

St Aidan's Students and Staff wish all families a happy and holy Easter.

Monday 20th April is a Staff Development Day (no classes for students)

*** Term two begins Tuesday 21st April at 8:40am ***

St Aidan's Church Confirmation 2015

***Parent information evening**—Wednesday 22nd April at 7:30pm in Mary MacKillop Hall.

***Registration**—After weekend Masses 25th/26th April in Mary MacKillop Hall.

Full details—St Aidan's Church 9625 8404

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH HOLY WEEK 2015

Holy Thursday 2nd April	7:30pm Mass includes the washing of the feet and adoration until 12 midnight
Good Friday 3rd April	10:00am Stations of the Cross 3:00pm Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday
Holy Saturday 4th April	7:00pm Mass begins outside with the lighting of the fire and Paschal Candle
Easter Sunday 5th April	7:30am; 9:00am and 10:30am Mass
Easter Monday 6th April	9:15am Mass



**St Clare's Catholic High School
Hassall Grove**

A Catholic school of excellence and improvement

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Enrolment packages are available from the school office.
Enrolment forms may also be downloaded from the school website:

<http://www.clarehassallgrove.catholic.edu.au>

Please contact the office for any inquiries.
Office hours are 7:30 am – 3:30 pm.



St Clare's is a co-educational school. It provides a safe and nurturing environment, where learning excellence and improvement are a focus.

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

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

This is the final newsletter for term one. It has certainly been a very busy term and teachers are very pleased with the learning that has taken place.

I look forward to meeting many parents at the parent/teacher/student interviews next week. As you know these interviews will focus on the student's numeracy goals. This is the first time we have used this approach and teachers and students are looking forward to some rigorous conversations about learning.

As you all know part of learning is experiencing success but it is also about learning to cope with challenges.

"Learning from Mistakes", is a valuable part of problem solving, because a mistake is an unintentional error or misunderstanding. Mistakes can be painful when they occur but as time goes by they become known as experience and worthwhile, if we learn from them.

Mistakes of themselves are not bad, they are part of the way in which we learn, grow and mature. Mistakes should be regarded as experiences, which give us information from which we can learn and make improved decisions. Provided we don't take them too seriously. Likewise, we can only learn from a mistake if we take ownership of it and admit that we made it. As soon as we start to blame other people for what occurred, we begin to distance ourselves from any beneficial outcome. Accepting responsibility makes learning possible and though we can't change mistakes, we can, if necessary, change how we respond to them.

When our children make mistakes, we should avoid belittling them and making a big deal out of their mistakes. Instead, much can be gained if we discuss with them what went wrong and how, in the future, they may be able to avoid the same thing going wrong again. They need to be assured that mistakes can be fixed and that these mistakes can be used as a way of learning how to find better ways to be successful.

Similar to adults, children need to take responsibility for their mistakes and we deprive them of this opportunity, if we remove the burden of responsibility from them by accepting their responsibilities as our own. Our children will never learn about consequences, if there aren't any. If we have a gentle guiding hand to offer our children to help fix their mistakes and solve their problems, we will give them skills that will make them happy and enable them to grow to be productive and responsible young people. Children learn by example, so, if we as parents can demonstrate the proper responses to mistakes, our children will be able to model their own behaviour and expectations, after our own.

Mrs Rose Corpus (kindergarten teacher) has decided to resign from her teaching position at St Aidan's. Mrs Corpus has been teaching here for the past ten years. She wishes to spend more time with her elderly mother and from time to time will do casual work. On your behalf I thank Mrs Corpus for the contribution she has made to our school and the influence she has had over the many, many students she has taught during this time. There will be a presentation to Mrs Corpus at the morning assembly next Thursday.

As we approach Holy Week and the season of Easter I ask God's blessing on each of you. I trust that many parents will take their children to the Easter ceremonies in order that the true meaning of Easter is celebrated.

School closes for the Autumn holidays on Thursday 2nd April and reopens on Tuesday 21st April. Children will continue to wear their summer uniform until Monday 18th May.

I look forward to working with each of you in term two.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION



Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. This marks the beginning of Holy Week.

Holy Week is a special time of Advent that leads up to the most significant event in our liturgical calendar, the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The children will have the opportunity to go to the church to pray the Stations of the Cross with their teachers.

It is expected that you will take your children to the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. There is a list of dates and times on the back of this newsletter.

I wish you and your families a happy and holy Easter.

Mrs Miray Khoury,

Religious Education Coordinator.

COMPLAINTS HANDLING POLICY

The school has a complaints handling policy.

The options available to persons with complaints are:

- ◆ Deal with the situation personally
- ◆ Contact the school
- ◆ Contact the Catholic Education Office

For full details please refer to the Parent Handbook on the School website:

<http://www.staidansrootyhill.catholic.edu.au>

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

LITERACY MATTERS

Students at St Aidan's School write each day for a minimum of one hour.

The more parents talk with their children about the world around them the better equipped the children are to write.

Helpful hints for parents include:

- ◆ naming and describing what can be seen on the way to school or on a walk.
- ◆ reading different types of books also helps the writing process as the reader can use the different techniques in their writing.

Don't forget the Premier's Reading Challenge! Login details

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

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NUMERACY NEWS

The addition and subtraction domain allows teachers to evaluate the strategies children use to solve problems.



Throughout the interview children completed a variety of addition and subtraction tasks, where they were encouraged to use different mental and written strategies.

Growth points were assigned to each child based on their responses during their interview. The growth points are listed below.

- 0—Not yet able to combine and count a collection of objects.
- 1—Can count all to find the total of two collections.
- 2—Can count on from one number to find the total of two collections.
- 3—Can count back from or up to a number to solve subtraction problems.
- 4—Can add ten, use doubles or known facts to solve addition and subtraction problems.
- 5—Can use near doubles or fact families to solve addition and subtraction problems.
- 6—Can mentally solve multi-digit problems using appropriate strategies.
- 7—Can solve problems based around fractions and decimals using appropriate strategies.

In the next newsletter I will explore the multiplication and division domain with a particular focus on the growth points.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

ST AIDAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are now being accepted. A child who will turn 5 years of age before 31st July 2016 is eligible to begin school. Forms may be picked up from the school office Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 3:00pm.

SCHOOL HOURS

- ◆ Supervision of students begins at 8:15am
- ◆ Parents may escort their children onto the playground but are required to wait in the parent waiting area (silver seats).
- ◆ Bell for Assembly rings at 8:40am
- ◆ After assembly parents are asked to move out of the playground through the gate between year two and kindergarten. The gates are locked once parents leave.
- ◆ Dismissal bell rings at 2:55pm. Parents may wait in the parent waiting area or park legally and wait at Kimberley Park for the walkers to meet them.
- ◆ Supervision of students finishes at 3:25pm promptly.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees for term one 2015 are now overdue. Thank you to all those families who have paid their term one fees.

If you need to speak with someone regarding financial difficulties please phone Mrs Blaga Wakeling on (02) 9625 3181 during office hours.

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

EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS FOR TERM ONE

KC	Summa Skarski	Gabriele Bernadino	KH	Achol Angara	Jordan Azaglo
1C	Benedict Caballero	Gabrielle Cabantog	1M	Zara Radas	Joaquim Rodrigues
2I	Mario Al-Najar	Hannah Faustino	2U	Micho Bonete	Andrea Santos
3B	Janithi Semage	Mason Polidano	3Q	Marcus Brewty	Sione Vunipola
4D	Christian Ramos	Bella Teuma-Manaog	4K	Dora Abicic	Krutee Prasad
5P	Kenyon Aquino	Khushi Kansal	5W	Mary Pandes	Neil Swin
6B	Disha Prasad	Holly-Anne Ramos	6C	Marta Abicic	Aleksandra Favor

STAGE 3 BOYS & GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen for the Boys and Girls Touch Football Gala Day

Samuel Meilak	Ricardo White	Kobe Maireriki	Michael Ayoub
Prince II Gonzales	Jonathan Tandoc	Rhuvan Del Rosario	Anei Anei
Robert Apostol	Lee Darjani	Chloe Bazina	Pauline Uhatafe
Awein Akol	Tiffany Wu	Marianna Al-Najar	Ida-Laura Ioane
Bianca Fragomeli	Ayak Tong	Leduina Piliae	Chenae Cruise

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who received a certificate for the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge! The Challenge had another successful round with over 620 students reading 10,000 books over the school holidays—that's a new competition record!

Disha Prasad
Krutee Prasad
Dora Abicic
Matthew Ereira



THURSDAY 2ND APRIL MUFTI DAY—\$2.00 DONATION

Children wear play clothes (no thongs) and donate \$2.00. Money raised goes to help those families in Rockhampton affected by Cyclone Marcia.



SCHOOL PHOTOS—28TH APRIL

School photo envelopes will be sent home to parents during week one in term two. Please complete the envelope and send it back to school on the day of photography i.e. **TUESDAY 28TH APRIL**. Students wear full Summer Uniform.



DATES FOR TERM ONE 2015

Mon 30th March- Wed 1st April	◆ Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews ◆ Holy Week Stations of the Cross
Thursday 2nd April	◆ Mufti Day—(\$2.00 donation) ◆ 2:55pm term one concludes

DATES FOR TERM TWO 2015

Monday 20th April	Staff Development Day (NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS)
Tuesday 21st April	8:40am Term Two commences for students
Thursday 23rd April	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Friday 24th April	Year one excursion to Cumberland State Forest
Tuesday 28th April	SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS (money due on this day)
Friday 1st May	Kindergarten excursion to Calmsley Farm