

NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 4 - 17/11/2020



Primary Fabulous Fun Day – 20 November

Our St Thomas Aquinas **Primary Fabulous Fun day** is nearly here!

The Primary Fun Day is scheduled for this Friday, 20 November. Our infants' carnival brought about a lot of enjoyment to our younger students last Friday and we are also hoping to offer the same entertaining and gratifying experience for all of our primary students.

Students will firstly engage in a variety of sporting activities such as AFL, soccer and rugby league that will be brought to our students by NSW coaches in a tabloid formation. The activities that will follow will be an assortment of indoor and outdoor activities that will include water, so an extra sports shirt to change into is advised.

The aim of the day is to build upon hand-eye coordination, ball skills, teamwork and leadership skills. Above all, it is designed so that our students can have fun with one another and ensure the term ends on a high note for each and every valued member of St Thomas Aquinas.

Our staff will continue to take plenty of photos to share the fun for all to see and we all look forward to yet another splendid sunny day.

Students are asked to wear their sports uniform with either a coloured shirt representing their house team or their school sports shirt. As previously mentioned, an **extra t-shirt** is also to be packed for the day.

The application of **sunscreen, hat and an extra water bottle** is also needed as temperatures are expected to increase.

Sausage Sizzle

A sausage sizzle and popper (juice) lunch will be available for purchase for \$5.00 for the Primary Fun Day. All orders and payments are to be made through the **Qkr App** which is available now. No orders will be taken through the school office.

*Sausage Sizzle Purchases for the Years 3 - 6 Fun Day are **due by Thursday 19 November, 2020** via Qkr! App.*

Swimming Carnival, 2021




STA's 2021 Swimming Carnival will take place at Lawson Pool on **Tuesday 8 December, 2020**. If your child would like to participate in the 50metre, 100metre or 200metre event, a permission note will be sent home this week to ensure that your child will be included in this carnival.


Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Carnival will be strictly for **race competitors only**, without parent assistance or spectators.



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Cricket

This week Years 3 and Year 5 started their 4 weekly cricket blast lessons. The feedback so far from both staff and students has been very positive and everyone has enjoyed learning how to bat, bowl and blast through a series of brilliant tasks.



Softball

Some thrilling news has just started in Years 2 and Year 4 students. Softball Australia's endorsed Junior Participation Program, *Softball Batter Up*, is delivering a multi-session program to help students to develop a love of softball through fun skills drills and games.

A NSW softball coach is delivering a weekly lesson for 4 weeks. The first lesson was on Monday and students gave positive comments and appeared to have a lot of fun learning new catching and fielding skills.

Term 4 Special Costume Events

Thank you to our wonderful parents who have organised for students to come dressed up this term. We have the following days this term:

- ❖ **Week 7, Monday 23 November - Grandparents Dress Up Day:** Students come dressed as one of their Grandparents or perhaps the occupation of their grandparent - we will celebrate our Grandparents with a special Zoomurgy in the afternoon.



- ❖ **Week 9, Friday 11 December - Christmas Characters Day:**

Kindergarten - Angels
Year 1 and Year 2 - Nativity Animals
Year 3 - Shepherds
Year 4 - Mary and Joseph
Year 5 - Christmas Around the World
Year 6 - Wise Men/Women



We are working towards a “**Virtual Christmas Concert**” which will be made available to families on the evening of 11 December (and will be able to be watched at your own convenience.)

Changes to Family Levy for 2021

We advise that your school fee statement may look a little different next year. You will notice that the Resource Fee has increased and there is no longer a Family Levy as the Family Levy and Resource Fee have merged. In most cases this has little or no impact. For families with 3 or more students, there will be a slight increase in the combination of these fees. For 2021 there will be no increase in Diocesan Tuition Fees or the Building Levy and therefore you will find that the total school fees increase is within the bounds of normal annual increases. Please contact Cheree Brown if you require any further information.

QKR! App

Earlier this year we launched the QKR! App, our new payment platform for all ad-hoc items for purchase. This app will now replace all cash payments and parents are able to order hats and pay for Clothing Pool items. Once you have made a purchase for a hat, the school is notified immediately, and we will then deliver the hat to the student for their recess or lunchtime play. The app is free, and your profile is confidential.



Go to the **Google play store** or **Apple App store** to download for Android or iPhone, register your country of residence as Australia, search for our school by name (will appear in nearby locations if within 10km of STA), register your child's details then you are ready to make purchases and payments.

Please note:

- **Payments for school fees cannot be made on QKR!** Current arrangements for school fees have not changed.
- We cannot refund on the QKR! app. Please **email the school with any Clothing Pool orders** before processing payments, so that we can check that the items are in stock.

If you require any assistance, please contact Cheree Brown, our Finance Secretary.

School Opal Card – Application Information

Applications for 2021 for School Opal Card are now open. A new or updated application for school travel passes is only needed when a student is: **applying for** a school travel pass for the first time; **requesting an additional pass** as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (eg joint custody); **changing school** or campus; **changing home address**; receiving an **expiry** notification; **repeating** a school year; **changing their name** or requesting a **new transport operator**. This means students who are progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 only need to reapply if they are changing circumstances.



To apply or update your child's details visit www.transportnsw.info/school-students.

Applications need to be submitted before the end of Term 4. School Opal Cards will be mailed out to the student's nominated postal address from January 2021.

If you don't have access to the internet **phone 131 500** for assistance.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2020 TERM 4	Week 6	Wednesday 18 November	Uniform Pop-up Shop
		Thursday 19 November	Kinder 2021 Orientation Group 2 Uniform Pop-up Shop
		Friday 20 November	Primary Sports Fun Day
	Week 7	Monday 23 November	Grandparents Dress up Day
	Week 8	Tuesday 8 December	Swimming Carnival for 2021 – competitors only (details to come)
	Week 9	Friday 11 December	Christmas/Nativity Dress up Day
	Week 10	Monday 14 December	Zoom Awards Ceremonies – 9.30-11.00am Years 4-6 12.00-1.30pm Years K-3 (details to come)
		Tuesday 15 December	12.00-2.00pm Graduation Liturgy – (details to come)
		Wednesday 16 December	Year 6 Picnic Day Last Day for Students for 2020