St Thomas Aquinas Primary School

LEARNING, WORKING AND GROWING TOGETHER



NEWSLETTER

Week 3 Term 1 - 11/02/2022

Dismissal Procedures

Our school continues to follow the NSW Health restrictions with students remaining in their grade cohorts throughout the day, including afternoon dismissals. We thank you for your ongoing support with afternoon dismissal procedures.

Please note that as of **Monday 14 February** we will change the dismissal process to the following times for our students who are being picked up by a parent/carer:

Eldest child Kindergarten 3:05pm
Eldest child Year 1 3:10pm

All sibling families and other students 3:20pm (normal dismissal)

SkoolBag

This year we will continue to use **SkoolBag** as our main form of communication. SkoolBag allows us to notify families directly through the app. School news, excursion 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. **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. 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!



Rapid Antigen Testing Kits and COVID 19 Processes to Follow

Your child would now have received their second round of RAT kits for the next two weeks of testing. Please continue to administer these tests on Monday and Wednesday mornings before coming to school.

If your child receives a positive RAT result you need to:

- record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app
- notify the school either by phone or email of the positive RAT (or a PCR test) result as soon as possible
- follow NSW Health advice to isolate for 7 days.

If the test is negative your child can attend school as normal. Negative results do not need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school.

Please also note that school staff will not be administering RATs to students. It is important that everyone is vigilant with regards to their health and their children's health. Please do not send your child to school if they have any COVID symptoms (including runny nose, cough, fever, sore throat) even if they have returned a negative RAT result. This is important for the safety of all our students, staff and families.

Meet the Teacher - Week 4

A reminder that we will have our Meet the Teacher sessions **next week. Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 February** for Kindergarten.

Please ensure you book in a time via https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter Event Code: <a href="https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter <a



Grade	Navy	White	Sky
Kindergarten	Miss Galea	Mrs Blom	
Year 1	Mrs Nightingale	Mrs Strutt	
Year 2	Mrs Dempsey	Ms Weilguny	
Year 3	Mrs Leroy	Mrs Pospischil	
Year 4	Miss Espiritu	Mr Smith	
Year 5	Mr Chenoweth	Mrs Fortunat	Mrs Le Breton
Year 6	Mr Costigan	Ms MacKenzie	Mr West

School Photos - Term 2.

This year we will have school photos on Friday 6 May. Students will wear their full school summer uniform.



School Items – Labelled

Please ensure that all your children's items are clearly labelled. We have found many items of the school uniform, lunch boxes and drink bottles etc. with no name on them, this makes it difficult to return them to the children.

Census Day - Friday 11 February

It is mandatory that parents advise the school in writing if their child is absent any day throughout the school year. If your child is absent on Friday 11 February, please email the school as soon as possible simply advising your child's name, class and the reason for their absence.

Book Club.

Online orders will close on 21/2/2022. Children's class groups are under their CEDP name eg. 6N (Navy), 6W (White), 6S (Sky)



QKR! App

It's time to install the QKR! App; our **new payment platform** for all ad-hoc items for purchase. <u>This app now replaces all cash payments</u> 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.

<u>To install</u> →: 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.

My School Lunch Box

Our school **does not** have a canteen, however families can order healthy, fresh lunches in a convenient way online through http://www.myschoollunchbox.com.au

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022	Monday 14 February	Meet the Teacher (Kindergarten)
TERM 1	Tuesday 15 February	Meet the Teacher (Kindergarten - Year 6)
Week 4	Wednesday 16 February	Meet the Teacher (Year 1- Year 6)
Week 5	Thursday 24 February	Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival
Week 6	Wednesday 2 March	Ash Wednesday
Week 7	Wednesday 9 March	Enrolment Open Day for Prospective Students
	Thursday 10 March	Enrolment Open Day for Prospective Students
	Friday 11 March	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Week 11	Friday 8 April	Last Day of Term 1