



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final term of 2025! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday filled with rest, special memories, and plenty of fun.

As we begin the new term, our focus in the first week will be on re-establishing classroom routines and expectations. Through our token reward system and continued use of positive reinforcement, we will celebrate behaviours that reflect our school values: *We Care for Ourselves, We Care for Others, We Care for Our School, and We Practise Gratitude.*

This term, our learning program is rich and varied:

English: Students will begin a novel study of *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate, exploring themes of friendship, courage, and hope. In writing, they will be learning to craft persuasive letters, developing their ability to express opinions with clarity and purpose.

Religion: We will explore our wider community, recognising the important roles that individuals play and how these have evolved over time.

Mathematics: Our Daily Review and Explicit Direct Instruction sessions will continue to support students in developing fluency, accuracy, and confidence across key mathematical concepts.

HaSS: Students will journey back to Ancient Greece, investigating the origins of democracy and the influence of Greek myths and legends on our world today.

Science: Our young scientists will examine rocks, minerals, and soils, discovering how these natural resources shape the Earth.

Sport: This term's focus is Oz Tag, where students will learn the skills, strategies, and teamwork required for this fast-paced and enjoyable sport.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure a positive and successful end to the school year.

Warm regards,
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Library

Mrs Kaden & Mr Collins

Tuesday

Bring Library Bags and Books each Tuesday.

The Arts

Mrs Wicks

Tuesday

Chinese

Mrs Wang

Thursday

Sport days

Wednesday and Friday

Don't forget a hat **EVERY DAY**.

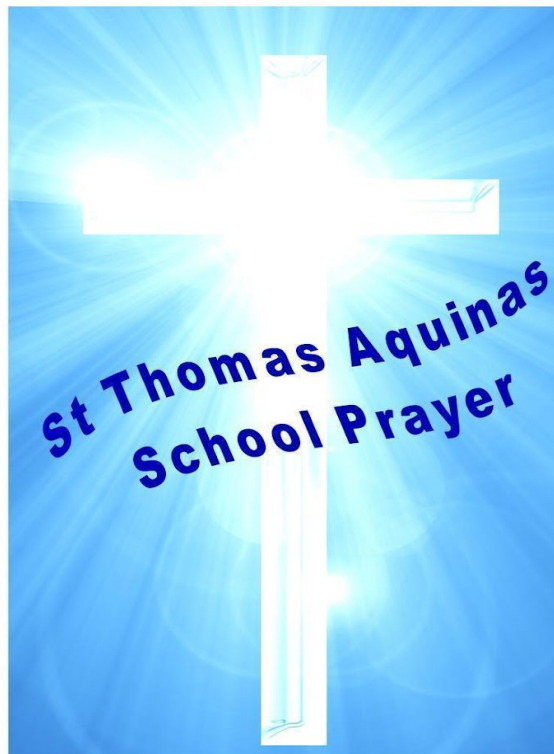
Homework

We understand homework can be a difficult task for some families to achieve in a regular work week.

As such we will not be setting specific tasks for students to complete.

We encourage students to read each day to help build their vocabulary and fluency.

If you are seeking further activities to complete at home we recommend looking at NAPLAN study guides online or via your local bookshop.



God our Creator and loving Father,
Thank you for the gift of ourselves, the gift
of each other, our family and our friends.
Bless us with a reverence for all created
things.

Jesus our brother,
Help us to be kind and generous, caring and
joyful. Guide us to walk in your footsteps,
to think of others with a heart full of love,
to see others as you see them and to work
together to create a community where
everyone feels loved, welcomed and at
home.

Holy Spirit of God,
Support us to love others and to love the
world, so that our school will be a place of
friends, family, laughter, learning and fun.

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