This week will see us have our most significant College community day, **Aquinas Day**, when we are all able to take time to pause and celebrate the life and ongoing impact of our Patron Saint, St. Thomas Aquinas. His Memorial falls on January 28th in the universal church’s liturgical calendar, and as such, it is impractical for us to celebrate on this day @ Menai given it is prior to, or just as, the school year commences.

Our Community Feast Day will start with a whole school mass, followed by various stalls run by pastoral classes and conclude with the much anticipated, Aquinas Day Talent Quest. All parents are most welcome to the liturgy that will commence at approximately 9am and as is our practice we will be raising funds for the people of Timor Leste and the immersion opportunity that occurs each year with students from St Patrick’s Sutherland & St John Bosco College, Engadine.

Fortuitously, an information evening run by Catholic Mission will also take place on Thursday evening at 5:30pm in the MacKillop Learning Common for students and parents interested in taking part in this significant social justice opportunity. Our students have been encouraged to be “not only donators, but doers” and in this MacKillop tradition, our students have taken this challenge on and their impact, and more importantly **PRESENCE**, has reached places as far spread as Madrid in Spain, Lima, Peru, more locally in Newtown, and in Maliana, Timor Leste. I hope that as our students contribute to their world and see beyond the classroom that they will appreciate God’s presence and ongoing **revelation** in their lives.

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