

SCHOOL DATES FOR TERM TWO 2016

Tues 10th, Wed 11th and Thurs 12th May	NAPLAN tests for years three and five
Friday 13th May	Riverside theatre excursion years three, four, five and six
Monday 16th May	Warragamba excursion for year two
Wednesday 18th May	9:15am Infants Mass lead by year one
Thursday 19th May	Cumberland Forest excursion for year four
Friday 20th May	Milo Cricket Yrs 3-6 (at the school during school hours)
Wednesday 25th May	Assembly lead by year three
Friday 27th May	Canberra excursion for year six
Tuesday 31st May	School photographs
Wednesday 1st June	9:15am Primary Mass lead by year five
Thursday 2nd June	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala
Friday 3rd June	Milo Cricket K-2 (at the school during school hours)
Wednesday 8th June	Assembly lead by year two
Monday 13th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday (no classes)
Wednesday 15th June	Dental assessment for kindergarten, years two, four and six
Thursday 16th June	Featherdale excursion for year three
Wednesday 22nd June	Assembly lead by year one
Thursday 23rd June	Sydney Observatory excursion for year five
Friday 24th June	Student Reports go home
Mon 27th—Thurs 30th June	Parent/Teacher meetings K-6
Thursday 30th June	Stage 2 Boys Soccer
Friday 1st July	2:55pm term two concludes

WINTER UNIFORM BEGINS ON MONDAY 16TH MAY 2016

(students may wear their full winter uniform before this date if the weather is cold)

BOYS	GIRLS	SPORTS UNIFORM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long grey school pants • Long sleeve lemon shirt • Bottle green jumper or bottle green tracksuit top with school logo • Grey socks • Black shoes • Bottle green hat • St Aidan's school bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School tartan uniform • Long sleeve lemon blouse with Peter Pan collar • Tab tie • Black socks or black tights • Black shoes • Dark green jumper or dark green tracksuit top with school logo • Girls may wear bottle green slacks in winter • Bottle green hat • St Aidan's school bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottle green shorts and bottle green tracksuit • Lemon polo shirt with white socks • Joggers that are mainly white (not coloured shoes) • Bottle green hat • St Aidan's school bag

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH CONFIRMATION 2016 Parent information evening— Wednesday 11th May 2016
7:30pm Mary MacKillop Hall. Registration—after weekend Masses—14th/15th May 2016 Elizabeth (02) 9625 8404.



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St Aidan's Primary School, Rooty Hill Newsletter



From the Principal

6th May 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term two. The children have returned refreshed after their break and have commenced the term with much enthusiasm.

During the holidays Miss Ashleigh Sarasola (year one teacher) was married and will be returning to school next week. On your behalf I congratulate Ashleigh and her husband Ben on this wonderful occasion and wish them every happiness for the future. Miss Sarasola will be known as Mrs Armstrong.

Mrs Grady (part time teacher kindergarten, year two) is on long service leave this term and will be replaced by Mrs Karen Madden.

I welcome Mr Ian Byrne to St Aidan's for this term. Mr Byrne comes to us from Good Shepherd Primary Plumpton where he is the Religious Education Coordinator and will be replacing Mrs Leahy who will be working at Holy Family Emerton this term, assisting with literacy and Religious Education.

Thank you to the many mothers who attended the Mother's Day Mass last Monday. It was a very meaningful liturgy lead by year six who also provided the delicious morning tea.

Congratulations to the thirty-eight students who attended the Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday 3rd May (names in Hall of Fame). We are very proud of your achievements. Thank you to Mrs Abicic, Mrs Torralba, Mrs Velasco, Mr & Mrs Allen, Mr & Mrs Warwick-Smith, Mrs Rahman, Mrs Skarski and Mrs Provest who assisted on the day. Special thanks to Miss Jessica Chetcuti for the many hours she shared training the students.

Next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the students in years three and five will be completing the NAPLAN tests. Please ensure that your children get adequate sleep and are at school on time ready to do their best.

Thank you for your support of the Mother's Day Stall. There were some very excited shoppers extremely eager to purchase special gifts for all the 'mums'. A special thanks to Mrs Abicic, Mrs Derjani, Mrs Tollefsen and Mrs Bell for organising the stall and giving their time for the children. Your help was much appreciated.

I wish all mothers a very happy Mother's Day for Sunday. I trust that each of you will feel valued and pampered accordingly. We also remember those mothers who are no longer with us. They will remain forever in our hearts.

I look forward to working with each of you this term and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.



HUNGRY CATERPILLAR EXCURSION

Last week kindergarten, years one and two attended the Riverside theatre at Parramatta. Below are some student recounts :



I saw The Very Hungry Caterpillar who ate through a lot of food. I liked the part when the caterpillar got very fat because when he walked it sounded very funny. *Koby Aquino 2U*

My favourite part was when the caterpillar came and ate holes in the cheese, a lollypop, a sausage and a plum. I also enjoyed it when a boy was painting because it was amazing. *Mielle Paulate 2U*



My favourite parts of The Very Hungry Caterpillar was the nature, wonderful creatures and most of all the food for The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The Very Hungry Caterpillar was an amazing and interesting live show. *Benedict Caballero 2U*

My favourite part was when the lights went bright and when the animals were bright colours and they surprised us. *Abbygale Batula 2U*

MOTHER'S DAY MASS, MARY AND THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Mother's Day Mass was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to celebrate all the fantastic work our mothers do for their families. Mary, the mother of Jesus who leads by example, guides and inspires all mothers to be servants of God.



The month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. During this month, Christians offer up to Mary, prayers and in particular, the Rosary. Our teachers will also focus on praying the Rosary. We encourage students to bring in their personal rosary beads to use in class. This is a great opportunity for families to continue this tradition at home. Praying the Rosary together is another way in which the benefits of God's mercy are extended to everyone, especially during the *Year of Mercy*.

Mrs Miray Khoury
Religious Education Coordinator.

NUMERACY NEWS

Place value refers to our understanding when reading, writing, interpreting and ordering different numbers. Interpreting numbers require students to understand the value of each digit in any number. From the Mathematics Assessment Interview it was evident that children could read and write different numbers, but have difficulty interpreting them.

Children are now encouraged to interpret different numbers by:

- representing numbers using pictures, symbols and words
- making a collection on a bead string and identifying the number of 'tens' and 'ones' in any number.
- structuring objects into groups of hundreds, tens and ones
- placing different numbers on an empty number line and explaining their thinking.
- identifying the number before and after a given number. For example what is 10 more than 406?



In the next newsletter I will begin to explore different activities you can do at home to support your child when interpreting different numbers.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Bridget Taylor 1S and her family on the birth of a baby girl, Abby.



SCHOOL FEES

School fees have now been sent home to all families and are due by 30th May 2016. Thank you to those who have already paid.



TUCKSHOP NEWS—CLASSROOM CATERING

Please refer to the **NEW TUCKSHOP MENU** for correct food and correct prices. Please remember to write your child's full name and class. Food cannot be put into plastic bags so please use paper lunch bags. Thank you.



Hall of Fame



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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS					
KH	Charlize Almazan	Asad Cardines	KQ	Visali Thangarasu	Bianca Tungul
1M	Isabella Bell	Ronell Matti	1S	Frances Padilla	Alfred Ramos
2D	Mikayla Mantua	Alyssa Pabroa	2U	Jackson Frias	Monique Mallouk
3C	Ella Bijac	Veniz Brillante	3D	Chelsea Hernandez-Dimaguila	Raphael Limpiado
4B	Maureen Cabalhin	Beminet Habte	4P	Marcus Brewty	Isabella Gatmaitan
5B	Dominique Penarubia	Michael Piliae	5P	Dora Abicic	Gabriel-Izack Espino
6C	Amory Albanese	Latasha Brewty	6K	Jaira-Lynn De Vera	Ethan Lord-Marsden

CROSS COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE TEAM 2016			
Marcus Torralba	Angelica Danial	Jwer Akol	Amir Gum
Jacon Tandoc	Tong Wol	Dora Abicic	Markeisha Bolano
Jonathan Michael	Michael Piliae	Akon Angara	Saphenatta Fuimaono
Matthew Allen	Byron Skarski	Samuel Meilak	Miriam Warwick-Smith
Nickolas Goro	Tylin Sagurit	Jeremy Rahman	Gabrielle Romero
Krishiv Singh	Angelo-Jacob Espino	Thomas Putrus	Simon Issa
Annahat Sidhu	Peter Warwick-Smith	Rafael Velasco	Neil Swin
Agol Gum	Raimely Bojo	Aken Khon	Bol Dak
Annabella Wisam Nissan	Koko Adriano	Akon Anai	Fiona Vicedas
Nicole Cabalhin	Jaira-Lynn De Vera		

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following parents who assisted at the year one and kindergarten excursions: Mrs Rodrigues, Mrs Tollefsen, Ms Agbayani, Mrs Velasco, Mrs Gorgise, Ms Korzeniecki, Mr Torralba and Ms Difrancio.



RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL FROM TERM THREE

As you are aware, the school newsletter can be accessed on the St Aidan's website and on the school app. It is able to be read on all your mobile devices, computers and it can also be printed.

From the commencement of term three 2016 all fortnightly newsletters will be sent home electronically via email. Parents are requested to provide a valid email address to receive the newsletter. Please complete the information below and return to school by Friday 3rd June 2016.

EMAIL ADDRESS TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS

Parent/s name: _____

Name of eldest child attending St Aidan's _____ CLASS _____

Email address (please print clearly) _____

Any parent who would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please inform the office by **Friday 3rd June 2016**.