FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 12 had their last school retreats in Week 2 and I would like to acknowledge the efforts and generosity of the 16 staff that were most willing to give up significant personal time to commit to the three days and two nights that allowed our seniors to experience such a time of grace. Thanks to Mrs Baird, Mr Burke, Mrs Butdling, Mrs Fensom, Ms Flegg, Ms Kilzi, Mrs Kizi, Mr McGrath, Mrs Parker, Mr Pay, Ms van Eijk, Mr van der Kley, Mr Wilson and Mrs Wilson. Special thanks to our Religious Education Coordinator Mr O’Connor and Assistant Religious Education Coordinator Mrs Monk for their organisation and leadership at the two venues.

The enrolment period for Year 7 2016 has concluded and there is a very healthy number of enrolment applications. It is worth noting that the standing that the College has in the community and that is a direct reflection of our students and the commitment of parents, staff and all of our predecessors over the last 23 years. A comprehensive Catholic education encompasses the whole person and I hope that the students at Aquinas in 2015 make the most of the tremendous opportunities that they have. This week that would mean conscientious application of Year 7 and Year 9 students to their NAPLAN tests and for Year 8 and 10 students preparing for their looming half yearly assessments.

A number of sporting events and trials have been held in a number of sports and Aquinas students have been prominent in the achievement of some significant results. Congratulations to:

- The Opens Rugby League Team coached by Mr McGee and assisted by Mr Burke who won the Sharks’ Knock Out last Wednesday @ the Ridge. Well Done!!
- Soccer Trials for both Girls and Boys were held last Monday and Hayley Swanson was named in the Open Girls Team and Cameron Belle, Sam Gulisano, and Joshua Orchard were named in the Open Boys Team. Well Played!!
- Chelsea Cryer was a member of the NSW Touch Football team that beat Queensland in the interstate competition held on the weekend
- Sophie Callaghan, Tara Gourlay, and Chelsea Cryer were all named in the U/16 NSWCCC AFL team. This is a ‘first’ for Aquinas & a fantastic effort to make a state team. Go the Blues!!!
- A special mention also to Mr Roberts who captained the Australian Touch Football team to their successful defence of the World Cup, Mr Robert’s Open Men’s team beat New Zealand 11 – 2 in last night’s final, congratulations!!

The College is seeking expressions of interest from parents, families and friends who would be able to offer their time to support some of our students during our Exam blocks in either Week 6 of this term [25th – 29th May] and or Week 6 of Term 4 [9th – 13th November]. A number of students are eligible to have a reader and or writer as per BOSTES guidelines. No experience is necessary and a briefing will be held to train those able to assist. With all of junior exams now occurring in the one week it is not possible to only have Year 11 students fulfil this role. Anyone willing to help is asked to leave their names and contact details with the Front Office Staff. Any assistance in this area would be greatly appreciated by the students.

During this month of May, it is particularly a time to encourage our students and families to pray with and through Mary in personal prayer, or by joining with others to pray the Rosary. Staff and students have and will continue to acknowledge Mary in prayer in various ways particularly in this month.

Please keep the Field family in your prayers as Amy (Year 12) and Matthew’s (Year 10) Grandmother died recently.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

James Corcoran
Principal
# Key Dates

## Week 3(A) Term 1

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SSCCC Touch Football at Bosco College  
Year 11 Term 1 reports released online  
Staff Meeting |
| Tuesday 5th May|       | Blessed Edmund Rice |
| Wednesday 6th May|       | Year 8 Parish Mass at 8.20am  
Round 2 Debating  
Year 10 Police talk during morning Pastoral  
Year 12 Online bookings for Parent/Teacher open at 4.00pm  
Year 11 Parent Teacher interviews from 3.30pm to 7.30pm—Students to attend in full school uniform in hall |
| Thursday 7th May|       | Salvation Army Red Shield appeal meeting at lunchtime |
| Friday 8th May |       | Friday week A lessons  
Sport |

## Week 4 (B) Term 2

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| Monday 11th May|       | Staff Development/Pupil Free day  
SSCCC Cross Country at Sutherland  
Year 12 Reports released online |
| Tuesday 12th May|       | NAPLAN testing Year 7 & 9 |
| Wednesday 13th May|       | NAPLAN testing Year 7 & 9  
Year 10 Parish Mass at 8.20am  
Round 2 Debating  
Year 12 Parent Teacher interviews-3.30pm to 7.30pm in Hall |
| Thursday 14th May|       | NAPLAN testing Year 7 & 9  
Pastoral lesson period 4  
Year 11 Legal Studies excursion  
Year 12 Safe Travel Talk during Pastoral |
| Friday 15th May |       | Evacuation/lockdown drill during morning Pastoral  
Sport |

## Staff Development/Pupil Free Day

A reminder that Monday 11th May is a Staff Development/Pupil Free day where we will focus on Student well-being.

Robert Nastasi  
Assistant Principal

## Year 11 Parent Teacher Interview Bookings – Closing soon

The website for online bookings is: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Year 11 Parent Teacher evening booking code is: **VZBNV**  
Bookings will conclude on Tuesday 5th May.

Students will need to assist their parents/carers in selecting the teachers they intend to make an appointment with. Due to the timeframe of the evening, interviews are limited to 5 minute timeslots. Any additional time for an interview can be organised with the teacher by calling the College Office and arranging a suitable appointment time during school hours.

Mr Hulme  
eLearning Coordinator
Students are to keep updated and check the notice board on the Nagle Paved

Youth Ministry @ Aquinas: Everyday Saints

**MAY – ‘THE MONTH OF MARY’ –**

*May Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary* refers to special Marian devotions held in the Catholic Church during the month of May honoring the Virgin Mary as "the Queen of May".

Reciting the Rosary and prayer intentions

**When:** During the month of May – Every **Tuesday @ lunchtime**.

**Where:** Room 15

*All staff and students are welcome.*

Any questions please see Miss Kilzi

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016
In August, 2013, 350 students and staff from Sydney Catholic Schools journeyed to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to celebrate World Youth Day (WYD) with Pope Francis. These students and teachers joined with millions of other pilgrims from all over the world in a week of prayer, catechesis and festivity. As is always the case with WYD, this event proved life changing for many of the pilgrims and was a once in a lifetime experience in our universal faith.

A number of students from our school have expressed interest in attending the next World Youth Day planned for Krakow, Poland, in July 2016. As part of our school’s preparation for this pilgrimage I wish to invite parents and students to an Information Night hosted in collaboration with a member of the Youth Ministry Team from the Catholic Education Office, Sydney, to be held at Aquinas Catholic College on 19th May 2015 commencing at 5.30pm in Rooms 5 & 6. The Information Night will cover the following matters:

- The nature of the WYD pilgrimage
- Pilgrimage options
- Mission work
- WYD week schedule
- Post-WYD retreat
- Accommodation
- Student safety and supervision
- Process for payment, dates for payment, confirmation of interest forms
- Fundraising options
- Passport, visa, vaccination information
- WYD portal
- Collaboration with the Archdiocese ‘One Year Out’ event

Parents and students will also be encouraged to ask any questions they may have concerning any aspect of the WYD16 experience.

I encourage all parents and students who have expressed an interest in attending WYD in 2016 and any others who may still be thinking of doing so to attend this Information Night. I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely
Catherine Kilzi

ANSWERS
Naplan Preparation - Literacy

1. Collective
2. abstract
3. proper
4. A common noun and an abstract noun
5. Both common nouns
6. common
Permission notes regarding this event were handed out last week. Please make sure the permission slip is handed back to Miss Kilzi by Thursday 30th April - Week 2

Event coming soon
Thank you to all the staff and students who have worked so hard to raise funds for Project Compassion. Due to their efforts we will be donating $10,652.75 to Caritas this year. Special mention to Year 12 for all their work with Roses for Compassion, Pancakes for Compassion and the St Patrick’s Day Cake stalls.

Last term the Social Justice Group learnt about the movement Jump Up & Down for kids. This is a movement to help children in detention centres. The idea is that if Australian kids were kept in detention we would be “jumping up and down”. The twitter and Facebook pages read:

Keeping kids in immigration detention is wrong. Don’t be a bystander. Let’s jump up & down & get them out NOW! March figures: 124 children held in detention on mainland 103, detained on Nauru. Children need love and compassion not imprisonment.

Prominent Australians like Peter Greste, Kon Karapanagiotidis, Former Premier Nick Griener, Phycologist Dr Peter Young and leading author Tim Winton have all joined the campaign and spoken out about this social justice issue. The Catholic Education Office has also supported this issue.

Have a look at the Twitter account @JumpforKids or https://twitter.com/jumping4kids or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jump-UpDown-4-Kids/1504561866496496

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Thank you for supporting programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion  1800 024 413
The Social Justice Group had great fun Jumping4kids as the picture shows. The Social Justice Group had great fun Jumping4kids as the picture shows.

This Thursday, a representative from the Salvation Army at Menai will be speaking at Lunchtime in the library to ask for volunteers for the Red Shield Appeal. Traditionally Aquinas students have always been fantastic supporters of this event. The Red Shield Door knock appeal is the major fundraising event for the Salvation Army.

Students who volunteer to assist on the weekend of the 30-31st May will receive a certificate and other incentives for their efforts. Please come to the meeting for more information.

Last term the Year 11 Blood Bank Ambassadors and myself attended ambassador training at the Alexandria Processing Centre. Students learnt about how donations help the community and even heard from a recipient whose life was saved through donations.

Goergina Skinner and Michael O’Brien were fantastic ambassadors for the College and since then have been hard at work with our Year 12 Ambassadors, Michael Bonnici and Nicole Quinn, ensuring we have donors each fortnight. Students over the age of 16 can donate once in a 12 month period, while students and staff over 18 can donate every 3 months.

Parents and friends of the College can also have their donation count to our RED25 group tally by registering as a group donor. Please see the staff at any donation centre for more information.

Mrs Julie Monk
Social Justice Coordinator
This Week’s Assessment Tasks

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Year 7 - 10 Exam Block Week 6

All students in Years 7 - 10 should now be preparing for their examinations in Week 6. Notifications with specific exam content will be issued across the next week and students should have a study timetable, separate from their homework schedule, to ensure that they are ready for each examination.

Please remember that there are no silly questions and if you are going to prepare thoroughly, now is the time to ensure that your work is up to date and that you understand what you have been taught as well as exactly what will be in your examination. Ask your teacher to clarify anything that you are uncertain about.

Year 12 Library Study

Beginning tomorrow (05.05.15), the library will remain open for Year 12 students as a study venue every Tuesday night from the end of the school day until 6.30pm. Students who want a private and silent study venue may use the common areas in the library, while the two seminar rooms will be available for students who wish to work with their peers. I encourage students to take the opportunity of studying in a controlled space, without the distractions that can often be found at home.

Lisa Mirabello
Leader of Teaching and Learning

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. Convert 73% into a decimal then fraction in simplest form
2. Convert 75% into a decimal then fraction in simplest form
3. Convert the fraction \( \frac{7}{8} \) into a percentage
4. Find 35% of $350
5. 15% on a number is 90. Find the number.

Mrs Catherine Fensom
Assistant Mathematics Coordinator
Regional Catholic Schools Debating Competition

Last Wednesday 29th May, teams from years 7, 8, 9 and 10 competed against Bethany College in Round 1 of the Regional Schools Debating Competition.

All teams performed well under pressure and with challenging topics. Year 7 and 10 won their debates. There was only a one mark difference in the Year 9 Debate.

The teams are as follows:

Year 7:
Michael Kerle, Joel Johnson, Emily Lane, Nicholas Katsiris, Anna Rickert.

Year 8:
Joshua Lane, Charlotte Knoke, Benjamin Capovilla, James Selas.

Year 9:
Michael Monk, Samantha Kerle, Georgia Turner, Isabella Katsiris, Elisabeth Krstanovski, (Benjamin Ferraro stepped in to Debate for Year 9 in Round 1).

Year 10:
Leah Anderson, Kiara Heyward, Daniel Ferraro, Lachlan Bowmer.

Thank you to Mrs Lennon, Mrs Capovilla, Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Buttling for coaching the students, and to Mrs Fensom, Miss Wilson and Miss Petrie for adjudicating and attending the debates.

The teams will compete in Round 2 this Wednesday at the College against St Pat's Sutherland. It commences at 4.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Miss Cooper
Regional Catholic Schools Debating Competition

Naplan Skills Sessions

In the College Library
Wednesday afternoons
Week 1, 2 and 3 - 3:10-4pm

This is a chance for all Year 7 and 9 students to do some extra preparation for Naplan.

Any questions please see Mrs Wilson – Literacy Facilitator.
1. What type of nouns are team, herd and flock?
   a. Common
   b. Proper
   c. Collective
   d. Abstract

2. What type of nouns are delight, honour and terror?
   a. Common
   b. Proper
   c. Collective
   d. Abstract

3. What type of nouns are Kakadu National Park and King George V?
   a. Common
   b. Proper
   c. Collective
   d. Abstract

4. The words house and sympathy are:
   a. A common noun and a proper noun
   b. A collective noun and an abstract noun
   c. A common noun and an abstract noun
   d. Both abstract nouns

5. The words glass and banana are:
   a. A common noun and an abstract noun
   b. A common and a proper noun
   c. Both common nouns
   d. Both abstract nouns

6. What type of noun is plain in this sentence?
The cheetah sped across the grassy plain in pursuit of a young zebra.
   a. Proper
   b. Collective
   c. Abstract
   d. Common

Answers appear earlier in this newsletter.
NUMERACY AND NAPLAN

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) will be held in week 4 this term. The Numeracy paper has both a non-calculator and a calculator allowed section and is on Thursday 14th May.

Some tips for NAPLAN:
- Read the WHOLE question carefully
- Draw a diagram if it will help you answer the question
- Answer ALL the questions (don’t leave a multiple choice question unanswered)
- Check your answers
- When allowed, use your calculator

Below are some questions for you to try.

Year 7 Non-Calculator

In this number sentence, both triangles represent the same number.

\[32 - \triangle = \triangle - 8\]

What number does \(\triangle\) represent?

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\underline{\text{____________}} \\
\end{array}
\]

Sara has 1 litre of water in a jug.
She pours water into 3 glasses as shown.
Each full glass holds 250 millilitres.

How much water does Sara have left in the jug?

- about a quarter of a glass
- about three-quarters of a glass
- about one whole glass
- more than one whole glass

Year 9 Non-Calculator

In a class there are 24 students.
The ratio of students born in Australia to those born overseas is 5:3.

How many students in the class were born overseas?

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\begin{array}{c}
3 \\
6 \\
8 \\
9 \\
\end{array}
\]
The distance from A to B is one-third of the distance from A to D.
The distance from C to D is one-quarter of the distance from A to D.
The distance from B to C is 150 millimetres.

What is the distance from A to D?

\[ \text{millimetres} \]

Answers from week 2 newsletter:
Year 7 Calculator questions: \( \frac{250}{g} \) of cherries; the cross section of a cone is a circle
Year 9 Calculator questions: 11 hours and 49 minutes; angle BCE=85\(^\circ\)

Renee Kelly
Numeracy Teacher

**MATHS CHALLENGE**

Answers:

1. \( 0.73 = \frac{73}{100} \)
2. \( 0.75 = \frac{75}{100} = \frac{3}{4} \)
3. \( \frac{7}{8} \times 100 = 87.5\% \)
4. \( \frac{25}{100} \times 350 = 122.5 \)
5. 1% of the number is 6, so 100% of the number is 600

Maths Department

**UNIFORM SHOP**

*(Located next to Canteen)*

**THURSDAY 7 May**

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

*College caps and sports socks can be purchased from the College Office*

**CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2**

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

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‘Enlivened by the Spirit’