

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Driving and parking safely near the school

- ◆ School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school.
- ◆ Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
- ◆ Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- ◆ Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind.
- ◆ **NEVER** double park as it puts children at risk.
- ◆ Slow down near the school crossing.
- ◆ Always park and turn legally around the school. **Avoid dangerous manoeuvres** such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- ◆ Always **give way to pedestrians** particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- ◆ Do not park across driveways.
- ◆ Use the school's drop off facility in the morning and park the car around Kimberley Park in the afternoon for 'walkers' to meet you.
- ◆ Do not park in the **No Stopping** zones.



Transport for NSW (Centre for Road Safety)

SUNKEN TREASURE \$5.00 MEAL DEAL DAY—TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST



(\$5.00 PAYMENT DUE BY FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST 2014)

- Fish fingers (6)
- Hash Brown

Sauce

- Tomato
- BBQ
- Sweet & sour
- Sweet chilli

Bottle of Quench

- Cola
- Red

**6 X FISH FINGERS
HASH BROWN
SAUCE
BOTTLE OF QUENCH**

Child's name _____ Class _____



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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

As you are aware I returned to work last Monday after leave for a knee replacement. Thank you to those parents who sent cards and good wishes during my recovery. Your thoughts and prayers were much appreciated.

All is well now and I look forward to the upcoming challenges for the remainder of term three.

We were thrilled to receive the good news on Wednesday evening that Mrs Cutajar (year one teacher) gave birth to a baby boy, Xavier. We look forward to mother and baby visiting us in the near future and we send the family congratulations on behalf of the school community.

Last term twenty four students from years five and six took part in a writing competition called 'What matters?' This is an annual writing competition organised by the Whitlam Institute within the University of Western Sydney.

The students wrote on a diverse range of topics including climate change, homelessness, tolerance, disability, impacts of social media and embracing opportunities.

The annual 'What Matters?' writing competition is an important part of the institute's program of activities since it provides an opportunity for us to hear directly from young people themselves about the issues of importance to them.

While St Aidan's students did not win prizes in the competition, they each received a certificate of participation. Well done children and a special thanks to Mrs Janet Colusso and Miss Alana Brown for coordinating the students' writing.

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Next week St Aidan's School is hosting some visiting teachers from Queensland. These teachers will be joining us on Tuesday and Thursday. Their visit will involve working with our teachers and observing the learning and teaching taking place. It is a privilege to have been chosen to host these interstate visitors and I'm sure our community will make them very welcome.

On Tuesday 12th August there will be a Parent Information Night for Mathematics. A flyer will be sent home next Monday and it would be wonderful if at least one parent from each family could attend.

This information night has been planned in response to the many questions from parents about the teaching of Mathematics. The evening will commence sharply at 6:30pm and conclude at 8:00pm. Parents will work in groups and rotate through the different work stations.

The intention is to give parents opportunities to receive valuable information about the teaching of Mathematics and also experience some of the activities that children are engaged in during each Mathematics block.

As you know the school is holding a Spellathon in the next few weeks. Letters, word lists and sponsor sheets were sent to families last Monday. As this is the school's major fund raiser for the year, your support is needed. Monies raised by the Spellathon will be used to purchase resources for the students.

Notes will be sent home soon regarding a Fathers Day Stall this year. The date for this event will be Friday 5th September.

I look forward to working with each of you again this term. Thank you once more for your continued support, prayers and good wishes.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.

REFLECTION

‘Church’ was another main theme found in Matthew’s Gospel. It was the only gospel where the word for church (*ekklesia*) appeared. Matthew 18, ‘Jesus established and instructed the Church’. Matthew implied that the Church Jesus established was not just for the local community of followers, but also for the universal community of believers, even those of today.

‘Right Instruction’ was another strong theme in Matthew’s Gospel. He was writing an instruction manual for new converts and faithful disciples. His community needed Jesus to connect strongly with ‘The Law’ as this had been such a large and important part of Jewish life and needed to remain that way for both Jewish disciples as well as converts. In Matthew, Jesus taught the importance of righteousness, prayer and conversion.

The last theme is ‘Judgment’. Jesus constantly debated with the Pharisees about the Jewish Law and the importance of placing God first. They constantly questioned his teaching and actions. He would answer them with a question and a parable, making them respond to their own query. At the same time Jesus was explaining the way to the kingdom.

Mrs. Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator.

EXPLANATION OF SYLLABUS

English

- ◆ Students develop their language skills through activities involving speaking and listening, reading and writing, and viewing and representing.
- ◆ They learn about language and literature through working with a wide range of print, spoken, visual, media, multimedia and digital texts.
- ◆ They interpret and express their views on what they hear, see and read.
- ◆ They create written and digital texts, and deliver formal and informal presentations.
- ◆ For the first time, there will be a requirement that students experience a range of texts, including Australian works, multiculturalism, Aboriginality and Australian identity, and Asian perspectives.
- ◆ There is an increased emphasis on grammar and the teaching of quality literature.

Mrs. Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal

NUMERACY NEWS

Children learn about length and area through exploring and experimenting with a variety of materials. As they experiment and explore they begin to compare the size and shape of objects and how objects fit together.

Children need this opportunity to explore length using different materials like blocks before they become confident enough to use formal units such as metres.

What can you do at home to develop your child’s understanding of length and area?

- Trace your child’s hand or foot on cardboard and cut it out. Use this to measure different objects around your house.
- Compare the heights of different family members. Talk about who is “taller” and “shorter”.
- When wrapping presents talk about the size of the paper and if the paper would be wide and long enough to cover the present.



When learning about length and area children need to continue to **notice**, **discuss** and **explore** the Mathematics around them. This will challenge their thinking about length and area and develop their visualisation skills.

In the next newsletter I will address how the home environment can develop deep mathematical thinking in relation to mass.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
FOR MATHEMATICS**

Tuesday 12th August

6:30pm to 8:00pm

ALL WELCOME

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS		
KC	Gabriella Mark Danials	Clarence Diaz
KH	Alyssa Pabroa	Jake Bernaldo
1C	Annabella Wisam Nissan	Eric Meilak
1T	Andrea Santos	Yuan Miranda
2M	Connor Lennon	Koko Adriano
2Q	Nigel Nuque	Charlize Santos
3B	Angelo Delfinado	Ella Capili
3U	Benedict Macapagal	Clara Michael
4D	Lual Wiew	Ruth Joseph
4M	Dominic Arreza	Sarah Pamatian
5P	Tiffany Wu	Corey Simmons
5W	Vince Malinao	Aleksandra Favor
6B	Majan Almazan	Helepiko Uhatafe
6C	Ramzel Liwanag	Henry Wu

Congratulations to the following students who received a participation certificate in recognition of their contribution in this year’s ‘What Matters?’ writing competition.

Dencel Vargas	Vanie Barcelon	Amanda Pereira
Mary Akinba	Christina Abi Chemouni	Dominique Byrne
Aleksandra Favor	Simonette Lagare	Jonas Mendoza
Holly-Anne Ramos	Henry Wu	Majan Almazan
Gabriel Cacapit	Rita Bouchmouni	Shayne Cortes
Yustina El-Rab	Rachel Galacio	Dillan Goro
Elyza Paulate	Milla Sagurit	Shenna Sambat
Myron Torralba	Daniel Villanueva	Ruth Nool

On Tuesday 12th August the following students will attend the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival. *Good luck!*

Simon Ramos	Gabrielle Romero
Dora Abicic	Jwer Akol
Miriam Warwick-Smith	Fiona Vicedas
Akon Anei	Chenae Cruise
Alexi Bonete	Tiffany Wu
Marta Abicic	Milla Sagurit
Elyza Paulate	Britnee Azaglo
Mary Akinba	Henry Wu
Tong Wol	Michael Piliae
Viliani Vunipola	Ricardo White
Jeremy Rahman	Kyle Polidano
Dominic Arreza	Samuel Meilak
Robert Apostol	Michael Ayoub
Jeremiah Warwick-Smith	Anei Anei
Prince II Gonzales	Mikko Martin
Gabriel Cacapit	Yannis Clark
Justin Mallouk	Joshua Fuamatu
Jethro Vicedas	

DATES FOR TERM THREE 2014	
Wednesday 6th August	9:15am Primary Mass lead by Year five
Tuesday 12th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Maths Parent Information Night Blacktown Zone Athletics
Wednesday 13th August	11:30am Kindergarten Assembly
Friday 15th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30am The Assumption Mass K-6 Spellathon test for K-6
Monday 18th August	Book Week and Book Fair
Tuesday 19th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Fair continues Netball Gala Day
Wednesday 20th August	9:15am Infants Mass lead by Year one
Thursday 21st August	Creative Arts Expo
Friday 22nd August	Infants Tabloid Sports K-2
Monday 25th August	Visiting Author K-6
Tuesday 26th August	Voice of Youth cluster final for year six
Wednesday 27th August	11:30am Year two Assembly
Wednesday 3rd September	9:15am St Aidan’s Feast/Fathers Day Mass K-6 lead by Year four
Friday 5th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fathers Day Stall Spellathon money due
Wednesday 10th September	11:30am Year five Assembly
Wednesday 17th September	9:15am Primary Mass lead by Year three
Friday 19th September	2:55pm term three concludes