

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH CONFIRMATION 2016

Parent information evening— Wednesday 11th May 2016
7:30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

Registration—Sacristy after all weekend Masses—14th/15th May

Parent instruction evening—Wednesday 18th May (Hall)

Children's sessions—Sunday mornings 8:30am Mary MacKillop Hall
22nd May; 29th May; 5th June; 12th June and
19th June 2016.

Practice sessions—Monday 20th June & Thursday 23rd June 7:30pm
in the CHURCH

Sacrament administered—Wed 29th June 7:00pm Church (TBC)
Fri 1st July 7:00pm Church (TBC)

All enquiries: Elizabeth at the Parish (02) 9625 8404.

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH YOUTH BINGO NIGHT— FUNDRAISING FOR WYD KRAKOW 2016

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL
Venue: Mary MacKillop Hall
Time: 7:15pm

BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL EVENTS

There are a number of activities on during the next few months, including:-

- Blacktown City Festival Free Kids Concert
- Blacktown City Medieval Fayre
- Streets Alive and Parade Day
- School holiday activities for children
- Holiday football clinic
- Vacation care
- International goalkeepers academy holiday camps
- Youth recreation
- Acceler8 for preschool & school aged
- Free children's performance
- Pic Me (art & craft, sports)

Please visit the website for full details:
www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au
Blacktown Library events: 9839 6677.

CULTURAL ISLAND IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

Tribal Warrior Association empowers disadvantaged Aboriginal and Non-Indigenous people. Cruise Sydney Harbour to Clark Island for an unforgettable experience. Traditional Aboriginal art, culture, ceremonies, dance & more.

Dates: 16th and 17th April 11:00am-1:00pm
23rd and 24th April 11:00am-1:00pm

Ticket prices—Children \$20; Adults \$30;
Student/Concession/Pensioner: \$25; Family \$85;
Prebook your BBQ lunch—\$10 per person

To secure your booking -
Visit: www.tribalwarrior.org
Email: info@tribalwarrior.org
Phone: (02) 9699 3491



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

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

As you are aware one of our long standing teachers Mrs Kate Woolcock had taken leave this year. Mrs Woolcock came to see me last week to inform me that she had decided to retire from full time teaching effective as of this term.

Mrs Woolcock has been a teacher at St Aidan's for the past twenty-one years and during this time she has taught students from kindergarten to year six. She is known to many of you and to hundreds of parents and students who have passed through St Aidan's during her time at our school.

Mrs Woolcock always impressed me as teacher who loved her work and who extended genuine pastoral care to the students in her care.

We will formally say farewell to Mrs Woolcock at an appropriate time next term.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the parent/teacher/child interviews this week. The comments from all concerned were very positive and it is particularly powerful to have the children not only present but in many cases leading the interviews about their numeracy goals.

There will be additional parent/teacher interviews in the last week of next term, however if you require meetings with teachers at other times you are encouraged to call the school office to make an appointment.

Before Easter several students from St Aidan's took part in an Easter colouring competition organised by the Newsagency at Rooty Hill. It was wonderful to receive news last week that **Montana Saric** from year five actually won the competition. Congratulations to Montana for her excellent art work.

As advised in the previous newsletter St Aidan's tuckshop will change hands commencing next term. Online ordering options will be available to parents as well as the 'paper bag' ordering system. It is expected that the tuckshop will be open for business from the first school day of term two, i.e. Wednesday 27th April 2016.

Included in this newsletter are instructions as to how the 'online' ordering system will work and a menu for the term. Please contact the school secretaries if you have any further questions.

In the previous newsletter the annual Mother's Day Mass and morning tea was gazetted for Wednesday 4th May. Due to numerous events in this week the date for the **Mother's Day Mass and morning tea has been changed to Monday 2nd May**. Please note this date on your calendars in order that you might arrange time off work etc.

School closes tomorrow for the autumn holidays and reopens on Wednesday 27th April. The official change over date for winter uniform is **Monday 16th May**, however, children may wear their winter uniform before this date depending on the weather. Please make sure that children are wearing full summer or winter uniform not a combination of both.

Thank you for your support during this busy first term. I look forward to working with each of you after the holidays.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.



For the fallen - ANZAC Day 2016

'ANZAC' stands for **Australian and New Zealand Army Corps**. On the 25th of April 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula. These became known as Anzacs and the pride they took in that name continues to this day.

Australians recognise 25th April as a day of national remembrance.

Anzac Day recognises not only the courage and sacrifice made by men and women in the First World War but also those who fought in all wars in order that we might live in peace today.

Mrs Miray Khoury
Religious Education Coordinator

Pastoral Care and Student Management

Our policy promotes a climate of respect and justice for all, by nurturing the self-worth and dignity of each individual. We are committed to and responsible for living out the Gospel Values of justice, respect, dignity and tolerance within the network of relationships, which make up our school community.

We value our school / parish partnership which contributes to the total care of students, families and staff.

Student Management is one aspect of the total care of every person in our school and is based on our belief in Gospel Values and our understanding that all human behaviour is purposeful, as we attempt to satisfy one or more of our needs.

Our policy is also based on the principles of procedural fairness.

Procedural fairness is a basic right of all when dealing with authorities. Procedural fairness refers to what are sometimes described as the 'hearing rule' and the 'right to an unbiased decision.'

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal

School Fees

Thank you to all the families who have paid the term one school fees. A school fees reminder has been sent to those families who have not yet paid for term one. If you are having difficulties please contact Mrs Wakeling on 9625 3181.

Baby News

Congratulations to Teo Tanedo KH, Zak Tanedo 3D and their family on the birth of a baby girl, Amirah.



Literacy Matters

How can you support your child with spelling?

- encourage your child to write words that start with a particular sound
- encourage your child to write words with three letters, five letters and so on
- try to make spelling activities enjoyable
- encourage your child to 'have a go' at spelling words
- encourage your child to 'sound out' words, eg h-i-t, s-a-n-d
- ask your child to write words that are not easily 'sounded out', eg home, watch, after
- encourage your child to develop memory tricks such as 'a piece of pie', 'hear with your ear'
- encourage your child to use the LOOK SAY COVER WRITE CHECK method to spell a variety of words, eg ask your child to:
 - LOOK closely at the word
 - SAY the word and then
 - COVER it
 - WRITE the word and then
 - CHECK to see if it is correct!
- 'hear' your child's personal spelling lists
- show your child how to use dictionaries, encyclopaedias and thesauruses



Provide positive feedback when your child attempts to spell a word and/or spells a word correctly. See your child's class teacher for further information about spelling strategies.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal/Lead Literacy Teacher.

Holiday Challenge: VISUALISING NUMBERS

INFANTS (K-2):

Here are some examples of arrays. Look for **different arrays** around you.



How many objects in each row and column?
How many objects altogether?
What if there was 1 more column or row?
What if the array was doubled or halved?



Take photos or draw pictures of different arrays you have seen. Bring your work into school, we would love to show your thinking.

PRIMARY (3-6):

Here are some examples of shape patterns. Each pattern represents different numbers.

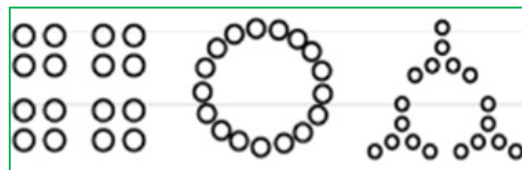
Explore and create your **own patterns**.

- ◆ What do you notice about the patterns you make?
- ◆ What would the pattern look like if it was doubled or halved? What if you filled the page?
- ◆ What is the relationship between the numbers in your patterns?
- ◆ Can you colour code your patterns?

Draw your patterns and show your thinking to your teacher. We would love to show your patterns around the school.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.



Hall of Fame

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

EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS TERM ONE

KH	Marcus Bolano	Gabriela Tenefrancia
KQ	Layla Khoury	Sage Phillips
1M	Malakai Capili	Alisha Prasad
1S	Alfred Ramos	Summa Skarski
2D	James Gatmaitan	Isabela Tenefrancia
2U	Gabrielle Cabantog	Terence Maglalang
3C	Hannah Faustino	Reuel Velasco
3D	Raylene D'Cruz	Andrea Santos
4B	Arrei Beia	Peter Warwick-Smith
4P	Jordana Jacobs	Marcus Torralba
5B	Norbert Alcala	Simone Ramos
5P	Shaun Bernaldo	Bella Teuma-Manaog
6C	Nipulma Attanayake	Rita El-Ghossein
6K	Kyra Barcelon	Markeisha Bolano

SCHOOL DATES FOR BEGINNING OF TERM TWO 2016

Monday 25th April	ANZAC Day
Tuesday 26th April	Staff Development Day (no classes for students)
Wednesday 27th April	All students K-6 return following the Autumn break
Thursday 28th April	K-2 excursion to Riverside Theatre <i>Hungry Caterpillar</i>
Tuesday 3rd May	Diocesan Cross Country
Monday 2nd May	9:15am Mother's Day Mass followed by morning tea
Thursday 5th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mother's Day Stall for Kindergarten ◆ Year one excursion to the Australian Museum
Friday 6th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Kindergarten excursion to Botanic Gardens ◆ Mother's Day Stall for years one to six