

Term 4 Parent Information Letter

Welcome back to Term 4.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are, entering the last term of Year 5. Students are well on their way to becoming our future leaders and we are looking forward to finishing off the year strongly. This last term will fly by as we continue our learning and learn how to be the future leaders of our school.

In Religion, we will be exploring the life of early Catholics in Australia and the works of Mary Mackillop. We will participate in a range of Marian prayers and analyse elements and features of these different prayers.

Our English text this term is the novel *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold. We will be learning about environmental preservation and the impact of global warming on our environment as we explore the life of April and her father and their time on Bear Island, in Norway. This novel will allow students to explore the impact of humans on our environment and learn to write effective persuasive texts. Students will also learn about the various language and grammar conventions that are used in persuasive writing to influence readers.

We have been pleased to see the continued growth in students' Mathematics. This term, students will participate in a trial of "Maths Mastery" alongside 'Daily Review' activities to support development and mathematical fluency across the various Maths strands. By continually practicing and reviewing content, students are provided with the opportunity to store information in their long-term memory. Teachers will explicitly demonstrate new concepts that build on previous learning, and provide students with the opportunity to practise new content before adding these to our daily review routines.

This term, students will continue to work with our specialist teachers for Library, The Arts and Chinese. In these lessons, students will build on their growing knowledge of the Chinese language and engage in Digital Technology lessons. Sport lessons will be on Wednesday and Friday. We will continue our program of Indigenous games as well as learn some soccer and tennis skills.

Students will become the leaders of the school for 2025 during the candle ceremony and leadership handover in week 10. We will prepare for this with our leadership and school captain speeches. More information will be conveyed throughout the term.

For more information regarding Year 5 learning across all curriculum areas, please see our term overview. This also contains key dates to remember for the term. Please ensure you regularly check your emails, Compass and the school Facebook page for all current school communication.



**St Thomas Aquinas
West Belconnen**



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Sport Days

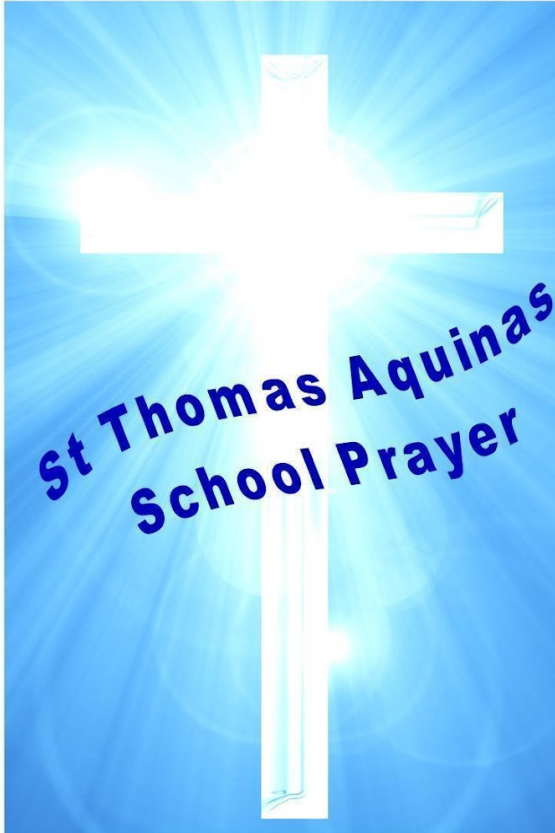
5 Blue
-Monday & Thursday

5 Green
-Tuesday & Thursday

Full sport uniform with
appropriate footwear

Release Lessons

Art- Thursday
Library- Thursday
Chinese- Monday



**St Thomas Aquinas
School Prayer**

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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