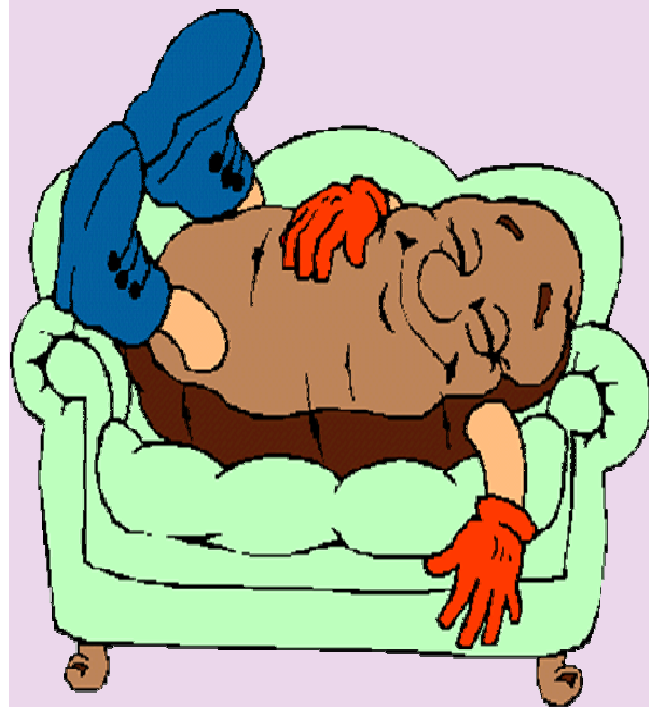


POST SEPARATION RECOVERY PROGRAM

CCSS Solo Parent Services is offering its seven week Post Separation Recovery Program. This has proven to be an excellent Program that guides and supports those whose marriage or long-term partnership has ended. Commencing: 21st October for seven Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:45pm. Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Cost: \$80.00. Registration essential: Eileen or Rita on 9933 0205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

COUCH POTATOES



**MEAL DEAL DAY—COUCH POTATOES
TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2015**

\$5.00 PAYMENT BY THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER

1 SERVE OF POTATO WEDGES

SAUCE

- SOUR CREAM **OR**
- SWEET CHILLI

JUICE CUP

- APPLE **OR**
- ORANGE

Child's name/s _____

Child's class /es _____



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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term four. I trust that each of you enjoyed the recent break and were able to spend some quality time with your children.

Thank you to the parents, grandparents and friends who came along to the numeracy challenge held in the last week of term three. Comments were very positive and our visitors enjoyed visiting the different grades to work with the children on the various numeracy challenges. Thank you for supporting this initiative as together we work to enhance the students' learning.

The final amount collected for the Spellathon was \$ 14,262.00. Once again thank you for your generous support. Monies raised will be used for the purchase of additional readers and other resources for students.

Congratulations to the following prize winners:

Angeli Hate 5P	\$307.00
Jayden Tayag 2U	\$305.00
Summa Skarski KH	\$200.00
Byron Skarski 4K	\$200.00
Ryan Maniago	\$193.20
Simone Ramos	\$192.00
Gabrielle Cabantog 1C	\$190.00

The classes with the highest averages were. Kindergarten H and Year 5 P. Well done children, teachers and parents. The average per child was \$42.00. A great effort and much appreciated. These classes will enjoy a pizza lunch sometime soon.

Congratulations to the stage three boys who represented St Aidan's at the Basketball Gala Day last Monday. The boys played well and enjoyed the challenging competition. Thanks to Mrs Manton and Mrs Matthews who gave up their lunch times to coach the team. Well done everyone.

Today the St Aidan's School Leaders Christina Abi Chemouni and Lee Darjani together with Mrs Khoury (Religious Education Coordinator) represented the school at a Mission Mass and talk at St Patrick's Cathedral. The purpose of this event was to gather students and teachers to showcase initiatives from the diocesan schools and hear from key speakers about the vast number of mission related activities occurring across the diocese.

At the end of last term parents were sent correspondence from Blacktown Council to Mr E. Atalla (MP) regarding the current parking restrictions at St Aidan's.

Further to this letter there has been an objection made by the Roads and Marine Services (RMS).

I am meeting with Mr Atalla next Monday morning to further discuss this issue. I will continue to keep you informed of the situation.

The Board of Studies has published some easy to read practical guides for parents that address the areas of helping children learn about grammar, writing, Mathematics and reading. These guides may be purchased online from <http://www.shop.bos.nsw.edu.au>

This year the St Aidan's Christmas Appeal will be to donate gift bags of toiletries to the homeless in Western Sydney. A note will be sent to each family next Monday requesting items. The gift bags will be assembled by staff and senior students then given to the St Vincent de Paul for distribution. **This is a social justice initiative and each family is encouraged to contribute in order to bring some pleasure to others during the Christmas season.**

The important dates for the term are included in this newsletter. Please note these in your diaries.

Staff and students look forward to the disco this evening. As you know the money raised will be sent to Catholic Missions Australia.

I look forward to working with each of you this term.

Yours sincerely

Dr Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Quiet the mind, and the soul will speak!

Meditation, inspiration and time to just slow down and appreciate God's wonder and awe. That's what the staff worked on during last week's Staff Development Day.

The peaceful setting at St Joseph's Baulkham Hills provided the perfect backdrop to reflect upon and respond to God's word through many forms of meditation.

Meditation is a pathway to increase one's spiritual connection. Like an organised home or workplace, meditation organises one's thoughts and allows one to positively reconnect with people and surroundings.

Students at St Aidan's participate in weekly meditation during Religious Education and parents can extend this practice by meditating with their families.

Meditation provides opportunities to discuss scripture passages or simply time for quiet reflection.

Mrs Miray Khoury,
Religious Education Coordinator.

LITERACY MATTERS

Encouraging children to write

- Read your child's writing or have him or her read the writing to you and comment on the positive aspects, for example, "I really like the way you've described this."
- Praise your child for having a go at writing words that are new and explain how to spell words which are causing difficulty.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.



ENCOURAGING THE BEHAVIOUR YOU WANT IN YOUR CHILD

Children do as you do.

Your child watches you to get clues on how to behave in the world. You are the role model, so use your own behaviour to guide your child. What you do is often much more important than what you say. If you want your child to say 'please', say it yourself. If you don't want your child to raise their voice, speak quietly and gently yourself.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

NUMERACY NEWS

This term I will continue to explore different activities and tasks you can do at home to support numeracy development. The tasks presented will be challenging for your child, however will allow them to respond with one or more solutions. This is a great opportunity for you to work alongside your child to complete the challenges, allowing them to work on their own solutions.



Infants:

How many squares does this block of chocolate have?
How many squares can you see? How many are hidden?

Draw a picture of another way this chocolate could have been made with the same number of squares.

Middle and Upper Primary:

The whole bar weighs 100g. How much would one square weigh?

Imagine a bar that has 20% more chocolate. What would the block look like now? How many squares would there be and how much would the bar weigh?

Can you show your thinking using pictures, numbers and words?

We are looking forward to seeing your child's hard thinking!

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

Miss Prudence Hall,
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Yagnasree Reddapani KB and her family on the birth of a baby girl.



RESOURCE AND EXCURSION FEES

Resource fee will be \$142 per student.
Excursion fee to be decided.

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KB	Julian Lintag	Angel Vicedas	KH	Francesca Frias	Zachariah Guibani
1C	Madison Agudera	Clarence Diaz	1M	Tristan Fegradoe	Leanne Miranda
2D	Breindel Capili	Ann Sherin	2U	Veniz Brillante	Keane Conopio
3B	Arrei Beia	Ryan Shrestha	3Q	Rylandale Cunanan	Dut Dak
4D	Akon Angara	Denver Remo	4K	Shaun Bernaldo	Amir Gum
5P	Hannah-Rae Corcoran	Arjae Quibuyen	5W	Krizzie Santos	Max Usu
6B	Awein Akol	Jake Alcalá	6C	Rhuvan Del Rosario	Jeremiah Warwick-Smith

NEW DISCO TIMES FOR TONIGHT
INFANTS K-2 4:00PM - 5:30PM
PRIMARY STUDENTS YRS 3-6 5:30PM - 7:00PM

WELCOME

We welcome two new students to St Aidan's this term:

- ◆ Veniz Brillante, 2U and
- ◆ Raimley Bojo, 4K

STAGE THREE BASKETBALL TEAM 2015

Lyndon Romana	Kenyon Aquino	Uriel Allarey
Emilio Seguban	Prince Martin Gonzales	Gerard Mantua
Jonathan Tandoc	Prince Marl II Gonzales	Rhuvan Del Rosario



DATES FOR TERM FOUR 2015

Friday 16th October	◆ 8:45am 2016 Kindergarten orientation (siblings) ◆ School Disco: 4:00pm-5:30pm Infants 5:30pm-7:00pm Primary
Tuesday 20th October	Meal deal day—Nemo's delight
Friday 23rd October	8:45am 2016 Kindergarten orientation (non siblings)
Wednesday 28th October	9:15am year one leading infants Mass
Friday 30th October	8:45am 2016 Kindergarten orientation and parent meeting (all Kinder 2016 children and their parent/s to attend)
Tuesday 3rd November	Meal Deal Day—Couch Potato
Wednesday 11th November	* 9:15am Year four leading primary Mass * Remembrance Day
Tuesday 17th November	Meal deal day—Jurassic Park
Wednesday 25th November	9:15am Kindergarten leading infants Mass
Tuesday 1st December	Meal deal day—turning Japanese
Wednesday 9th December	Student Reports go home to parents
Thursday 10th December	11:15am school Talent Quest final (parents of finalists may attend)
Monday 14th December	* 8:40am KLA Awards kindergarten to year five * 5:00pm Year six Graduation Mass and Awards
Tuesday 15th December	* 8:40am KLA Awards kindergarten to year five * Year six disco
Wednesday 16th December	9:15am Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday 17th December	Staff Development Day (no classes)
Friday 18th December	Staff Development Day (no classes)