

# Short STGAK

*"I am the way,  
the truth and  
the life."*  
John 14:6

**Term 4 Week 2 - 19 October 2017**

## Important Dates

### Friday 20 October

Assembly 1.45pm (5/6P)  
Sports/Cultural Photos

### Monday 23 October

Monday Prayer (3/4VL) 9.30am  
Fete Meeting 6.30pm

### Tuesday 24 October

Michael Grose Parent Prayer 7.30pm

### Wednesday 25 October

Mass (Missions) 10.30am

### Friday 27 October

Class Mass (KB, 1R, 5/6P) 9.30am

### Saturday 28 October

Trash'n Treasure dropoff 9am - 12pm

## Notes sent home this week

Parent Information Letters (Term 4)  
Sociogram for 2018 Classes  
Kinder Excursion (National Zoo)

## From the Principal

There was once a wise and beloved king who cared greatly for his people and wanted only what was the best for them. The people knew the king took a personal interest in their affairs and how he tried to understand how his decisions affected their lives. Periodically, he would disguise himself and wander through the street, trying to see life from their perspective.

One day he disguised himself as a poor villager and went to visit the public baths. Many people were there enjoying the fellowship and relaxation. The water for the baths was heated by a furnace in the cellar, where one man was responsible for maintaining the comfort level of the water. The king made his way to the basement to visit with the man who tirelessly tended the fire. The two men shared a meal together, and the king befriended this lonely man. Day after day, week in and week out, the king went to visit the fire tender. The man in the cellar soon became close to his strange visitor because he came down to the basement where he was. No one else ever had showed that much caring or concern.

One day the king revealed his true identity to his friend. It was a risky move, for he feared that the man might ask him for special favours or a gift. Instead, the king's new friend looked into his eyes and said, 'You left your comfortable palace to sit with me in the hot and dingy cellar. You ate my meagre food and genuinely showed you cared about what happens to me. On other people you might bestow rich gifts, but to me you have given the greatest gift of all. You gave me the gift of yourself.'

As the fire tender recognised, the most precious gift any of us can offer one another is the gift of ourselves. Our time, our company, our conversation, our compassion and understanding - all are treasures which we have in abundance if we choose to share them. The more we share these gifts the more the gifts grow.

I ask God who shares generously with us every day to bless you, your home and your family.  
Ursula Jamieson

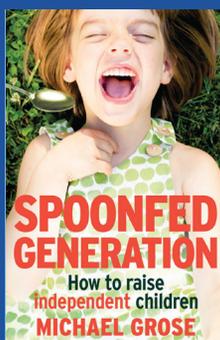
## Michael Grose

### Parent Presentation

Michael Grose will present a 'parenting masterclass', called the "Spoonfed Generation: at St Thomas the Apostle Kambah on

**Tuesday 24th October, 2017 7.30pm.**

The presentation will run for approximately 90 min and will look at how we can develop independence and resilience in our children. Please return the ticket request ASAP For details please see <http://sttap.act.edu.au/communication/notes.html>



The Mission Day Fair on Tuesday was a great success. Year 5/6 raised \$900.40 from the Fair which will go to Catholic Mission.



## Canteen News

A new canteen menu is available for Term 4. For details please see <http://sttap.act.edu.au/ourschool/schoolservices/canteen.htm>

## Sports/Cultural Photo Day - Friday 20 October 9.30 - 11.30am

All students, including those who are not having their photo taken, should wear

**FULL SPORTS UNIFORM**



## Merit Awards 2017

**Week 2**

Congratulations to these students who will receive Merit Awards on Friday 20 Oct at 1.45pm

Aalmin Sebastian	Cameron Long	Noah Schischka
Benjamin Boban	Juliette Taylor	Cooper Smith
Lilly Killip	Lara Kirk	Samuel Warner
Penny Warren	Alisha Alisha	Mia Zacny
Olivia Mendoza	Maia Davidson	Maddie Field
Nicholas Masters	Harrison Killip	Darwin Buluran
Alexandar Gourgouras	Samuel Taylor	Noah Jenkins
Seini Olivetti	Foster Jones	Tyler Flsher

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