

**DATES FOR TERM THREE 2014**

Wednesday 3rd September	9:15am St Aidan's Feast/Fathers Day Mass K-6 lead by Year four (followed by Morning Tea)
Friday 5th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fathers Day Stall</li> <li>Spellathon money due</li> </ul>
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



For any Information  
Contact David  
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**Try Baseball and Teeball**

Learn how much fun it is to play Baseball & Teeball. Come and have a turn at batting, throwing, fielding and running the bases. We may even find a Major League player of the Future or someone who like to have some fun on a Saturday and making new friends. There is no cost or obligation with Try Baseball at Boomers.

We will be accepting registration for players on Our Try Baseball. With a one off fee and No Weekly Match Fees.

All Try Baseball participants will receive a Free Sausage Sandwich and drink.

West Sydney Boomers Baseball Club Try Baseball and Registration Day is

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 Between 10.00 and Noon**

Boomer's Home Diamonds are at Tregear Reserve

Cnr Wilkes Cres & Debrincate Ave Tregear

Website: [www.westsydney.baseball.com.au](http://www.westsydney.baseball.com.au)

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**\$5.00**

**MEAL DEAL DAY—TUESDAY 9TH SEPT.**

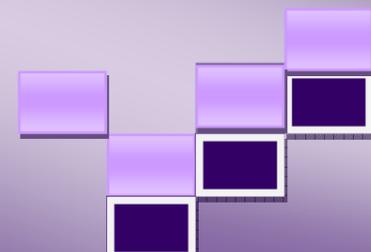
**(\$5.00 PAYMENT DUE BY FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2014)**

- Hot Dog
- Hash Brown
- SAUCE**
- Tomato
- BBQ
- Cheese
- JUICE**
- Apple
- Orange
- Paradise Punch

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_



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

**From the Principal**

Only think a little, pray a little and try to remember that God will bring about what He sees best, in His own time, and that His ways are not our ways.

*Saint Mary MacKillop*

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Dear Parents,

On your behalf I welcome Mr Wally Woodhead to the staff at St Aidan's. Mr Woodhead has been working at our school for the past six months as a temporary groundsman and last week was appointed to a permanent position. Congratulations and welcome Mr Woodhead.

The annual Book Fair held last week was a resounding success. Thank you to the parents who so generously supported this event by purchasing books for their children. As a result of your purchases the school received enough commission for us to buy approximately 160 books for the school library. Thank you! Thank you! And thank you to Miss Carlo-Stella for her tremendous efforts once again. The children were absolutely buzzing about their purchases.

As part of the 'book week' celebrations we invited a well-known children's author Moya Simons to come and speak to the students. Ms Simons ran two very interesting sessions for the students which I am sure will motivate them to write more often and with deep imagination.

Last week sixty students from years four, five and six took part in a Creative Arts Expo. This expo is held every three years and included four other schools; Holy Family Emerton; Sacred Heart South Mt Druitt; St Francis of Assisi Glendenning and Good Shepherd Plumpton.

St Aidan's year four students took part in the combined choir and the students in years five and six 'put on' *The Wizard of Oz*.

The whole festival was absolutely wonderful and the standard extremely high.

I was so proud of our students and teachers. They spent ten weeks preparing for the items in their own time and their teachers Mrs Poole, Miss Carlo-Stella, Miss Brown and Mrs Murphy also gave up their lunch times to ensure that the production was both entertaining and of an excellent standard.

All members of staff were involved in some way particularly in the preparation of props and costumes. Congratulations to each student involved; to the teachers who prepared them and to you their parents for allowing them to take part. This was an amazing and thoroughly enjoyable event.

We were thrilled that our senior girls relay team (Britnee Azaglo, Mary Akinba, Elyza Paulate and Milla Sagurit) and Yannis Clark (Boys 13yr old 100m) represented the Blacktown Zone Athletics at the Diocesan Athletics carnival last week. Well done children. What great experience for you!

On Tuesday this week Yustina El-Rab and Myron Torralba from year six represented St Aidan's at the Voice of Youth cluster final. This is a Parramatta Diocesan Public Speaking competition for students in year six. The other schools in our cluster were Good Shepherd Plumpton; St Francis of Assisi and St John Vianney's Doonside. Both students spoke with confidence, enthusiasm and excellent knowledge of their subject. The winning school was St John Vianney's.

Congratulations to Myron and Yustina for their excellent speeches and many thanks to their teachers Miss Alana Brown and Mrs Janet Colusso for the time they spent assisting the students with their talks.

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of St Aidan, the patron saint of our school and parish. Mass will be celebrated next Wednesday at 9:15am so that we can celebrate our feast day and honour fathers everywhere. Please advise the school office if you are attending the Mass and morning tea afterwards.

Happy feast day to each of you!

Yours sincerely

*Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts*  
Principal.

**REFLECTION**

The second discourse dealt with Missionary Instruction (chapter ten). Jesus chose and named his twelve apostles and empowered them to preach and even heal in the name of God. He taught them the importance of the kingdom.

Jesus directed the apostles to preach the gospel in a spirit of poverty and not burden themselves with accumulating money or carrying excess baggage. "Behold I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves." (Mt 10:16) He spent time preparing them for their mission, before he sent them out to share the faith with others.

The Third discourse is the collection of Parables (chapter thirteen). Jesus taught in parables. These were stories based around ordinary events of the time, such as, the sowing of seeds in the fields or dropping the nets into the sea. Through the parables Jesus presented truths about the kingdom in ways which showed how God worked.

Once again Matthew linked Jesus' teaching in parables (Mt 13:35) to the Old Testament, Psalms78:2. This was to keep the Christian Jews faithful to Christ.

Mrs. Silvana Murphy  
Religious Education Coordinator.

**EXPLANATION OF SYLLABUS**

**Science and Technology**

- Students develop their skills in using processes of Working Scientifically and Working Technologically to answer interesting questions and develop creative solutions to important 21st century problems.
- They develop their curiosity and understanding about the Natural Environment and the Made Environment through learning about the Physical World, Earth and Space, the Living World, the Material World, Built Environments, Information and Products.
- Students learn about the influence and relevance of science and technology in their lives now and in the future.

Mrs. Christine Leahy  
Assistant Principal

**LITERACY MATTERS**

**Writing**

Reading and writing are closely connected. When children learn to read and write, they learn how literary and factual texts are written for different purposes and different audiences. In writing, children learn about the structure and grammar of written language as well as learning about handwriting and spelling.

Mrs Christine Leahy  
Assistant Principal.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Term three School fees are due. If you are not up to date with your fees please contact Mrs Wakeling to discuss payment options/arrangements on (02) 9625 3181.

**NUMERACY NEWS**

According to NSW Mathematics Syllabus, volume refers to the amount of space within a container, whereas capacity refers to how much liquid a container will hold.

Children develop an understanding of volume and capacity by observing adults measuring different ingredients when cooking and comparing different containers, looking at how much liquid a container can hold.

Children need to experiment and explore packing, filling and pouring using a variety of materials and containers, before they use the formal units of millilitres and litres.

What can you do at home to develop your child's understanding of volume and capacity?

- Allow your child to explore filling different sized containers. Ask your child to estimate how many cups will fill each container.
- Talk with your child about how many cups or teaspoons are needed when cooking from a recipe.
- Encourage your child to pack away their toys and books. Talk about how objects can fit better in containers depending of how they are positioned.



When learning about volume and capacity children need to notice, discuss and explore the Mathematics around them. This will challenge their thinking about volume and capacity and develop their visualization and estimation skills.

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

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

Miss Prudence Hall  
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

**FRUIT AND VEG MONTH 2014**

Once again during Fruit & Veg month, 25th August to 19th September, our school will be following a program organized by the Health Kids Association—supported by the NSW Ministry of Health.

The aim of this program is to teach all the students about fruit and vegetables and to get them excited about eating these food groups.

I will be promoting eating fruit and vegetables as part of the weekly PD/H lessons in kindergarten to year four. The stage three teachers will also be encouraging their students during their Health lessons, about the benefits of eating fruit and vegetables.

Last year most students were very enthusiastic about bringing fruit and/or vegetables to school daily. It is hoped that this will continue again this year.

Parents are encouraged to support their children in this most important initiative by providing fruit and/or vegetables with their lunches daily.



Mr Anthony Julius  
PD/H Teacher—kindergarten to year four.

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

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS**

KC	Reya Jaison	Rafael Malinao
KH	Jacob Matta	Madison Campbell
1C	Zia Saquing	Abuk Awac
1T	Ann Rose Sherin	Gaven Cacapit
2M	Aecy Dimapilis	Ethan Garcia
2Q	Alyssa Cacho	Ayaan Khan
3B	Cassidy Dizon	Viliami Vunipola
3U	Zaki Dela Cruz	Kostya Makedonas
4D	Gennlyn Santos	Marc Gabarda
4M	Lorenzo Pangan	Mary Pandes
5P	Ruben Alcalá	Leduina Piliae
5W	Jordan Schembri-Judd	Rhuvan Del Rosario
6B	Bethennie Llagas	Emmanuel De Vera
6C	Marc De Vera	Abigail Morales

Congratulations to **Yustina El-Rab** and **Myron Torralba** who represented St Aidan's School at the Voice of Youth cluster final this week.



On Friday 22nd August the following students represented the Blacktown Zone Athletics team at the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival.

Yannis Clark	Britnee Azaglo	Mary Akinba
Elyza Paulate	Milla Sagurit	

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Creative Arts Expo last Thursday.

Amory Albanese	Hannah-Rae Corcoran	Angeli Hate	Tristan Payuran
Kyra Barcelon	Arabelle Remorozo	Neil Swin	Marta Abicic
Alexi Bonete	Christina Abi Chemouni	Angelica Patterson	Anei Anei
Jonas Mendoza	Marianna Al-Najar	Alecksandra Favor	Bianca Fragomeli
Holly-Anne Ramos	Rhuvan Del Rosario	Prince II Gonzales	Emilio Seguban
Mikko Martin	Stephanie Derjani	Alyzza Manalo	Lee Darjani
Bless Byrne	Teanna Warwick-Smith	Kaira Francisco	Julian Lapus
Vanie Barcelon	Shayne Cortes	Robert Apostol	Marco Mendoza
Milla Sagurit	Shenna Sambat	Mary Akinba	Yannis Clark
Justin Mallouk	Majan Almazan	Chenae Cruise	Anthony Gagliardi

**FATHERS DAY STALL—HELP!**

**Friday 5th  
September 2014**  
We need **110 more gifts for the stall so that all students may buy a gift.**



**Skoolbag - St Aidan's school app.**

Did you know that you can complete sick notes and absent notes on the school app? It is a new feature recently installed.

How to send a sick or absent note:

- Open school app click on the home button at the bottom of the screen
- Click on *Parent eForms*
- Choose *absentee note*
- Enter the information
- Click submit.

Another new feature is submitting change of details. Follow the above steps, instead of absentee note click on *Change of details*. The app contains a lot of useful information including the school's newsletter, dates, useful information, tuckshop price list and many, many more features.

The app can be downloaded from the iTunes store or Google Play store. Search for St Aidan's Primary Rooty Hill. The school app is an easy way of keeping up to date with what is happening at your child's school.

Congratulations to the Albanese and Francisco Families who have already used this App.

Ms Grace Carlo-Stella  
Teacher Librarian.