



# AQUINAS CATHOLIC COLLEGE MENAI NEWSLETTER

14<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

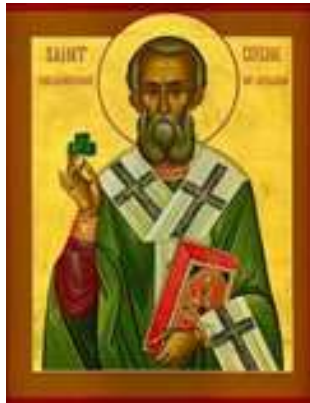
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



The Feast of St Patrick 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016



St Patrick (389 – 461)

### Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind always be at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Week 7 was an exceptionally hectic week @ Aquinas as **Catholic Schools' Week 2016** developed. There were an eclectic range of extra and co-curricular activities that our students participated in and represented the College with great distinction. These activities included but were not limited to the;

- ◇ Opens Rugby League CCC Gala Day where the senior boys played well in the round robin event & are waiting on other pool results to see if they progress to the knock out phase of the competition
- ◇ The third last Peer Support activity that has run throughout the term with our Year 10 leaders inducting our HSC Class of 2021 into the College
- ◇ Ongoing fundraising for the 18 students [and 2 staff] attending WYD16 in Krakow, Poland
- ◇ Year 11 attending the Tuesday morning Parish mass @ Holy Family Parish church
- ◇ A Year 11 Geography excursion to the Cooks River to examine the ongoing human impact on a waterway in a highly developed urban area
- ◇ The continued efforts all classes fundraising for Caritas' 2016 **Lenten** Project Compassion Appeal
- ◇ Year 10 Peer Support Leaders and Year 12 Student Leaders greeting and hosting the 700 or so people who attended the College Open Night for prospective students in Year 7 and Year 11 in 2017

- ◇ Year 12 initiated World's Greatest shave on Friday that at this point has raised just over \$11 000 for the work of the Leukaemia Foundation. Special mention goes to Ciara and Olivia Bryant of Year 12 who took the courageous step to be now sporting new #3 hair styles – well done Ciara and Olivia! There is still time to donate to the Aquinas team @ <https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/regisrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=95061&langPref=en-CA>
- ◇ Michael Monk [Year 10], Benjamin Capovilla [Year 9], Joel Johnson [Year 8] and Brock Wilson [Year 7], competing in the final of the CSSA Public Speaking finals where they spoke brilliantly and were highly competitive in what is a very prestigious event

As we welcomed our visitors and prospective students for 2017 on Open Night last Wednesday, I mentioned how being part of the Aquinas Family was an authentically *Enlivening* experience and one that is life giving for both our students and staff. I hope that as the Term heads to examinations for our Year 12s and learning and teaching continues for Years 7 – 11 that we are all appreciative for the many opportunities that we are fortunate enough to be able to share in. I am also grateful of the efforts of the support and teaching staff who are so generous with their time; enabling students at Aquinas a multitude learning opportunities, both inside and out of the classroom context. The time that staff give of is astounding to witness; be it on the training track at 7:30am for soccer trials, 8:00am for off line classes or at recess and lunch in the library for extra maths tuition or overnight on camps and retreats. Thank you all! Congratulations also to Bailey Woods [Year 12] who was awarded the prestigious Referee of the Year for the Menai Dragons Basketball Club. Well done Bailey!

Finally, I would encourage all interested members of the Aquinas community to become involved in the ABCD [Aquinas Business Community Directory] which will be launched on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March @ 6pm in the MacKillop Learning Common. The aim of this community initiative is to



- ✱ Meet and connect with business owners in the local area
- ✱ Discover local product/service providers and opportunities to connect and network
- ✱ Hear from expert speakers and alumni graduates on relevant business topics

We look forward to this enterprise developing into a significant part of the life of the College. Mr Peter Tsambalas has taken on the running of the project and would be happy to field any queries regarding the ABCD via [peter.tsambalas@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:peter.tsambalas@syd.catholic.edu.au) or through the College Office: 9543 0188.

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig Oraibh!

[Happy St Patrick's Day!]

James Corcoran  
Principal



## Assistant Principal

### Key Dates

Week 8 (B) Term 1

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Year 7 Orientation camp</i></li> </ul>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Year 7 Orientation camp</i></li> <li>• <i>'AWE'</i> (Academic Writing Excellence) program for all Year 7-10 students during morning Pastoral</li> <li>• NSWCCC opens boys Baseball trials</li> </ul>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Year 7 Orientation camp</i></li> <li>• Year 12 Parish Mass at 8.20am</li> <li>• SSSCC Swimming carnival</li> </ul>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>St Patrick's Day fund raiser for WYD16-Gold coin and Mufti day</i></li> <li>• Year group meetings Period 4</li> </ul>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Business Studies Seminar for all during sport</li> <li>• Senior Blood bank visit</li> <li>• Sport</li> </ul>

<b>Monday 21st March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Assessment free week for Year 12</i></li> <li>• Construction and Fitness VET work placement week</li> <li>• Asylum Centre lunch visit by Aquinas students</li> <li>• ABCD Business network launch/refreshments at Aquinas at 6.30pm in the MacKillop Learning Common</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 22nd March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘<b>AWE</b>’ (Academic Writing Excellence) program for all Year 7-10 students during Pastoral morning</li> <li>• Peer Support program Period 1</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 23rd March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Parish mass at 8.20am</li> <li>• SSCCC Senior Boys/Girls Football</li> <li>• U/15's &amp; Opens Rugby League-Sydney Independents trial</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 24th March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Holy Thursday</i></li> <li>• Holy Week school Liturgy in the JPPI Hall Periods 5 &amp; 6</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Good Friday</i></li> </ul>

### ‘AWE’-Academic Writing Excellence program continues to drive forward

The AWE program across Year 7-10 continues to be a focal point at the College with students already completing several writing tasks, along with receiving teacher feedback during the Tuesday morning Pastoral lessons. This is being complimented with explicit **writing marking criteria in assessment tasks across all KLA's** so as to support effective and sophisticated writing in all our students. To that end I share with you **two strategies** being promoted by our Literacy team which teachers are using with students in our classrooms (indeed there are posters of these in all classrooms, to constantly prompt and embed in students a strong mindset of writing effectively). These are: **PEEL** (Point; Elaborate; Example; Link) and **CUPS** (capital letters; understanding; punctuation; spelling) as demonstrated in the below diagrams, which I would also encourage parents/carers to use with their children when supporting them around Homework and Assessment tasks.



#### PEEL

PEEL Strategy		
P	Point	Put your main idea in the first sentence!
E	Elaboration	Expand on this idea by writing 2-4 more sentences about it.
E	Example	Provide an example to reinforce your main idea.
L	Link	Use persuasive language to link your argument back to your main point.



#### CUPS

CUPS Strategy		
C	Capital Letters	Check every sentence to make sure it starts with a CAPITAL letter. Check every proper noun to make sure they start with a CAPITAL letter.
U	Understanding	Check every sentence to make sure they make sense. Are there any words missing or are there extra words that shouldn't be there?
P	Punctuation	Check to make sure that every sentence ends with a full-stop. Check for commas, apostrophes, inverted commas, semi-colons etc.
S	Spelling	Check all your words to see if they have the correct spelling. Use a dictionary or your computer to see if there are.

### Well done to Aquinas Students -a good news story

I was delighted to receive a message via our office of a community member who called to let us know of the great maturity, care and compassion shown by many of our students whilst travelling on the M92 bus last week (which many of our students catch of a morning and afternoon) when she fell after some sudden braking causing her to break her arm. The students not only rendered first aid which they have learned as part of their formal teachings in PDHPE, but they remained with her collecting her things and reassuring her as they waited for an ambulance to arrive. Much to say about young people in our society I say J. Well done Aquinas!

**Robert Nastasi**  
**Assistant Principal**



**Holy Family Parish**  
warmly invite you all to the  
**Family Mass**

Jump high on the Jumping Castle!  
Take a bite from a delicious sausage sandwich!  
Come Celebrate with others!

**When:** Sunday 3rd April 2016  
**Time:** 10am  
**Where:** Holy Family Church and after mass please join us on the netball courts

The poster features a cartoon illustration of the Holy Family (Joseph, Mary, and Jesus) in the top left, a chef with a sausage character on the bottom left, and a colorful jumping castle on the bottom right.



**Fifty and Fabulous**  
50th Anniversary  
Join us in celebrating!

**7pm-Saturday-May-14th-2016\***  
Dinner-Dance\*  
Club-Menai, 44-60 Allison Cres, Menai  
Tickets at Piety Stall from March 14th

**9:15am-Sunday-May-15th-2016\***  
Celebration-Mass-&-FREE-Morning-Tea-Family-Gala\*

For ticket sales or more information please contact  
Camille-Philips, 0422-096-257, camillephilips@optusnet.com.au\*

**Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst**

The poster includes an image of a champagne glass with a yellow ribbon bow on the left side.

*'Enlivened by the Spirit'*



# MULTICULTURAL FOOD FEST

IN CELEBRATION OF  
25 YEARS OF  
HOLY FAMILY, MENAI

WHEN : FRIDAY, 13 MAY 2016

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!!!

Come and be part of the rich diversity in our parish community and celebrate our ethnic origins through food!

If you would like to put together a food stall or alternatively, would like to be part of the organising committee, please write your name and contact number/email on the clipboard in the church foyer, and you will be contacted by either Carmelann or Collin.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Carmelann Netto [jcnetto2001@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jcnetto2001@yahoo.com.au)  
Collin Rozario [candcrozario@gmail.com](mailto:candcrozario@gmail.com)

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!



## Next Fundraiser:

# ---MUFTI DAY---

THIS THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

GOLD COIN DONATION - COLLECTED

DURING MORNING PASTORAL



# YOUTH MINISTRY 2016 @ AQUINAS

## What is next for WYD16 Pilgrims?

Save the dates for the following WYD16 “Formation Workshops”:

Workshop 1: 5<sup>th</sup> of April from 3:15pm – 5:15pm  
(WEEK 11, TERM 1)

Workshop 2: 26<sup>th</sup> of May from 3:30pm – 5:30pm  
(WEEK 5, TERM 2)

Workshop 3: 7<sup>th</sup> of June from 3:15pm – 5:15pm  
(WEEK 7, TERM 2)



## The Rosary

*‘The Rosary & Prayer Intentions’ on every Tuesday @ lunch... Room 44.*



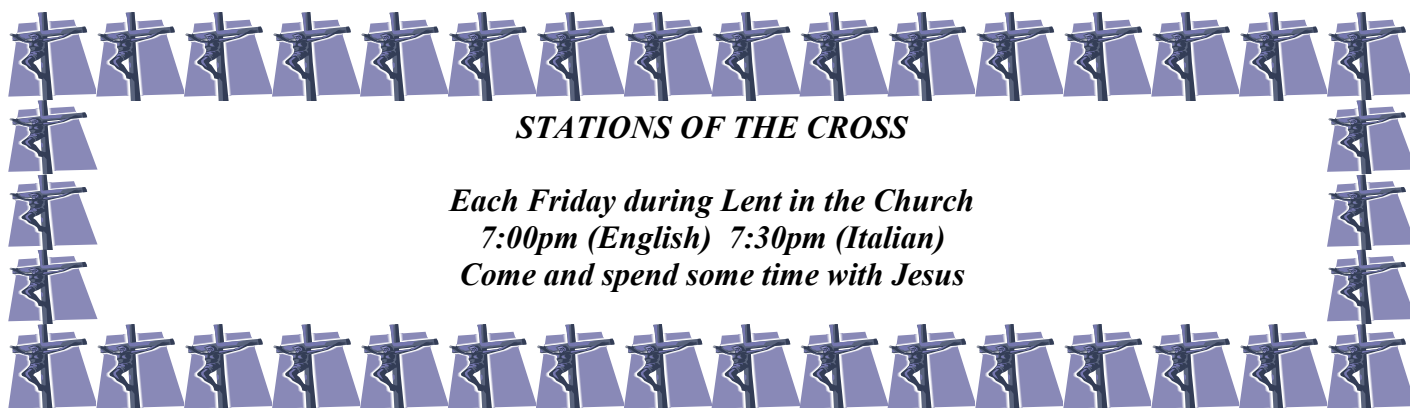
## PROCLAIM: High School Aged Youth Group

@ Holy Family Parish every fortnight

Next gathering:

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 6PM

Check out the “Holy Family Youth Movement” Facebook page.



## *STATIONS OF THE CROSS*

*Each Friday during Lent in the Church  
7:00pm (English) 7:30pm (Italian)  
Come and spend some time with Jesus*

## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS COMING UP

CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES PRESENTS...

# Y-FACTOR

ARCHDIOCESAN  
YOUTH CAMP

## Shine

MONDAY  
APRIL 18 -  
THURSDAY  
APRIL 21  
2016

YOUTHWORKS  
RATHANE  
NATIONAL PARK  
PORT HACKING, NSW



**REGISTRATIONS BY MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> FOR YEARS 7-12**


VISIT [WWW.CATHOLICYOUTHSERVICES.ORG/YFACTOR](http://WWW.CATHOLICYOUTHSERVICES.ORG/YFACTOR)

"Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."  
ISAIAH 60:1

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COLLEGE AUSTRALIA

HOLY FAMILY  
YOUTH MOVEMENT

# EXALT



A NIGHT FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE TO COME AND EXPERIENCE THE  
PROFOUND LOVE AND MERCY OF GOD

**7PM SAT 19TH MARCH**  
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, MENAI



ymc  
AUSTRALIA

## The ISTAND generation

**ISTAND YOUTH CAMP**  
A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR YEARS 9 - 12

WHERE: THE VENUE, 18 CAWLEY ST, BELLAMBI  
WHEN: 13TH - 15TH APRIL 2016  
COST: \$120


CONTACT JAMES ON 0431529463 IF INTERESTED



# HOPE

# PROCLAIM

HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH GROUP



## Dangerous

**6PM SUNDAY 13TH MARCH**  
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Social Justice @ Aquinas

## Project Compassion – Week 5 of Lenten Appeal



Fifth  
Sunday  
of Lent

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF  
PROJECT  
COMPASSION



Before enrolling in a Community Health Program young midwife Sreymom lacked experience. Now, she is a trusted midwife, helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region in Cambodia.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region's indigenous women and children.**

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) 1800 024 413

## FIJI APPEAL

Many Thanks to all the staff, students and families in the community that have made donations for Fiji. The English Department has donated some novels, and many teachers have brought in clothes and supplies. Special mention to Mrs Gerke who brought in two boxes of new clothes of various sizes.

We will take donations for the next few days. Please bring to school and give to Mrs Monk or take your donation to the old Aquinas Room in the old Administration block.

Suggested donations:

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Years 7       | - soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes                      |
| Year 8        | - pens pencils and exercise books, children's readers.   |
| Years 9       | - t shirts (children and adult)                          |
| Year 10       | - shorts and socks (children and adult)                  |
| Years 11 & 12 | - clean runners, clean footy boots, clean footy jerseys. |

Any questions please see or email Mrs Monk.



The Big shave on Friday in the HPII Hall was a huge success. Congratulations to the 18 Year 12 students who shaved and waxed for a cure. Students watched for a gold coin donation and \$315.00 was raised from this alone.

As at 4pm Sunday the team ACC2k16 had raised \$11,133.00 surpassing their goal of \$7,500!

Well done to all involved. Mrs Capovilla kindly came in to take the photos that you see in the newsletter.

**Mrs Julie Monk**

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**Social Justice Coordinator**

There will be a meeting for students who are interested in joining the **Social Justice Committee next THURSDAY B Week** at lunchtime in Room 55. We will meet once a fortnight. All welcome years 7-12!



## Learning and Curriculum Matters

### This Week's Assessment:

Year	Subject	Date
12	Food Technology	14.03.16
11	Physics	14.03.16
9	Drama	14.03.16
9	Food Technology	14.03.16
8	Science	14.03.16
11	Chemistry	15.03.16
11	Legal Studies	15.03.16
9	Commerce	15.03.16
9	Food Technology	15.03.16
12	Ancient History	16.03.16
12	Food Technology - Theory	16.03.16
8	History	16.03.16
11	English Advanced	17.03.16
11	English Standard	17.03.16
11	English Studies	17.03.16
10	Food Technology	17.03.16
10	Visual Arts	17.03.16
11	Business Studies	18.03.16
12	English Studies	18.03.16

### Year 12 Mandatory Subject Seminars – Friday Afternoons.

The first of our Year 12 subject seminars begins this Friday afternoon, immediately after lunch. All **Business Studies** students in Year 12 are required to attend this seminar. The following weeks will see seminars for other subjects taking place.

Each seminar has a **specific writing focus** and is designed to provide the Year 12 students with instruction, timed preparation and immediate feedback on **HSC examination style questions**. Students should come to each seminar with a pen, ready to write, as laptops will not be permitted.

Parents are asked to support this initiative by not making appointments for Year 12 students who have a scheduled seminar or assessment task on Friday afternoons and by not providing notes with permission for early leave.

### HSC Disability Provisions

Any Year 12 student with a medical or learning disability that requires special conditions in examinations, should by now have provided me with the necessary paperwork to be submitted to BOSTES. All such submissions need to be with BOSTES before the end of Term 1 for their approval, so if this pertains to you, or to your son or daughter, and you are yet to have acted on this, please make contact with me before the end of this week. No examination provisions will be granted to students who have not submitted the necessary documentation. If you are unsure, please check.

### Assessment Schedules and Handbooks.

Assessment schedules (Years 7–9) and handbooks (Years 10-12) are all on SEQTA and viewable by students and parents through the documents section. It is a student's responsibility to have read the relevant documents, including the rules and procedures that accompany them and to be present for/or submit all assessment tasks on/by the due date. Consequences for failure to do this lead to a zero result for students in Years 10-12 and a percentage loss, followed by a zero result for students in Years 7-9.

Students in Stages 4 and 5 will notice that there is a literacy criteria appearing on many of their assessment tasks. This has been introduced across the curriculum and in conjunction with the AWE program to support and enhance writing skills and will also appear as a feature of student reports.

**Lisa Mirabello**  
Leader of Teaching and Learning



# Numeracy at Aquinas



Numeracy is regarded as “the capacity to bridge the gap between ‘mathematics’ and the ‘real world’ to use in-school mathematics out-of-school.” People are considered numerate based on “how well they choose and use the mathematical skills they have in the service of things other than mathematics” (Willis, 1998).

At Aquinas Catholic College, in 2016, we have introduced “Numeracy Thursday”. This initiative uses the time during Thursday morning pastoral to focus on activities involving numeracy.

Year 7 and year 9 students have been completing 10 NAPLAN style questions each Thursday for the past 5 weeks and will continue these until the NAPLAN tests in Week 3, Term 2. Year 7 have been focusing on non-calculator questions but will change this week to calculator questions. It is important that all year 7 students bring their calculator to school every day from now on. The students will be learning how to use their calculator in Maths lessons and they will need it to help them on Thursday mornings.

The NAPLAN numeracy tests have non-calculator and calculator allowed components. The numeracy questions are not directly based on the content that is covered in the Mathematics course, but rather on the basic numeracy that students are expected to know by Year 7 or Year 9. Doing NAPLAN preparation allows students access to the style of questioning, ensuring they are not confused and bewildered.

Year 8 and year 10 students have been focusing on numeracy in the real world, completing tasks such as Numeracy in Cooking, Gardening, Travel and Medicine. These tasks involve basic questions revolving around measurement, time, money, etc. After NAPLAN, Year 7 and Year 9 will begin to cover these basic numeracy tasks too.

The introduction of Numeracy Thursday, has resulted in students being very settled during pastoral and they all seem to be working efficiently to complete all the set tasks. Thanks to the pastoral teachers for their support in getting this initiative up and running this term.

Renee Kelly  
Numeracy Teacher

## MATHS DEPARTMENT RECALL CORNER

Each week Maths Recall is included in the newsletter to encourage junior students to regularly focus on non calculator skills. Please show your answers to your maths teacher during your next lesson, as it shows interest and excitement about mathematical skills.

1. List the square numbers between 50 and 99
2. List the prime numbers between 50 and 99
3. Find  $\sqrt[3]{64}$
4. Find  $\sqrt[3]{64}$
5. Write 15 as the sum of 2 prime numbers

Mrs Catherine Fensom  
Assistant Mathematics Coordinator



# CSDA PUBLIC SPEAKING ZONE FINAL

Last Friday evening four students represented the College in the Final round of the CSDA Public Speaking competition at St Gregory's College, Campbelltown. This was the culmination of several weeks of writing and refining speeches, practising at lunchtimes and at home and competing in the first 2 knock-out rounds.

The CSDA Public Speaking competition is the biggest Public Speaking competition in the Southern Hemisphere with over 650 students from 65 Catholic Schools across Sydney entering the prestigious competition. It was therefore a big achievement for the four boys to make it to the Final round.

Below is a list of the students who participated in the Final round and the topic that they spoke about:

Year 7:	Brock Wilson – “School Daze”
Year 8:	Joel Johnson – “Give me a sign”
Year 9:	Benjamin Capovilla – “Remember”
Year 10:	Michael Monk – “Be afraid, be very afraid”

The boys spoke eloquently and impressively amidst strong competition, with Michael Monk of Year 10 placing 4<sup>th</sup> in his year group. Congratulations Michael!

Congratulations to all students who have participated in Public Speaking this year and a big thank you to their families and teachers who have supported the students throughout; Mrs Lennon, Mrs Capovilla and Mrs Fensom.

This marks the end of the CSDA Public Speaking competition for 2016, however, Debating will commence in Term 2 for any students who are interested in participating. There will be information about this in the morning notices and in the newsletter next term.

Miss Cooper



# PEER SUPPORT WEEK 7: COPING

During Peer Support, students will consider a range of coping strategies they could use to enable them to persevere in a situation and become more resilient. They will be encouraged to recognise the importance of asking for help if they find themselves in a situation they find difficult to manage, and to work out who they can turn to and include in their personal support network.

**Miss Wilson and Mr McGrath – Peer Support Facilitators**



*A very special thank you to those  
Peer Support Leaders who  
volunteered their time on  
Wednesday night to lead tours  
around our College for Open Night!*



Ciara MacKenzie	Jack Brogan	Ruby Cole
Keira Dailly	Emily Araullo	Jasmin Stacy
Christina Nguyen	Jackson Roca	Thomas Church
Mikayla Ebb	Alexandra Fengitis	Michael Monk
Jasmine Chaar	Sophie Stone	Alicia Aslanidis
Lachlan Wiltshire	Lauren Agostini	Victoria Karountzos
Georgia Turner	Erica Lee	Victoria Bennett
Zac Stubbs	Elisabeth Krstanovski	Katerina Tsavaris
Christian Yacoub	Molly Barrett	Tayla Garrety
Holly Tapia	Jesekah Bradstock	Monique Mladenovski
Alex Glenie	Clare Plowman	Emily Boesen
Sam Coupland	Jules Spooner	Sarah Larkham
Tiana Harb	Brianna Dorevski	Matthew Ross
Aidan Puse	Sarah-Lisa Bouchaaya	Sophie Callaghan
Ben Chionchio	Micaela Jefferys	Kadlen Vasilj
Jacqueline Brown	Samantha Coelho	

# Fitness and Fuel Club



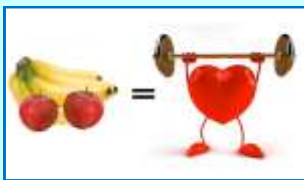
Join Mrs Katrib and Mr Burke for a fitness session followed by a healthy bowl of cereal. This will be held every Monday and Wednesday morning at 7:30am.

Come and join our 'Fitness and Fuel' morning session.



Meet at the Fitness Centre  
beginning this Wednesday 16 March.

Students attending must bring a towel and water bottle.  
All welcome.



Our College community currently consists of almost 1100 students and 100 staff. The College has a potential alumni base of over 2500 ex students. The College is also part of the wider Catholic Church community, which encompasses many more members. This gives a sizeable base to do business with those with whom we already have a connection or relationship.

## Calling all local business owners

From the parent, local and corporate community in the Menai and surrounding area, YOUR INVITATION to the LAUNCH of the Aquinas Business Community Directory (ABCD). Join the event and:

- Meet and connect with business owners in the local area
- Discover local product/service providers and opportunities to connect and network
- Hear from expert speakers and alumni graduates on relevant business topics



*Monday, 21 March 2016 (6.00pm – 7.00pm)  
@ Aquinas Catholic College, Anzac Road, Menai*

RSVP & Enquiries Peter Tsambalas [peter.tsambalas@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:peter.tsambalas@syd.catholic.edu.au)  
or via College Office: 9543 0188 or via College Website: [aquinasmenai@catholic.edu.au](mailto:aquinasmenai@catholic.edu.au)

**Student Writing Competition**  
[www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net)  
Write a poem  
Write a short story  
Win CASH and PRIZES  
Entry is FREE  
Closes Thursday 31st March



**write4fun.net**

**Enter to WIN!**



10.1" Samsung Galaxy Tab 4  
16GB + 64GB SD Memory card

**OR**



Apple iPad Air 32GB



Xbox One

**OR**



Playstation 4

**Entries CLOSE 31st March!**

**It's time to start writing :)**

**Any questions see Mrs Kizi or Ms Morales**

# eLe@rning at Aquinas

Every student should be using the full capabilities of their devices using:

- SEQTA Learn (access via the College website [www.aquinasmenai.catholic.edu.au](http://www.aquinasmenai.catholic.edu.au))
- Jacaranda Textbook ([www.jacplus.com.au](http://www.jacplus.com.au))
- Education Perfect ([www.educationperfect.com](http://www.educationperfect.com))

The College has provided all students with a student login and password for the above mentioned websites. Any student who has challenges with their device must see the ICT support staff in the Library as soon as possible (recess and lunchtime so no class time is missed).

Students are asked to consult with the ICT staff before a new version of software is installed so all necessary security certificates match our network.

## Education Perfect

In the first weekend of the school Year, even before any classes had taken place, the students were emailed their usernames and passwords directly from Education Perfect. Over 3000 questions were attempted without any prompting from teachers. The students are commenting how valuable this online learning tool is. At the end of last week **102,000** online questions have been attempted by our students. Congratulations to all students who use Education Perfect as part of their home study routine.

This week we will launch the **Aquinas Catholic College Showdown**. Students will compete online with their classmates to find the best students in Science, Mathematics, and English. The competition runs from **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March until Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. This would be an outstanding opportunity for parents to witness online learning opportunities at their best. Please ask your child to demonstrate their learning and access to this site.

The link to the competition is on each students login homepage on Education Perfect – Good Luck !!



## SEQTA Engage

All parents should have access to our Learning Management System. A opportunity to monitor homework and classwork exists with this access. All parents can see Merit, Demerits and communication details. Please use the options drop down menu and select Pastoral Care Details.

## Office365



All students with a valid student email (@sydstu.catholic.edu.au) are able to download a copy of Office365 for their device.

Please follow the instructions provided at:

<https://products.office.com/en-us/student/office-in-education>

Could all parents please ensure a fully charged device is brought to the College everyday.

Anthony Hulme

eLe@rning Coordinator

## AFL's back at Aquinas

The revamped Swans Cup is on again. Just a little early notice, this year the state wide competition will comprise of the following:

- Junior Girls (15s) Qualifying Regional matches 6<sup>th</sup> May Term 2 Week 2
- Junior Boys (15s) Qualifying Regional matches 24<sup>th</sup> June Term 2 Week 9
- Senior Boys Qualifying Regional matches 20<sup>th</sup> May Term 2 Week 4
- Senior Girls Qualifying Regional matches 20<sup>th</sup> May Term 2 Week 4

Venues have as yet not been decided so stay tuned.

All under 15's boys and girls AFL players also note that they can nominate to trial for the NSWCCC North team boys and the girls can nominate for the NSWCCC team. Go to the NSWCCC home page for further details ( <https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx> ).

Dave Tegg



# KICK LIKE A GIRL?



ARE YOU A GIRL AGED 10-18 WHO LOVES SPORT AND WANT'S TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?

**GAMES:**  
Sundays April – August  
**TRAINING:**  
Tuesdays 5pm-6:30pm  
Waratah Oval, Sutherland



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## SPORT - NSWCCC

The Registration process for trials for CCC teams have changed. To nominate for consideration the following process needs to be followed.

**NOTE:** These teams are not Aquinas Catholic College teams but NSWCCC teams. Students are nominating to trial at STATE level and as such should be a strong representative player of that sport.

### NSWCCC Entry into individual Sports and Team Sports

#### TEAM SPORT ENTRIES

Southern Sydney Combined Catholic Colleges is the pathway for our students to progress to the NSWCCC Championships and NSWCCC selection.

SSCCC run trials for the following teams:

**Baseball**  
**Cross Country**

**U/15 and Open Rugby League**  
**U/15 and Open Touch**

**Swimming**  
**Athletics**

**Soccer**

If students wish to trial for the SSCCC teams there is a school trial first, before they progress. When students are successful in making the school team they will be asked to register on the NSWCCC website to progress to the SSCCC selection.

#### INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

NSWCCC selection trials are run for the following sports which are either individual sports or sports which do not have a selection championship.

**AFL**  
**Hockey**  
**Triathlon**

**Cricket**  
**Netball**  
**Volleyball**

**Diving**  
**Softball**  
**Waterpolo**

**Golf**  
**Tennis**  
**Rugby Union**

#### INDIVIDUAL ONLY

These Sport trials are for those students who perform at an **elite** level rather than just having a go. Therefore students are only progressed to the trials if they demonstrate the necessary skills in that sport for the NSWCCC standard. Sport experience is offered during Friday afternoon sport, weekday afternoon and weekend sport. As you can imagine with over 150 Catholic High schools, if every school sent a bunch of kids to have a go, the trial would soon blow out to a gala day and the NSWCCC selection trial would not serve its purpose of progressing the correct students to NSW All Schools and National level.

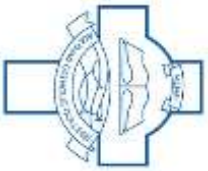
#### REGISTRATION PROCESS ON WEBSITE

If you are interested in finding out more information on NSWCCC trials and events please look at the website, or email [mark.barnes@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mark.barnes@syd.catholic.edu.au).

1. Go to [www.csss.nsw.edu.au](http://www.csss.nsw.edu.au) website
2. On top right hand side of page, click **LOGIN**. If you don't have a login or you have forgotten your login, go to the HELP button (located on the top right hand side written in Blue)
3. Once you are logged in, go to the NSWCCC Home Page.
4. Click on (Individual Sport you wish to trial for)
5. Click on Register  
Please **complete** the registration process.
8. Click on "Register for this Sport" at the bottom of the page.
9. An email will be sent to your Sport Coordinator for approval and consent.
10. You will also be required to pay online for individual sports which must be done before the event. Please allow 7-10 days for administration to process. (this is not done automatically)
11. You can login to your account at any time to view sport coordinator approval

***\*Whilst students trailing for Rep teams are not technically absent, we ask that on their return to the College, students bring a note verifying their attendance at the trial***

Mark Barnes  
**Sports Coordinator**



# PRE ORDER FORM FOR AQUINAS HOODIES

We are currently taking orders for the new Aquinas Hoodies and ask that you complete this order form and return it to the office. Once payment has been processed the hoodies will be delivered to the student via their pastoral class as soon as we are able.

Please indicate the quantity you require eg 1,2. etc within the relevant box.



*Pre order payments can be made with cheque made out to Aquinas Catholic College or by completing the credit card details below (No cash please).*

Student/s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastoral Class/es: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost of Order: \_\_\_\_\_

Items	Price	Children Sizes			Adult Sizes					
		Size 10	Size 12	Size 14	Small	Medium	Large	X Large	XX Large	XXX Large
Sports Hoodies	\$75									
Quantity										

If Paying by Credit Card please complete the following:

			Master Card		Visa Card	
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Card Number

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PLEASE NOTE: EXPIRY DATE MUST BE INCLUDED

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 Amount 

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Card Holder Name: 

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 Signature: 

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## UNIFORM SHOP

**THURSDAY 17 March**

**8:00am—9:00am**

**Please note the Uniform Shop only sells  
Sports Uniforms and School bags**

**The Uniform Shop does not accept Eftpos or  
Credit cards**

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THURSDAY 17TH MARCH

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\*Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing Ezy-Way 5% discount. Excludes gift cards. Must use Ezy-way credit card or Rewards Club card to receive discount.

## CANTEEN NEWS

**No meat or chicken products available  
Fridays during LENT**

Hash Browns	\$1.00
Mini Spring Rolls pkt 3 with sweet & sour sauce	\$2.00
Cheese & Tomato pizza slabs will be available	\$3.00
Cheese & Spinach Triangles	\$3.50
Small Ricotta & Spinach Rolls	\$2.50
Greek Salad & Garden Salad	\$3.50
Falafel Wrap (lettuce, tomato and hommus)	\$4.50
Salad Sandwiches / rolls Tuna / Salmon / Egg / Cheese also available	

Cheese & Bacon rolls will be replaced  
by Cheese rolls on Fridays during Lent

## MATHS CHALLENGE ANSWERS

- 64, 81
- 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97
- 8
- 4
- $15 = 13 + 2$



Maths Department

## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1

**TIME: MONDAY-THURSDAY 10:00-1:35, FRIDAY 9:30-12:45**

MONDAY	14/3	MONICA SPOONER, TONY SHELDON, ROSEMARY MORRISSEY
TUESDAY	15/3	LINDA KIRGAN
WEDNESDAY	16/3	BELINDA SELBY, VERONIQUE ROCA
THURSDAY	17/3	JO FINN
FRIDAY	18/3	LEANNE BROWNE, ARISTEA MARAKAS, LITSA XIROS
MONDAY	21/3	JACQUELINE HARB, CLAUDIA VITALE D'AMICO
TUESDAY	22/3	MICHELLE WHEATLEY
WEDNESDAY	23/3	STAM FARRUGIA, SIMONE ASSEN-LEITE, LOUISE PERRAU
THURSDAY	24/3	GEOFF RAYMOND, LISA TUDEHOPE, SKIE DENHAM
FRIDAY	25/3	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>