



### Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015  
**Enrolments for Year 7 2017**

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2017.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on either of our two upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2017 applicants but open to any year group.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on **9849 9100** if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.

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## St Aidan's Primary School Rooty Hill Sharing News & Views

### From the Principal

Do your best and  
 God will bless  
 your efforts.

*St Mary  
 MacKillop*

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Dear Parents,

Last Tuesday 11th August twenty-eight students from years three to six (see Hall of Fame) participated in the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival. Our students performed very well and displayed great sporting spirit. Congratulations to the five students who made it through to the next round to represent the Blacktown Zone at the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Friday 21st August (see Hall of Fame). Thank you to Mr Julius for giving up his time to prepare the students and to Mrs Provost and Mr and Mrs Warwick-Smith who acted as officials on the day.

On Thursday I was thrilled to judge the year six 'Voice of Youth' St Aidan's finals. The students who won our school competition were Marta Abicic and Christina Abi Chemouni with Ida-Laura Ioane as runner up. Next week Marta, Christina and Ida-Laura as reserve will represent St Aidan's at the cluster final against St Francis Glendenning, Good Shepherd Plumpton and St John Vianney's Doonside. Best wishes to Marta and Christina. All year six students and their teachers will attend the cluster final.

Today, all students took part in the 'Spellathon' test. Students will receive their corrected words next Monday. Parents are then requested to help the children collect the monies promised by sponsors. The money raised will be expended directly on the children in the form of additional class/home readers and some additional iPads for student use.

As this is our main fundraiser for 2015, all parents are encouraged to support their children in obtaining sponsorship. Please ensure that Spellathon money is sent to school by 4th September.

During the past three years St Aidan's has provided extension programs for students in years four, five and six in Mathematics and English. These programs have included Robotics (year five) and the St Aidan's Radio station (years four, five and six)

This term we have added 'coding' as an extension challenge for year six in Mathematics/Computer Science. Miss Carlo-Stella is the teacher of these programs. This is a marvellous opportunity for students and those selected have embraced the new learning with much enthusiasm.

Next week is National Science Week. There will be a strong emphasis on Science activities during the week. A summary of activities will be included in the next newsletter.

Information has been sent to parents regarding the Book Character Parade (20th August) and Book Fair (20th and 24th August). I hope that many of you will be able to come along and enjoy the parade and Book Fair. On Thursday 20th August students from kindergarten to year five may come to school dressed as their book character. Year six students will change later in the day.

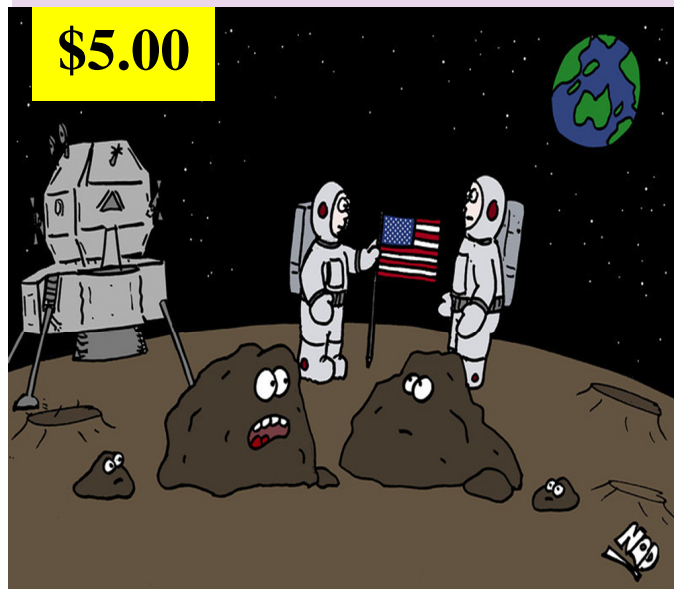
I have been advised by Blacktown Council that the police and roads and marine services have observed the situation with the traffic/parking situation in Adelaide Street. This will be discussed at a council meeting on 26th August when a decision will be made regarding parking/drop off etc. In the mean time parents are urged to adhere to the **NO STOPPING** signs in Adelaide Street.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

*Dr Elizabeth Ricketts*  
 Principal.

**\$5.00**



"OK, everyone keep very quiet... they never stay for too long."

### MEAL DEAL DAY—MOON ROCKS TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST 2015

**\*\*\$5.00 PAYMENT BY TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST\*\***

- 3 x DIM SIMS
- FRIED RICE

**SAUCE**

- SWEET CHILLI
- SWEET & SOUR
- TOMATO
- BBQ

- BOTTLE OF WATER

Child's name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Child's class /es \_\_\_\_\_



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### SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

#### A Renewing Passion

Last week, Priests, Principals and R.E.C.'s were fortunate to listen to the moving and passionate words of Most Rev. J. Michael Miller CSB—Archbishop of Vancouver, BC, Canada.

The Archbishop reminded us of our obligations as an educating and faith worshipping community at St Aidan's, to always bring forward the message and face of the gospel. He highlighted that Catholic schools stand out from other schools purely and simply based on the core mission of Jesus Christ.

In the words of Pope Francis, he challenged us to be **Bold**, **Creative** and **Courageous** in our ambition to ensure that we all have a balanced relationship with Jesus. We give witness to the gospel through the life of the school by embracing the true identity of Jesus' mission.

It is who we are and what we believe in through prayer,

Mrs Miray Khoury,  
Religious Education Coordinator.

### WAYS PARENTS CAN SHOW INTEREST IN THEIR CHILDREN'S LEARNING

- ◆ talk with children each day about what they have learnt at school
- ◆ be clear about your expectations of your children's learning
- ◆ attend school liturgies, meetings and other events
- ◆ maximize all opportunities for incidental learning/ teaching away from school.

Mrs Christine Leahy  
Assistant Principal.

### LITERACY MATTERS

#### Nurturing Writing at Home:

Writing is a skill. Helping children put thoughts into words gives them a great sense of accomplishment. Fostering good writing habits will make a big difference in children's attitudes toward writing. Help children learn to write well, and enjoy doing it!

Mrs Christine Leahy  
Assistant Principal.



### BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Tong Wol 4D and his family on the birth of a baby boy, Akol.



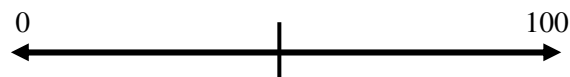
### NUMERACY NEWS

A number line is a line where numbers are marked at different points. The line could start at zero or at a particular number.

Number lines are used in the classroom to help students understand the value of numbers and where they fit in relation to different numbers.



As students develop their understanding of numbers, they are encouraged to place the numbers on an empty number line.



It is important when students place numbers on an empty number line that they explain why they have chosen to place a number at a particular point.

Using number lines both empty or with numbers at home will allow your child to consolidate their understanding of numbers and place value.

In the next newsletter I will continue to explore place value and provide examples of how you can support numeracy development at home.

What mathematics will you notice, discuss and explore with your child this week?

Miss Prudence Hall  
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

### THINKING OF OTHERS

\* Please pray for Tylin Sagurit's 3B grandmother who is very ill.

\* The school community send a 'cheerio' to Micho Bonete 2U who had a knee operation this week following a nasty fall.

### RETURNING TO ST AIDAN'S 2016

Please send the *Returning to St Aidan's School 2016* notes back to school by Monday 17th August. Thank you.

### WOOLWORTHS 'EARN & LEARN'

Please keep collecting the 'Earn & Learn' stickers when you shop at Woolworths until 8th September 2015. Thank you.

Congratulations to the following who have been listed in the *Hall of Fame* this fortnight.

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KB	Claud Daliwan	Joanna Villanueva	KH	Juliana Mendoza	Daniel Vrbesic
1C	John Nau	Keisha Tria	1M	Jackson Frias	Mikayla Mantua
2D	Annahat Sidhu	Nicholas Lucas	2U	Simon Amor	Ralph Quibuyen
3B	Aaron Shrestha	Sarah Wisam Nissan	3Q	Krishiv Singh	Nigel Nuque
4D	Shon Rae	Louise Sulit	4K	Elissa Elbacha	Benedict Macapagal
5P	Kayla Montenegro	Gennlyn Santos	5W	Sarah Pamatian	Marc Gabarda
6B	Kaira Francisco	Carlos Danial	6C	Dominique Byrne	Sarisha Sant

### BLACKTOWN ZONE ATHLETICS 11TH AUGUST 2015

Agazio Fragomeli	Mason Polidano	Marcus Torralba	Kacey Alvarado
Tong Wol	Edwin Liberty	Simone Ramos	Gabrielle Romero
Miriam Warwick-Smith	Jwer Akol	Jeremy Rahman	Ricardo White
Simon Issa	Kyle Polidano	Gennlyn Santos	Jaira-Lynn De Vera
Akon Anei	Michael Ayoub	Mikko Martin	Robert Apostol
Prince II Gonzales	Anei Anei	Tiffany Wu	Holly-Anne Ramos
Angelica Patterson	Alyzza Manalo	Alexi Bonete	Chenae Cruise

### PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 21ST AUGUST 2015

Mikko Martin	Long jump
Alexi Bonete	800m race and Senior girls relay
Alyzza Manalo	Senior girls relay
Tiffany Wu	Senior girls relay
Chenae Cruise	Senior girls relay

### DATES FOR TERM THREE 2015

Mon 17-Fri 21st August	Science Week
Wednesday 19th August	<i>The 26-Storey Treehouse</i> theatre excursion for years four, five and six
Thursday 20th August	◆ Year six Voice of Youth cluster final ◆ 1:30pm Book Character Parade ◆ Book Fair 3:00-4:00pm
Friday 21st August	◆ Infants Tabloid Sports K-2 9:00am ◆ Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Monday 24th August	Book Fair 9:00-10:00am and 2:30-3:30pm
Tuesday 25th August	◆ Stage three Girls Netball gala day ◆ Meal Deal—Moon Rocks
Wednesday 26th August	9:15am year five leading Primary Mass
Mon 31st Aug-Fri 4th Sept	National Literacy and Numeracy Week
Wednesday 2nd September	◆ 9:15am Father's Day/St Aidan's Mass year four leading (whole school) ◆ Father's morning tea
Friday 4th September	◆ Father's Day stall ◆ Spellathon money due
Sunday 6th September	First Holy Communion for participating candidates
Tuesday 8th September	Meal Deal—Turning Japanese
Wednesday 9th September	12:45pm year one Assembly
Tuesday 15th September	Numeracy challenge. Parents invited 11:30am-1:15pm
Wednesday 16th September	12:45pm kindergarten Assembly
Friday 18th September	2:55pm term three concludes