



From the Principal

DATES FOR TERM TWO 2014	
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

DATES FOR TERM THREE 2014	
Monday 14th July	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (no classes)

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM 2014

Parent information night Wednesday 30th July 7:30pm MacKillop Hall
Registration Sunday Masses weekend of 2nd-3rd August—MacKillop Hall
Parent instruction evenings Required Thursday 7th August 7:30pm MacKillop Hall
 Optional Thursday 21st August 7:30pm MacKillop Hall
Children's sessions Sunday mornings 8:30am MacKillop Hall
 10th August 17th August 24th August 31st August
Practice sessions Tuesday 2nd September 7:30pm Church
 Thursday 4th September 7:30pm Church
Sacrament Administered Sunday 7th September at 12:00 noon and 3:00pm Church

**BEASTY
BURGER
MEAL \$5.00**



**\$5.00 MEAL DEAL DAY
TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2014**

PAYMENT DUE BY THURSDAY 19TH JUNE

- CHEESE BURGER
- VEGIE BURGER
- SAUCE**
- TOMATO
- BBQ
- JUICE**
- APPLE
- ORANGE

Student's name _____ Class ____

True happiness here on earth depends on ourselves not on those around us.

Saint Mary MacKillop

Dear Parents,

Last Wednesday and Thursday a number of our year six students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The most reverend Bishop Kevin Manning presided. It is always gratifying to share in the spiritual journey of our students and families. I would like to thank those staff members who also attended in support of the students.

Year three excursion to Rouse Hill Farm took place on Friday and stage three will have their excursion to Canberra on Monday of next week. These learning experiences are invaluable to the students.

Last week Dr. Ricketts had her knee replacement operation, which was successful. She has recovered well and was delighted to receive cards from the students this week. Please keep her in your prayers.

The last few weeks has also seen the birth of Anastasia, a baby girl to Mrs. Ranin Ghazal. Another former teacher, Mrs. Leanne Vella gave birth to a son, Harrison. We congratulate and send best wishes to both families.

A reminder to parents about returning the media consent forms to the office. If you have not done so the forms need to be in as soon as possible. This means photos for the newsletter, sporting events, classroom photos and foyer presentation photos cannot be used without consent.

A reminder also that parent/teacher interview notes need to be given to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Christine Leahy
Acting Principal.



REFLECTION

No mention of Ascension of the Lord, or Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit was made in Matthew's Gospel. His concern was to keep faithful the Jewish followers of Jesus, who after the Resurrection had severed all ties with their own people. Some had divided from families and many friends. The Messiah had been their Saviour.

It is interesting to follow their history as they moved from Jerusalem to Galilee, which was predominantly non-Jewish. Theologians and scholars believe that Matthew wrote his gospel to give a new perspective to this Christian community caught in the extensive transition from a church mainly Jewish in character to one increasingly Gentile (non-Jewish).

Here were the first followers sharing their communal faith with others who knew nothing of Jewish traditions from which Christ stemmed. They were facing an uncertain future, cut off from their Jewish roots and now mixing with Gentiles and their strange customs. For this section of the community Matthew continually linked Jesus with Moses in order to keep Judaism alive.

Mrs Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator

THE USE OF THE E-A SCALE IN REPORTS

Teachers have collected many pieces of assessment on each student before giving a grade to each student. Assessment starts at the beginning of the year and is continuous throughout the year.

- ◆ The E grade meant the student required help to complete grade appropriate tasks.
- ◆ The D grade meant the student demonstrated basic understanding of the tasks.
- ◆ The C grade meant the student demonstrated sound understanding of the tasks.
- ◆ The B grade meant the student demonstrated excellent understanding of the tasks.
- ◆ The A grade meant the student demonstrated outstanding understanding of the tasks.

It is important to note here that a C grade is where most students will be in the grade.

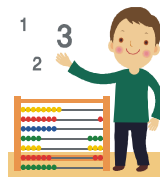
Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

LITERACY MATTERS

Students in year five and year six consistently use correct punctuation. The students have developed a variety of strategies including effective sequencing of ideas and writing in detail. Students have also developed their skills in summarizing information in order to research different topics to aid in their writing. Students have begun to edit and reread their work in order to make adjustments. Encourage your child to write each day.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Lead Literacy Teacher.

NUMERACY NEWS



From a young age children are very capable of sharing objects. The challenge is to encourage your child to discover faster ways to deal with groups and numbers. For example, could you solve that problem in a faster way? Could you share those objects another way? Arrays help children to count a large amount of objects. Arrays take the shape of a rectangle and consist of equal rows and columns, just like the one below.

Arrays assist children to solve Multiplication and Division problems.

- ◆ Encourage your child to **notice** arrays around the house, around the school and around the world.
- ◆ **Discuss** the arrays—how many rows and columns do you see? How many objects are there? Could you work that out a quicker way?
- ◆ **Explore** the arrays—use objects to recreate, break-up or create a similar array.



In the next newsletter I will address how the home environment can develop mental computation.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher

KINDERGARTEN 2015 ENROLMENTS

If you or someone you know would like to enroll their child in Kindergarten at St Aidan's Primary School please pick up a form at the school office Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 3:15pm. The child must turn 5 years of age before 31st July 2015.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Lunch orders need to be written on a paper bag (please do not send plastic bags). The student's full name; class; food and drink required; and the full **CORRECT** money enclosed in the bag. No foreign coins will be accepted. **NO CREDIT.**

A new tuckshop pricelist was sent home earlier this term but please phone or come to the office if you need a copy of the new term two pricelist.

SCHOOL FEES

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

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KC	Alyxa Badato	Alexander Gonzales
KH	Laila Sanchez	Benjamin Alcantara
1C	Jonita Solomon	Akok Anei
1T	Sasha Vella	Caterina Mifsud
2M	Anjali Sharma	Declan Apps
2Q	Derron Adviento	Paula El-Ghossein
3B	Eva Norton	Shaun Bernaldo
3U	Rjay De Leon	Halouf Gafour
4D	Ricardo White	Pauline Uhatafe
4M	Jeremy Rahman	Markeisha Bolano
5P	Kirsten Maglalang	Jeremiah Warwick-Smith
5W	Stacey Debulos	Prince II Gonzales
6B	Esther Usu	Elyza Paulate
6C	Britnee Azaglo	Caylan Rama



Many thanks to the parents who assisted with the year three excursion today: Mrs Abicic, Mrs Manaog, Mrs Mifsud and Mr Darjani.

On Monday 16th June the following parents have kindly volunteered to assist teachers with the stage three excursion to Canberra: Mrs Gagliardi, Ms Paul, Mrs Clark and Mr Fuamatu.



On Monday 2nd June, year five students enjoyed a live stage performance by Morris Gleitzman. His latest book is entitled 'Loyal Creatures'.



CONFIRMATION AT ST AIDAN'S CHURCH

Congratulations to all the candidates who were recently confirmed by the most reverend Bishop Kevin Manning.



Year one visited Gavana dairy farm on Tuesday 27th May

Angelica D – 1T

I liked the part when we made butter. It was fun and delicious. Yum!

Simon – 1C

My favourite part was when we milked the cow because the cow was nice to us and it squirted out milk.

Savanna – 1C

I really liked patting the calf because she was soft and very cute.

Raphael - 1T

I liked when we patted the calf and it was interesting seeing the milking machines.

