



# UPDATE

No. 1 Date: 02/03/2018 Week 5 Term 1

**Celebrating  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS  
WEEK  
4-10 MARCH**

Catholic schools enrol about 20 per cent of Australian school students. St Thomas Aquinas Springwood is one of 615 Catholic Primary and Secondary schools across NSW and the ACT, providing quality education in a faith-centred environment. Expectations of student achievement and behaviour are high with a strong focus on pastoral care and relationships. Catholic schools benefit from highly qualified and dedicated teachers who cater to the diverse learning needs of students.

## At St Thomas Aquinas our Catholic Schools Week celebrations will involve the following:

- Monday 5 March: 12.30pm**  
**School Assembly** will feature elements of CSW including the launching of our School Learning Goals for 2018 by the Student Representative Council, School News, Values Education and Weekly Learning Awards.
- Wednesday 7 March: 11.05 – 11.35am**  
**Principal's Morning Tea for Consistent Effort in Learning**  
Students nominated by their teachers will join the Principal and Assistant Principal for a special morning tea to acknowledge and celebrate their effort and achievement in learning.
- Wednesday 7 March: 9.20am – 10am**  
**Parish Mass Attendance**  
Our Grade 4 students and teachers will be attending this Mass. All parents/carers and in particular our Grade 4 parents/carers are most welcome to attend this Eucharist.
- Thursday 8 March: 9.10am – 10am & 2.30pm – 3.10pm**  
**Guided Learning Tours for Current Families.**  
A great opportunity to observe student learning and teaching in-situ. These tours of classrooms will be conducted by the Principal and/or the Assistant Principal. Tours will commence in front of the school office at the above times.

## 2018 SRC Induction

Congratulations to our 2018 Student Representative Council (SRC) who were acknowledged for their commitment to serve our school at the Induction Ceremony last Monday.



### The STA 2018 Student Representative Council

<i>Matilda Gaucci (6C)</i>	<i>Luke Edwards (6F))</i>	<i>Nicholas Neil (6H)</i>	<i>William Jones (5N)</i>
<i>Lara Heyman (6C)</i>	<i>Emilia Gosling (6F)</i>	<i>Brianna Collins (6H)</i>	<i>Olivia Byrnes (5C)</i>
<i>Brianna Leehy (6C)</i>	<i>Liam Murphy (6F)</i>	<i>Elizabeth Kerkham (6H)</i>	<i>Larissa An U (5RP)</i>

*Daniel Woods (K6A)*

## School Banking

Our school banking has commenced for 2018. Parents of new students who wish to bank can open an account for their child directly on-line through the Commonwealth Bank at the following website: [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open the Youthsaver account or you can go directly into any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Once you have opened an account you can send in your child's banking book via the classroom grey bank bag system every **Tuesday**. Please take note of the following:

- Please limit money amounts to \$50 and under.
- If deposits do not match the deposit slip then banking will be returned.
- If deposit slips are not completed then banking will be returned.

Carrying excessive amounts of money in a child's bag is not the school's responsibility. If your child receives a large amount of money as a gift i.e. birthday present, please only bank the minimum and take your child to the bank to deposit the rest. Happy Banking! **Cheree Brown, Finance Secretary**

## School Opal Card Applications – Nominated Transport Operator

Parents/carers of St Thomas Aquinas Students applying for SSTS travel will need to select **Blue Mountains Transit Pty Ltd** as the transport operator for the school journey when completing the application online. Under 'Operator Details' (Step 2 of the online process) you will be given a drop-down to select from for 'Mode' = **Bus** and 'Operator' = **Blue Mountains Transit Pty Ltd**. Then proceed on to Steps 3 & 4 as per the application process. School Opal Card applications can be accessed at <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/applyNow>. For enquiries please phone 131 500 for assistance.



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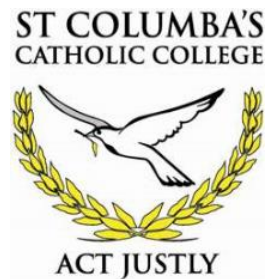
## St Columba's Catholic College – Year 7 2019 Information Evening

On Wednesday 21 March, 2018 – there will be 2 information sessions. Bookings are not required. Please register at the College Library upon arrival.

<b>Session 1:</b> 3.15pm	Register for tour	<b>Session 2:</b> 5.15pm	Register for tour
3.30pm	Tour of the facilities	5.30pm	Tour of the facilities
4.30-5.00pm	Address by the Principal	6.30-7.00pm	Address by the Principal

- Tours will begin at 3.30 and 5.30pm sharp to enable visitors to view all of the College facilities.
- Prospectus and enrolment application forms will be available on the night.

**Enquiries:** Sandra O'Brien, Enrolments Secretary - Phone 4754 8907



### Clothing Pool - Helpers Needed

Our Clothing Pool has been operating on Monday mornings from 9.00-9.30am and on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00-3.30pm thanks to the generosity of two parent volunteers. Currently, we are having difficulty finding a volunteer helper for the Monday and Friday morning timeslots of 9.00-9.30am. Therefore, we are asking if any parent would be able to assist at this time your help would be very much appreciated.

Operating the Clothing Pool involves helping parents with their selections, dealing with clothing donations and tidying and arranging the stock in the Clothing Pool cupboard ready for sale. All sales are dealt with at the Office.

If you would like to help on Mondays or Fridays or on a day other than the abovementioned times for half an hour please contact the school Office on 4723 3800. If you are not able to help on a regular basis perhaps you may consider being on a back-up list to relieve when others are not available. If so, please contact the Office. We thank you for your consideration.

### Lost Property

Please check the lost property box if your child has lost any items at the school recently. The Lost Property Box is located at the bottom of the carpet ramp outside KD classroom. Unfortunately, items often have no names on them so cannot be returned to the owner, so please remember to mark all of your child's items clearly with their name. Please note, very small lost items handed in are usually kept at the Office until collected or for the duration of the Term.



### \$100 Sports Vouchers

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program. From 31 January 2018, parents, guardians and carers can apply for a \$100 voucher per calendar year for each student enrolled in school. The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities. The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued. To use the voucher, give your voucher details to an approved Active Kids Provider. The program runs year-round, so kids can get active at any time! To apply go to <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>.

### DIARY DATES

<b>2018</b> <b>TERM 1</b> <b>Week 6</b> <b>Catholic Schools Week</b>	<b>Monday 5 March</b>	School Band School Dental Clinic Begins - parent approved students only <b>12.35pm School Assembly – Catholic Schools Week</b> 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	<b>6</b>	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	<b>7</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing <b>9.20am Parish Mass – Year 4 attending</b> <b>11.05am Principal's Morning Tea – selected students</b>
	<b>8</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer <b>Tours of the School: 9.10-10am and 2.30-3.10pm</b>
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<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Monday 12 March</b>	School Band 12.35pm School Assembly 3.40pm Leadership Meeting
	<b>13</b>	3.40pm Staff Meeting
	<b>14</b>	8.30am Staff Briefing School Band 9.20am Parish Mass – Year 2 attending
	<b>15</b>	8.30am Staff Prayer
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Scan with your smartphone or tablet for more information.

[www.stspringwood.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stspringwood.catholic.edu.au)

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Variety Concert (For Kids) at Glenbrook:** Incredible artists have been lined-up for the **Variety Concert for the Cambodian Bush School, Siem Reap**, with fantastic raffle, auction and give-aways. The concert (a project of Winmalee Lions) is **at St Finbar's Hall, Levy Street, Glenbrook on Saturday 10 March at 7.30pm**. Artists include - Blue Mountains Musical Society, the delightful Little Black Ducks Ukulele Ensemble and many more. All proceeds go to running the school - with teachers, equipment, a nutritious meal, and even some much needed essential dental work - for these most disadvantaged kids. **Cost is still only \$20 per person or \$40 per family**. For bookings ring **Doug Frewer on 0403 303 943** or online at: [tinyurl.com/ybqgh4tm](http://tinyurl.com/ybqgh4tm)

### Sent Home Recently

- Staff Leave Announcement for 6F (green)
- Welcome Bush Dance Invitation (gold)
- Year 6 Camp Letter to Parents

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