

DATES FOR TERM TWO 2014

Monday 2nd June	Year five excursion to see Morris Gleitzman
Wednesday 4th June	11:30am Year three Assembly
Friday 13th June	Year three excursion to Australiana Village
Wednesday 11th June	9:15am Year five lead Primary Mass
Monday 16th June	Stage Three excursion to Canberra
Wednesday 18th June	11:30am Year one Assembly
Friday 20th June	Student Reports sent home to Parents
Mon 23rd to Thurs 26th June	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 25th June	9:15am Kindergarten lead Infants Mass
Friday 27th June	2:55pm Term Two concludes

DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry offers an Information night for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees and how to protect your rights regarding family assets.

This night is being held on Tues 10th June at 7.30pm at CCSS Centre, 51-58 Allawah St, Blacktown. Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor at Wesley Legal Service, Castlereagh St.).

Further details and registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 9933 0205.

\$5.00

MEAL DEAL DAY—TUESDAY 10TH JUNE

(\$5.00 PAYMENT DUE BY WEDNESDAY : 4TH JUNE 2014)



- Chicken Dinosaurs
- Sauce**
- Sweet chilli
- Sweet & sour
- Tomato
- BBQ
- Bottle of water

Child's name _____ Class _____



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 Sharing News & Views**

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

The past two weeks have been extremely busy with sporting events, grade excursions and a visit from the Blacktown Council.

Year Two enjoyed an excursion to the Sydney Aquarium; Year Four had a great experience at the Powerhouse Museum; Kindergarten went along to Calmsley Hill City farm and last Tuesday Year One drove to Glenmore near Camden to visit Gavana Holstein's Dairy. Years Three, Five and Six also have excursions planned for the next few weeks.

While we are extremely conscious of the cost of these excursions, the learning experienced by the children is most certainly worth the money spent. Many of the St Aidan's students do not venture far from home and family and therefore it is important that the school organizes excursions in order to broaden the children's experiences and enhance the learning.

A sincere thank you to those generous parents who gave their time to assist teachers on the various excursions. We could not take the children without your help.



The stage three boys soccer team played well last week and were great sports. The boys came third on the day. Well done boys. Your school is proud of you.

Last week the primary students took part in the annual St Aidan's Athletics Carnival. The weather was most kind to us and students, teachers and spectators enjoyed some great events. Congratulations to the Green team who won the Aggregate Trophy on the day and to the following children who were awarded age champion trophies.

8yrs	Girls	Jwer Akol	8yrs	Boys	Tong Wol
9yrs	Girls (tied)	Miriam Warwick-Smith & Gabrielle Romero	9yr s	Boys	Jeremy Rahman
10yrs	Girls	Tiffany Wu	10yrs	Boys	Ricardo White
11yrs	Girls	Britnee Azaglo	11yrs	Boys	Anei Anei
12yrs	Girls	Mary Akinba	12yrs	Boys	Joshua Fuamatu
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Many thanks to the parents who gave their time to assist at the carnival and to Mr Julius, Miss Hall and all teachers for their excellent organisation and participation.

Thank you to the parents who donated to the recent Diocesan Works Fund. Your donations have been forwarded to the Diocesan Office and will be gratefully received by Bishop Anthony.

Stage Three (years five and six) enjoyed an unusual performance today. The Blacktown Council has been working on a new recycling project and offered to perform it for our students. No doubt there has been some interesting learning about ways we can improve recycling at school and in the home.

For those who don't already know, the Captain of the Australian World Cup soccer team is an ex student of St Aidan's School. Mile Jedinak (Michael) attended St Aidan's from Kindergarten to Year Six and then he moved on to St Agnes and Loyola College to complete his schooling.

What a proud moment for St Aidan's! I am in the process of trying to contact Mile to try and get him to visit his 'old' school and speak to the students on his return from the World Cup.

Any parents who have contact details (phone, email) for Mile are asked to send them to me via the school office.

I will be on leave from next week until week three of term three. I will be undergoing a knee replacement next Tuesday and ask that you remember me in your prayers as I recuperate.

During my absence Mrs Christine Leahy will be Acting Principal and Ms Grace Carlo-Stella will be Acting Assistant Principal. I am sure you will give both ladies your full support while I am away from school.

Please ensure that you have returned your preferred times and dates for parent/teacher interviews.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

 Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
 Principal.

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you..."
 Saint Pope John Paul II

REFLECTION

After the Resurrection Jesus appeared to different followers. According to Matthew, Jesus waited for the apostles to return to the safety of Galilee before meeting up with them.

Matthew's conclusion to his gospel finds the eleven on the mountain in Galilee. This was the same place where Jesus began his own ministry. It was the place where he first instructed them about what it would mean to follow him (5:1; 8:1) and in the final meeting it became the place where he sent them forth to carry on that ministry.

This mountain was where many significant events in Jesus' life had occurred. It was the mountain where he prayed; the place of the transfiguration; it was where Jesus had nourished the people with bread from heaven and the place of the temptation. This mountain finally became the place where Christ assured the eleven that he had 'all authority in heaven and on earth' and that he would be 'with them always, to the end of the age'.

Matthew didn't need to have an ascension in his gospel, as his followers already believed that Jesus was God, the Messiah and the Anointed One.

Mrs Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator

HOW IS ASSESSMENT DATA USED?

Assessment data, such as NAPLAN and formal teacher tasks are used to guide the teaching and learning of individual students. The data is analyzed to determine skills that the student will require to improve their learning. The assessment data is used to accurately plot where the student lies in relation to their own learning as well as measurement against other students in their grade, diocese, state and nation. The assessment data is used to guide the teacher in the use of the E-A scale for reporting to parents.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

LITERACY MATTERS

Students in year three and year four learn to use punctuation and recognise the structure and grammar of a variety of texts. They also learn how to draft and edit their own writing. Students learn how to write for a variety of audiences and purposes. Students need to compose their writing before they begin to write. This helps with clarity of ideas. Encourage your child to write each night.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Lead Literacy Teacher.

BOOK CLUB IS DUE ON TUESDAY 3RD JUNE



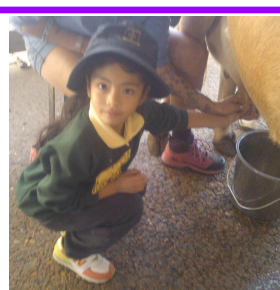
On Friday 23rd May Kindergarten visited Calmsley farm.

First we saw horses. Then we fed the chickens. Next we patted a rabbit. Lastly we milked the cow. It was great! *By Zara Radas KC*

We went to the farm on Friday. I like the part when the dog got the sheep under the trees.

I loved patting the chick and the rabbit. *By Gabrielle Cabantog KH*

On Friday I milked the cow on a farm. It was fun. *By James Gatmaitan. KC*



NUMERACY NEWS

Through everyday activities and play situations children will encounter and use numbers.

When your child starts learning about numbers and Addition and Subtraction it is important to use materials to assist them to count and manipulate.

As your child becomes more confident they will rely less on the manipulation of materials and more on the mental images of objects as well as different reasoning strategies.

What can you do at home to help your child with Addition and Subtraction?

- ◆ Ask your child to help you work out how many items are needed when shopping. For example I have four oranges here. How many more do I need to make ten?
- ◆ Count the number of objects in a collection e.g. eggs in an egg carton. Challenge your child to count the collection in a faster way—by twos, fives or tens.
- ◆ Count how many boys and girls or adults and children in your family and extended family. Work out how many people there are altogether.
- ◆ Play a game of Skittles or Ten Pin Bowling. Encourage your child to tell you how many pins they knocked down and how many pins are still standing.

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

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher

PERSUASIVE WRITING

Stage three have been learning about persuasive writing. As part of their learning, all students wrote about something that matters to them. A group of students whose writing met the criteria entered their piece into a competition called 'What Matters'.

The competition included a range of topics from violence against women, to saving our trees, to the importance of education and bullying.

The following students entered the competition:

Jonas Mendoza; Lee Darjani; Alecksandra Favour; Ruth Nool; Holly Anne Ramos; Bless Byrne; Christina Abi-Chemouni; Yustina El-Rab; Simonette Lagare; Amanda Pereira; Shayne Cortes; Shenna Sambat; Gabriel Cacapit; Vanie Barcelon; Elyza Paulate; Hedrone Aquino; Mary Akinba; Daniel Villeneuve; Milla Sagurit; Rachel Galacio; Dencel Vargas; Henry Wu; Majan Almazan; and Dillan Goro.

Good luck to these students and well done to Stage three for their fantastic work!

Miss Alana Brown
Year six teacher.



Mile Jedinak St Aidan's Ex Student Extraordinaire

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KC	Louis Galabo	Andrea Plaatjes
KH	Tristan Fegradoe	Chloe Favor
1C	Kaila Cenidoza	Jayden Tayag
1T	Raylene D'Cruz	Raphael Limpiado
2M	Bianca Vassallo	Marcus Brewty
2Q	Sam Gabarda	Maxine Galang
3B	Sophia Evangelista	Bol Lual
3U	Prince Gonzales	Stephen Papworth
4D	Jdyn Espino	Fiona Vicedas
4M	Philopatir El-Rab	Noelene Swin
5P	Stephanie Derjani	Laszlo Mendoza
5W	Disha Prasad	Julian Lopus
6B	Vanie Barcelon	Marco Mendoza
6C	Dillan Goro	Mary Akinba

PARENT HELPERS

Many thanks to all the parents who have assisted with the recent excursions and/or the Athletics Carnival: Mrs Derjani; Mrs Darjani; Mrs Polidano; Mrs Abicic; Mr Patterson; Mrs Casserly; Mrs Gorgise; Mrs Brewty; Mrs Fragomeli; Mrs White; Mrs Manaog; Mrs Mifsud; Mrs El-Ghossein; Ms Korzeniecki and Mrs Fegradoe.

Athletics Carnival Winners for 2014—Green.

The age champions for 2014 are as follows:

Girls 8yrs	Jwer Akol		Boys 8yrs	Tong Wol
Girls 9yrs (tied)	Miriam Warwick-Smith	Gabrielle Romero	Boys 9yrs	Jeremy Rahman
Girls 10yrs	Tiffany Wu		Boys 10yrs	Ricardo White
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Year four excursion to the Powerhouse Museum



Train: "Did you know that the first train in New South Wales had First, Second and Third class carriages according to social status?"

Robot: "We all loved our excursion, but we all admired the dancing robot."

Penny farthing: "We had fun trying to make the wheels on the Penny farthing move."

Space: "We really liked trying all the new experiments in the Powerhouse Museum, but most of all we enjoyed the Space exhibit, where we saw a real piece of rock from the moon!"

Plasma ball: "We liked the plasma ball because it was interacting with our hands when we touched it."

Clock: "We learnt many things about our history, it was quite interesting to see how the enormous Strasburg clock worked."



Year two visited Sydney Aquarium

My favourite part of the excursion was when the shark bit off the fishes body. When the body was chopped off the head was the only thing left. I learnt that all sharks have strikes near their head.

Lastly, there was a touch pool. We saw a Great White shark.

Amire 2Q

When Year two went to the Aquarium at Darling Harbour I was very happy. We saw clown fish, stingrays and even saw sharks. I had a really good time and I would go there again if my family would take me.

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My favourite part of the excursion was when we saw jellyfish and little penguins. When I saw the stingrays I was amazed. I felt very scared when I walked on the glass. It was a terrific day. *Iva 2Q*

