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### STA Open Days

2nd May	9:30-11:15
8th May	12:00-1:45
17th May	2:15-3:15
Information Evening - <b>Primary School</b> - Monday 15th May 6:30 - 7:30	
Information Evening - <b>ELC</b> - Monday 1st May 6:30 - 7:30	

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,  
just as in fact you are doing."*

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*



**ST THOMAS AQUINAS**  
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## Dates to Remember

- 1-19.5 Enrolment Period-2018
- 3.5 Merici Open Day
- 5.5 Athletics Carnival
- 8.5 SFX Year 7 Information Night
- 9.5 Merici Year 7 Information Night
- 9-11.5 Naplan

Dear Parents and Carers

*"I believe that the Mystery of the Cross is saying that the pattern of transformation is always death transformed. Death and life are two sides of one coin, and you cannot have one without the other." ~ Richard Rohr*

Welcome back to another school term. I trust and hope that your families had a restful and happy holiday, and in particular, a very happy Easter. We continue the school's retelling of the events of Easter today, with Years 1 and 2 interpreting the Resurrection at 2.30pm. I have quoted the incomparable Richard Rohr above, as his writing in today's newsletter speaks to the heart of Easter: there can be no resurrection if there is not first a death. For most of us, fortunately, our lives are not experienced in so dramatic a turn as Jesus' was, and yet even for us, there can be no growth in our lives without first undergoing a death – it might be the death of an illusion we had about ourselves, or the death of our ego, or something similar. Dying to ourselves leads to life renewed. Richard Rohr's website is: <https://cac.org/>

### Staffing News

At the end of last term, we farewelled two much loved and valued staff members, Gabor Hajdu and Caroline Docker. Gabor taught Year 3 and has left to explore teaching science fulltime to primary students, and perhaps teaching overseas. Caroline, who taught in the library one day a week, also left to pursue further job opportunities. I would like to take the opportunity to thank both Gabor and Caroline for their excellent dedication and service to the school, and for all they have done for the children in their care. They will be missed and their contributions have been invaluable. Bernice Stallard will take over 3H (now 3S) for the remainder of the year and I thank Bernice for taking on this role. Bernice brings with her great experience and wisdom and will make invaluable contributions to the lives of the Year 3 children. I also welcome Emma Delmenico, who will be teaching in the library part-time, and I also thank and welcome Kirsty Vera, our Spanish teacher, who will take the library 1.5 days a week. Kirsty and Emma will likewise do an excellent job.

### Enrolment Period

As is the case for all Catholic schools in our Archdiocese, our 3-week enrolment period begins next week. This includes both the ELC and Kindergarten. We have two information nights: an information night for the ELC for 2018, on Monday May 1st at 6.30pm in the ELC, and an information night for the school, on Monday May 15th, at 6.30pm in the school library. We also have 3 open days: on Tuesday May 2nd from 9.30 – 11.15; on Monday May 8th, from 12pm – 1.45pm; and on Wednesday May 17th, from 2.15pm – 3.15pm. All parents are welcome to visit the school during these times.

### Winter Uniform

A reminder that with the beginning of Term 2 and the quickly cooling weather, we are now wearing our winter uniform: please ensure that your child comes to school in his or her winter uniform. I would ask parents to please ensure that their child is also wearing black shoes with his or her school uniform, and runners with their sports uniform. Coloured shoes are not permitted with their school uniform.

### NAPLAN

our Assistant Principal and Assessment Coordinator, will be shortly sending out a letter to all parents of Years 3 and 5 students who will be sitting the NAPLAN exams in a few weeks, to say that the intended NAPLAN online program (which all ACT schools were to sit), has been postponed until next year. This is due to technical difficulties. In its place, the students will be sitting the exams using paper and pencil, as they have in the past. Please contact Ben Kelly if you have any inquiries, on 6258 4077 or on email, [ben.kelly@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ben.kelly@cg.catholic.edu.au)

Have a wonderful week with your families.

Best wishes  
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Principal

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# RE News

## Project Compassion Lenten Appeal

Thank you to those who returned their Project Compassion boxes at the end of last term. If you not returned your Project Compassion box to the church you can return it to the school by Friday. The funds raised will go to Caritas, the Catholic agency that gives international aid which works hand in hand with communities in need around the world.

## Sacrament of Penance Thanksgiving Mass

Last term many Year 3 and some Year 4 students received the Sacrament of Penance in our Parish. A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated in the Parish on Sunday, 7 May at 9.00am. Penance Certificates will be presented to the children at this Mass.

# K's Challenge

Please put you answers in the Freddo Box on top of the school letter box. (the corridor to Mr Johns' Office) By Monday Lunch time.

Congratulation to Brock Picker who completed the task. Please see Mr Kelly for your prize.

WEEK One, TERM Two

## A Question of Time Puzzle

The Puzzle:



The hour and minute hands are at equal distance from the 6 hour, what time will it be exactly?

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Thor Spencer, Ayak Padiet, Grace Jean, Jessica Crane,  
Yar Ajang, Andrea Orellana, Bodie Boege-Waters,  
Samuel Slockee, Aarnavi Khadka, Felice Foresti,  
Melinda Moore, Miranda Gomes, Kaitlyn Thomas &  
Haylee Scholes

**Altar Servers for Weekend Masses  
29th & 30th April 2017**

**Saturday 6pm:** Kane & Caitlyn Smith & Audrey McCombie

**Sunday 9 am:** Claire & Genna Hackett & Charlie Gough

**Children's Liturgy (4-13years)**

Susan Magyar & Katie Walsh-Smith

**Assembly in the Hall at 1:00**

**Friday**

**Week 2 - Sports Carnival**

**Week 4 - Year 1**

**Week 6 - ELC**

**Week 8 - Music**

**Week 10 - Awards**



**Mass Times at St Thomas Aquinas**

**Monday to Friday**

**9.30 am**

**Saturday 6.00**

**pm**

**Sunday 9.00 am**

**Confession**

**Saturday 4.30 pm**

