Hugo Strickland
Thomas Chapple	Liam Hicks	Orlando Magagna	Layla Watson
Ruanii Claudino	Noah Hicks	Brendan McMaster	Mia Watson
William Crighton	Oliver Hill	Joshua Mitchell	Chelsea Willingham
Madeleine Devitt	James Hinchliff	Ava Murphy	Mia Withers
Joe Fitzpatrick	Ella Holdsworth	Harrison Newport	Kitty Wyld
Sullivan Forsyth	Liam Keogh	Tobie Payens	Angus Young

Week 9

Eden Batcock	Arwen Gordon	Ashton McLeod	Mackenzie Seymour
Asher Bogg	Jade Gordon	Brydan McLeod	Noah Smith
Enrique Caraballo	Mia Harrison	Ella Mecham	Leo Tan
Ysobel Chalice	Evelyn Iles	Thomas Neil	Patrick Thomas
Matthew Daw	Edward Kerrison	William O'Neill	Sienna Valentini
Annabelle Duck	Mavrick Konstantinoff	Alexis Owen	Tyson Verriere
Leonie Ellis	Lachlan Konwerski	Nicolas Peat	Tyler Walker
Mikayla Fitzgerald	Patricia Lia	Florencia Perez-Eaton	Heidi Willingham
Arabella Fuge	Sienna Mathew	Hunter Rawlings	Lola Wyld

Week 10

Sadie Albury	Tyler Chapple	Veronica Lloyd-Williams	Charlie Reid
Tobey Bail	Billy Dean	Sarah Matteucci	Florence Rooney
Violet Baker	Charlotte DeBono	Kate McIlveen	Oliver Savage
Madeline Blacklock	Aidan Francis	Gabriel Muradian	Oliver Smyth
Cisco Borbely	Jack Fuge	Matilda Nassif	Natasha Springett
Lucy Brown	Ben Giannakis	Bonnie Phuntsok	Oliver Toth
Elysia Burchall	Sebastian Hickey	Lilly Phuntsok	James Watson
Jacob Burnett	Pepper Hughes	Maria Pochukaeva	Lachlan Williamson
Bella Cantrell	Ava Huxley	Ari-Kai Rawlings	Angus Wills
Cindy Cantrell	Melissa Lee		

Love One Another Awards

Congratulations to Spencer Thomas (2W) and Noah Simmons (K6A) who received Love One Another Awards at our last School Assembly for living out the school motto. Well done boys!



Statement on behalf of senior leaders from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Statement on behalf of leaders from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

On 17 March, Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv made a strong [statement](#) about the terrorist attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand. We share Bishop Vincent's horror, grief and distress at this senseless violence and loss of life.

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta condemns Islamophobic, racist and extremist violence in all its forms. Together, we take up the invitation of Pope Francis and the Grand Imam, Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb, to "all persons who have faith in God and faith in human fraternity, to unite and work together so that it may serve as a guide for future generations to advance a culture of mutual respect in the awareness of the great divine grace that makes all human beings brothers and sisters." ([Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together](#), Abu Dhabi, 4 February 2019).

As leaders in our school communities and the Catholic Education Office, we reject the language of racism and intolerance, and proudly commit ourselves to work together for mutual respect and human solidarity.

This statement, issued on 12 April 2019, is made on behalf of the leadership of 80 Catholic systemic schools as well as system leaders from the Diocese of Parramatta.



Catholic Out of School Hours Care at STA in 2020

We are excited to announce that we are currently in negotiations with the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) to establish a before and after school care facility at STA commencing in 2020. A number of COSHC centres are currently operating in schools in the Diocese offering a caring environment for families in need of a convenient before and after school care or vacation care facility. Staffing, licencing and compliance of centres is facilitated by CEDP in collaboration with the host school. Further information will be provided to families as the process of certification continues through this year.

Summer to Winter Uniform Changeover

A reminder to families that students are to wear **Winter Uniform** when school resumes for **Term 2**. Students wear Winter Uniform for both Terms 2 & 3. Sports shoes should be mainly white with white (not coloured) laces. Further details can be found in our Parent Handbook located on the school website.

Parish Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies

2nd Rite of Reconciliation: Tuesday 16 April at 7.00pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper: Thursday 18 April at 7.30pm
Stations of the Cross: Good Friday, 19 April at 10.00am
The Passion of the Lord: Good Friday, 19 April at 3.00pm
Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday 20 April at 6.00pm
Easter Sunday Masses: Sunday 22 April at 7.30am and 9.45am



DIARY DATES

2019 TERM 2 Week 1	Monday 29 April	School Commences for Term 2 9.30am & 2.30pm Open Day Tours 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	30	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	1 May	8.30am Staff Briefing 9.30am Parish Mass – Years 1 & 2 attending 11.05am Principal's Morning Tea – selected students 12.00pm Bravehearts Incursion - Kindergarten
	2	8.30am Staff Prayer
	3	9.30am & 2.30pm Open Day Tours 12.30pm Resurrection Liturgy in Hall
Week 2	Monday 6 April	9.30am & 2.30pm Open Day Tours 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	7	Diocesan Cross Country – selected students AFL Panther Trophy Tournament – selected students 3.40pm Staff Meeting
	8	8.30am Staff Briefing Mothers' Day Stall Preparation
	9	8.30am Staff Prayer Mothers' Day Stall 9.30am & 2.30pm Open Day Tours Cyber Safety Talk for Years 5 & 6
	10	12.30pm Assembly – Mothers' Day

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Easter Sunday Funday at the Everglades: On **Sunday 21 April from 10am – 4pm** the **Everglades Historic House & Gardens** will host this special Easter Funday. Monster Easter egg hunts; live entertainment and old-fashioned games for the kids; yummy food and coffee; magical face painting and Easter hat parade – bring your own or make one on the day. Entry Fees: \$10 Kids, Adults & Concessions; \$30 for a Family Ticket (family of 4). Located at **37 Everglades Avenue, Leura**. Phone: **02 4784 1938**. www.everglades@nationaltrust.org.au

Springwood East Timor Support Group Trivia Night: You are invited to the 20th Anniversary Trivia Night on **Saturday 18 May 2019 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start at St Thomas Aquinas Primary School Hall, 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood**. You are invited to dress in the Timor Leste colours of red, yellow, black and white. Come join in the celebrations! BYO nibbles and drinks. Sausage sizzle available. **Tickets \$20.00**. Tables of 8-10. **Phone Pam Gorman on 02 4754 1160** or email chrispamgorman@optusnet.com.au

Sent Home Recently

- Years 1 & 2 Parish Mass Cancellation note (pink)
- ANZAC Day Note (yellow)
- Save the Date Boarding Pass (multi-coloured)
- Project Compassion Day note (orange)

