

## SCHOOL DATES FOR TERM THREE 2016

Monday 18th July	Staff Development Day (no classes)
Tuesday 19th July	* 8:40am term three begins * Athletics Carnival years 3-6

### BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ◆ Doonside Village Festival Saturday 23rd July 9am-3pm Phone 9839 6000 or [www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au)
- ◆ Aqua Learn to Swim—Enrol now! [www.aqualearntoswim.com.au](http://www.aqualearntoswim.com.au)
- ◆ Music = Dance = Music Venue: Blacktown Arts Centre Please phone for all details 02 9839 6558
- ◆ Kidz Kaper Blacktown Aquatic Centre Mon 4-Fri 8 and Mon 11-Fri 15 July 8am-5pm
- ◆ For all activities at Blacktown City Libraries visit [www.libraries.blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.libraries.blacktown.nsw.gov.au)

### COME AND TRY FOR FREE (AGES 4+)

## Tee-ball & Baseball

AT ALROY PARK, BOTTLES ROAD,  
PLUMPTON  
3RD, 10TH & 17TH OF JULY  
10AM TO 2PM

[WWW.PLUMPTONBRAVES.COM](http://WWW.PLUMPTONBRAVES.COM)

PHONE: 0418 BRAVES



### ST AIDAN'S CHURCH FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM 2016

Parent information evening Wednesday 27th July 7:30pm Mary MacKillop Hall  
Registration 30th and 31st July SACRISTY in the Church after all weekend Masses  
Parent instruction evening Wednesday 10th August 2016 7:30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

Further information is available in the St Aidan's Church bulletin each Sunday or phone the Parish: 9625 8404.



### RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL TERM 3

As you are aware, the school newsletter will be sent home electronically via email from the commencement of term 3. The newsletter can be accessed on the St Aidan's website & on the school app. It is able to be read on all your mobile devices, computers and it can also be printed.

Today, as well as receiving a hardcopy of the newsletter, families will also receive the newsletter via email. This is to ensure that the email addresses have all been entered correctly. Please complete the form below if you have not received the newsletter via email on Friday 1st July 2016. The emailed newsletter arrives at 4:00pm.

#### WE DID NOT RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

ELDEST CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILD'S CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_



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## St Aidan's Primary School, Rooty Hill

# Newsletter



### From the Principal

1st July 2016

Dear Parents,

Over the past few weeks I have been conducting interviews for Kindergarten 2017. This is always an enjoyable task as I have the pleasure of meeting new parents and reconnecting with existing families. I found this article very interesting and hope you enjoy reading it...

*Being a parent is a wonderful privilege but it is also very challenging, sometimes scary and on occasion, puzzling. When Mary and Joseph found their twelve year old son Jesus in the temple after three days of anxious searching, Mary was unable to restrain herself and said to Jesus, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.' (Luke 2:48). Mary's statement showed that she was not always able to understand the conduct of her child. This is some comfort for parents as they witness the growing-up conduct of their own children.*

*Recent studies tell us that parents spend as little as two to five minutes a day in meaningful conversation with their teenagers. Telling children to clean their room, go to bed, get up, clean their teeth and go to school do not count as meaningful conversation. Two to five minutes a day, no matter how meaningful, is simply not enough to compete with the multitude and variety of influences being presented to children. We need to spend a meaningful amount of time with our children so we can get to know what's going on in their lives, what they are thinking and what are the outside influences that are forming their moral and ethical values.*

*Spending time raising responsible children who are happy, self disciplined and able to think for themselves is a worthwhile goal. Finding out how you can help your children towards that end is the responsibility of parents. Children rely on parents to bring a mature adult perspective to parenting and to be the children's main influence. For example, discipline is not a process of trying to win a battle, to eventually force a child to give in: neither is it about reward and punishment. It is about teaching your children to manage themselves.*

*The role of parents is to guide their children towards self discipline. Parents need to remove themselves from the 'good guy- bad guy' role and be free to be their children's confidants, supporters and role models.'*

Thank you to the many parents who attended the parent/teacher interviews this week. Your interest and enthusiasm towards your children's learning is much appreciated.

Some weeks ago several students from years five and six took part in a writing competition '*What matters?*' organised by The University of Western Sydney. I am thrilled to announce that Miriam Warwick Smith (Year five St Aidan's) was awarded the prize for Runner Up in the year five - six division. Miriam's essay was titled '*Relationships matter*' and she with her parents will attend an Awards Ceremony at UWS on 2nd August. Congratulations Miriam. Well done. The St Aidan's community salutes you!

Congratulations to the Stage Two soccer team who came second at the Gala day yesterday. Well done, boys!

School closes for the winter holidays today.

Parents are reminded that children return to school on **Tuesday 19th July** which is also the Athletics Carnival for students in years three to six.

Thank you for your continued support this term.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts  
Principal.



## Year 5 Excursion

**Status Report:**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June,**  
**2016.**



On this day, 53 year five students and six adults ventured into the unknown world of space exploration and astronomy. Their wondrous adventure took place at the Sydney Observatory, atop Observatory Hill, just at the edge of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Exploration of this amazing building took place in three groups and students were invited to discover the many wonders of our universe through the eyes of an astronomer. Students were taken into space at the Planetarium, with its large circular ceiling and sunken seating. Laying back and watching the stars appear before their eyes, they were transported into space, visiting constellations and planets up close. Next stop was the Dome, where students excitedly viewed the surface of the sun through the eye of an immense telescope. Last but not least, the Theatre Room where 3D asteroids, meteors and space objects came to life on the big screen. It would be safe to say that Year five thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Sydney Observatory and I dare say some budding astronauts are amongst them.

## NUMERACY NEWS

This term students have engaged in a variety of activities, which encouraged them to interpret different numbers.

What you can do in the holidays to reinforce the skills your child has learnt this term?

### WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER?

K- 2 digit number (2 dice)  
2 and 3 digit numbers (3 dice)  
3 digit numbers (3 dice)  
3 and 4 digit numbers (4 dice)  
4 and 5 digit numbers (5 dice)  
5 digit and decimals (5 dice)  
6 digit and decimals (6 dice)



- \*Roll the dice and make/record 3-5 different numbers. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- \*Place the numbers on an empty number line, ordering them from smallest to largest.
- \*Represent one number using pictures, numbers and words.
- \*Recall the number that is 10 more/10 less/100 more/100 less.

*EXTENSION: For middle and upper years show your number using expanded notation-*  
 $3456 \rightarrow 3\,000 + 400 + 50 + 6$ .

In Term three I will continue to explore different place value activities and games you can use at home.

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

Miss Prudence Hall  
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FOR STUDENTS IN**  
**YEARS THREE TO SIX**  
**TUESDAY 19TH JULY 2016.**



## Hall of Fame



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

### EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS FOR TERM TWO 2016

KH	Charles Saturnino	Sanja Surkic	KQ	Visali Thangarasu	Mia Torralba
1A	Jake LeRoy	Priyanka Sharma	1M	Mary Mercado	Kian Soriano
2D	Rafael Malinao	Shelbilise Teuma-Manaog	2U	Hayden Bell	Joaquim Rodrigues
3C	Akok Anei	Savanna Muscat	3D	Chelsea Hernandez Dimaguila	Angelica Prasad
4B	Maureen Cabalhin	Maxine Galang	4P	Kacey Alvarado	Marcus Brewty
5B	Sophia Evangelista	Christian Ramos	5P	Raimely Bojo	Jon Timbol
6C	Jdyn Espino	Rodel Jueco	6K	Hannah-Rae Corcoran	Khushi Kansal

**Thank you to the following parents who assisted at the year five excursion:**  
**Mrs Darjani, Mrs Manaog and Ms Howard.**

### STUDENTS WHO HAVE OR WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION 2016

Amory Albanese	Abigail Asuncion	Markeisha Bolano	Latasha Brewty
Ayvah Brillante Lareza	Hannah Rae Corcoran	Jaira-Lynn De Vera	Liam Gungab
Angeli Hate	Elyza Lagare	Theresa Maksymowicz	Rodney Patterson
Samuel Meilak	Lorenzo Pangan	Dominique Penarubia	Jeremy Rahman
Arabelle Remorozo	Lyndon Romana	Gennlyn Santos	Krizzie Santos
Neil Swin	Noelene Swin	Max Usu	Aaron Vicedas
Jdyn Espino	Sarah Pamatian	Uriel Allarey	



### STAGE TWO SOCCER GALA DAY TEAM 2016

Matthew Allen	Mario Al-Najar	Ethan Dinh Vu	Matthew Ereira
Akok Anei	Micho Bonete	Amir Gorgise	Mason Polidano
Ryan Galman	Jacon Tandoc	Krishiv Singh	Immanuel El-Rab

### PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2016

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's reading challenge in the last couple of weeks.

**Kindergarten:** Sophia Jorge, Visali Thangarasu,  
**Year 1:** Ryan Ereira,  
**Year 2:** Lithil Attanayake, Hayden Bell, Tristan Fegradoe  
**Year 3:** Anikka Cabalo, Matthew Ereira

Website for the Premier's reading challenge is:  
<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc>

The school holidays is a great time to read and record the books on the Premier's Reading Challenge.

The school's library has many of the books on the premier's reading challenge list. These have been placed in a special section. Let's get reading!!  
If you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ms Grace Carlo-Stella  
Teacher/Librarian.

