



12 August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the students who made their First Holy Communion on the weekend, receiving Jesus for the first time. We pray that this special sacrament will deepen their relationship with God. Congratulations to Leilani Abrahall, Miles Barker, Ben Cassidy, Lilly Chalice, Alfie Cook, Cooper Donohue, Leo Donohue, Sullivan Forsyth, Callum Gibbons, Myles Golby, Arwen Gordon, Lila Hagelburg, Emma Harrison, Sebastian Hickey, Evelyn Iles, Lexie Mackay, Luke Malone, Mollie Malone, Sarah Matteuci, Ryan Mills, Matilda Nassif, Olivia O'Brien, William O'Neill, Patrick Payens, Isabella Smith, Arabella Stewart-Rowley, Ava Tallon, Spencer Thomas, Lia Trounce, Sienna Valentini and Ruby Wilson.



Kind regards,

M. Hardy

Marina Hardy
Principal



Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Days

- **Monday 31 August 2020** (Monday Week 7, Term 3)
- **Monday 12 October 2020** (Monday Week 1, Term 4)

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.



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ST THOMAS
AQUINAS
Primary Springwood
Enrolment forms are now being accepted

School Photos

School Photo Day will be in **Week 5, Friday 21 August 2020**. All orders are to be made **ON LINE** -- no envelopes required for 2020.

Order Online at the following website:

<https://www.advancedimage.com.au/keycode/keycodefinder.aspx?keycode=5ZGLMCZJ3>

Enter code **5ZG LMC ZJ3**

- ✓ Students are to wear full winter uniform. NOT SPORT Uniform.
- ✓ Sibling photos are only for students attending St Thomas Aquinas.
- ✓ Online sibling photos **MUST be ordered by 11.59 pm on 20/8/2020**.
- ✓ A sibling photo will not be taken without an order.
- ✓ Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchase of photos after photo day.

All students will have an individual photo and class photo taken on the day. If you do not want your child to have a photo taken please notify the school office.

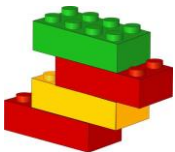
Sr Monica

Although Sr Monica is not onsite or making home visits at the moment, she is definitely available to speak to any families at any time. If you would like Sr Monica to contact you at any stage please leave a message at the school office. It is great to know that Sr Monica continues to remain in great health, although missing everyone very much.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge **closes on Friday 28 August, 2020!**

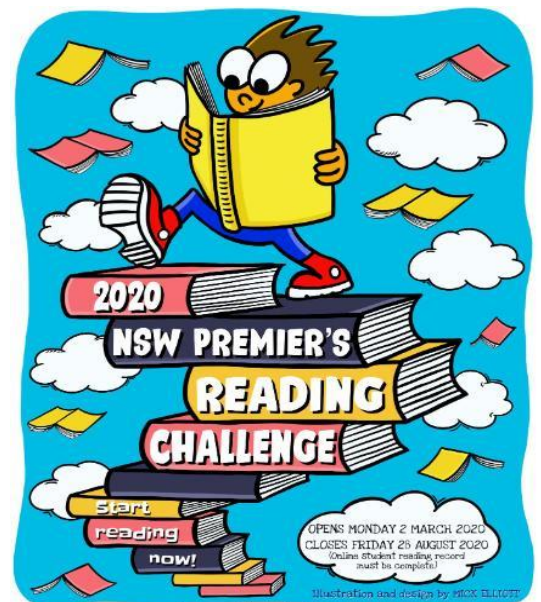
LEGO Drive



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. Thank you.



www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



2020 School Cross Country/Fun Run

This event for Wednesday 12 August has been CANCELLED! We hope to hold the 2020 Cross Country/Fun Run at a later date. Further information will be sent out soon.

Social Media and Students

We have spoken with all students in Years 4, 5 and 6 with regards to filming themselves and other students at school and uploading this to different social media platforms. While the majority of students in this school are under age when it comes to signing up to most of these sites, we understand that parents make the decision with your children. We do however ask that no one should video another student without their knowledge and that at **no time is it appropriate for students to video or upload any photo or footage of students or themselves in their school uniform.** This unsafe behaviour has been occurring and we reminded the students that this is not acceptable. Please remind your children that if they bring any form of technology to school it must be handed into the class teacher at the beginning of the day.

SkoolBag App

Information on how to download the SkoolBag App is outlined below. This was included a Parent Update sent out late last term. **We understand that not all families are receiving SkoolBag Notifications** and we are liaising with SkoolBag to rectify the issue. More information to come.



DOWNLOAD INSTRUCTIONS

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.

STUDENT DROP OFF PROTOCOLS & SIGN-IN

Under current COVID-19 restrictions, we thank our parents for not coming on site unless you need to go to the school office. Parents are reminded of social distancing from other adults when picking up your children each day.

Please note: if you are bringing your child **to school late (ie. after 9.05am)** you are required to escort your child to the office and **sign them in.** Students who arrive to school late without being signed-in will have an 'Unjustified' Partial Absence recorded on the class roll. Parents only need attend the office for this process, then leave after signing the green student attendance book. Please remember **a Reason and Signature entered in the book are mandatory.** Thank you for your cooperation.

DIARY DATES

TERM 3 2020	Friday 21 August	School Photo day - all students to wear Winter Uniform
	Monday 31 August	Staff Development Day. No students attend school.
	Friday 28 August	Premier Reading Challenge closes
	Date TBC	<i>School Cross Country/Fun Run</i>