



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

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

In the last newsletter I wrote to you about the need for children to be 'on time' for school each day. Thank you to the parents who have taken this on board. There has been a noticeable improvement in the children's punctuality this week.

It has however been noted that a large number of parents are coming late in the afternoon to collect children from 'parent waiters'. Last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there were 53, 42 and 49 children respectively that had not been collected by parents after 3.15pm.

The students are dismissed at 2.55pm each day. Parents or carers are expected to collect their children at that time. It is understood that parents get held up at work or in traffic from time to time, however, it is becoming a habit for the same parents to be late each day.

Parents are asked to park around Kimberley Park where there is adequate parking. They then have a choice of waiting at the park for the children to be walked by teachers and escorted across the roads to parents or else parents park and come into the school playground and collect children. Parents coming late to get a parking space at the front of the school are one of the causes of tardiness.

It has also come to our attention that parents are not able to be contacted on their phones or the phones of the emergency contacts. Last week when children from three families had not been collected by 4.20pm, I personally phoned their families and the emergency contacts and received no response.

Parents please ensure that the school is notified immediately of changes in phone numbers and emergency contacts.

It's important to point out that teachers do not finish their work when the children leave school. Many afternoons are spent in meetings, professional learning and planning sessions.

The disco last week was attended by 286 students. \$1636.00 was raised and will be sent to Caritas Australia to assist those who are less fortunate than us. Thank you to the families who supported this event. The children and teachers had a great time. Special thanks to Mrs Poole, Miss Hall, Miss McAllister, Miss Quinlivan, Miss Roth, Miss Dellenty and Miss Brown for their fabulous organisation and to all staff for their generous support and attendance.

Congratulations to the students (Hall of fame) who represented St Aidan's at the Basketball Gala Day last Tuesday. The students showed exceptional sportsmanship and enjoyed the day. Thank you to Mrs Manton who gave up her time to coach the boys and organise the event. Congratulations also to the children who took part in the Touch Football and thank you to Mrs Bear who generously gave up her time to coach them.

Last night Mrs Leahy and I attended the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Staff Recognition Awards. These awards are held bi-annually for staff service to the Diocese. Three members of St Aidan's staff received awards for twenty five years of service to Catholic Education. Congratulations to Mrs Helen Grady, Mr Anthony Julius and Mrs Carol Newell. St Aidan's community salutes you for your dedication and commitment to Catholic Education.

Parents will soon receive an envelope from the DWF (Diocesan Works Fund). These envelopes were also sent to families in May and will be distributed in each Parish. You are invited to contribute to this very worthwhile Diocesan initiative.

Next Tuesday 28th October, the St Aidan's community will celebrate 'Staff Day'. Each year a day is chosen where we recognise the contribution of all members of staff. The student leaders have been busy preparing some surprises for staff. Parents might encourage their children to make a special card for their child's teacher or another member of staff.

Kindergarten 2015 Orientation mornings are approaching. Just a reminder that the dates for these sessions are:

- ◆ 4th November. Siblings
- ◆ 11th November. Families new to the school
- ◆ 18th November. All children enrolled for Kindergarten in 2015.

Your prayers are requested for Mrs Provest (teacher's assistant) as she recovers from her recent surgery. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
 Principal.

God's love is too deep to express.

Saint Mary MacKillop

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DATES FOR TERM FOUR 2014

Tuesday 28th October	Staff Day
Wednesday 29th October	9:15am Staff Mass K-6
Saturday 1st November	All Saints Day
Sunday 2nd November	All Souls Day
Tuesday 4th November	Kindergarten 2015 Orientation (siblings)
Friday 7th November	Infants Tabloid Sports Carnival K-2
Tuesday 11th November	◆ Remembrance Day ◆ Kindergarten 2015 Orientation (new families)
Wednesday 12th November	9:15am Primary Mass lead by year six
Tuesday 18th November	Kindergarten 2015 Orientation (siblings & new families)
Wednesday 26th November	9:15am Infants Mass lead by kindergarten
Friday 28th November	Staff Development Day (no classes)
Wednesday 10th December	Student reports sent home to parents
Monday 15th December	◆ 8:45am KLA Awards K-5 ◆ 5:00pm Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony for year six
Tuesday 16th December	◆ 8:45am KLA Awards K-5 ◆ Year six disco and pizza lunch
Wednesday 17th December	9:15am Thanksgiving Mass
Thurs 18th & Fri 19th December	Staff Development Days (no classes)

H A L L O W E E N 2014

Friday 31st October

TUCKSHOP TREATS

ICECREAM SPIDERS \$1.00

ICECREAM CUPS \$1.00

PADDLE POPS

◆ CHOCOLATE (MUD) \$1.00

◆ RAINBOW (GIZZARDS) \$1.00

ZOMBI CHEWS \$1.00

GHOST DROPS

- BAGS \$1.00

- BAGS \$0.50

- EACH \$0.05



Don't forget to enter the Colouring in Competition by 29/10/14!

St Agnes High School Year Seven 2015 Information Evening



An Information Evening for year seven 2015 is being held on Monday 10th November 2014 at 7:00pm in the San Damiano Centre, St Agnes High School.

Information will be provided for smooth transition to year seven.

Further information is available on our website: stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au
 email: emailstagnes@parra.catholic.edu.au
 Telephone 8882 0700
 Enquiries for other year groups are welcome.

Mr Peter Brogan
 Principal (St Agnes Catholic High School).



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REFLECTION

Matthew's community were cut off from their Jewish roots. His community were mainly Christian-Jews who had become absorbed into a Gentile world. This was why Matthew connected Jesus to Moses and the Old Testament in order to keep his followers' Jewish identity alive.



Over 130 passages in Matthew have Old Testament roots validating Jesus as Jew and Son of God:

- "This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled" (Mt 21:4)
- "Do not think that I have to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfil" (Mt 5:17)

Matthew's Jesus was openly critical of the ways of piety dear to the rabbis. He often had Jesus putting the Pharisees in their place. They seemed to be the group most hostile to Matthew's Jesus. Matthew was validating Jesus' plight with the non-believers, so that his followers had their own validation in Christianity.

Mrs. Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator.

WHAT IS PDHPE K-6?

PDHPE K-6 provides and promotes participation in regular and varied physical activity. It addresses a wide range of personal and community health issues that require sensitive treatment, including drug education and child protection. These include some important issues facing society today and will be taught in a manner that supports the role of parents and reflects the ideals of the school community.

Mrs. Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal

LITERACY MATTERS

Reading and writing need to be practised each day in order for improvement to occur. Students at St Aidan's are required to read to a parent for at least 15minutes per night. A helpful prompt that can be used by children before reading begins is, "Does my reading sound like I am talking"? The prompt makes the focus of the reading purposeful for the child and can help with fluency and intonation.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

PRAYERS

Please remember Eva Norton 3B and her family. Eva's Grandpa died recently.
Please remember Lorenzo Pangan 4M and his family. Lorenzo's Great Grandmother died recently.
Please remember Kaila Cenidoza and her family. Kaila's grandfather died recently.



NUMERACY NEWS

In the last newsletter I explored the importance of using mental calculations to solve number problems. One of the interesting things about mental calculations is that we do not all think the same way. What can you do at home to develop your child's mental computation?

- Encourage your child to count on from the larger number to solve addition problems and count back to solve subtraction problems.
- When playing a game with two dice, replace one dot die with one that has numbers on it.
- Ask your child to explain how they would work out the problem mentally. If they don't know, allow them to use objects or number line/charts to help them count.
- Ask your child to consider strategies they have been learning at school and if those strategies could be applied to the number problem.

Children should be able to mentally add two and three digit numbers confidently before using an algorithm. Written algorithms should therefore only be used when a problem or number sentence is too difficult to solve mentally. In the next newsletter I will explore the new Mathematics Curriculum, which will be introduced in 2015.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

Please return your Student Data Validation letters to school as soon as possible so that any changes can be updated.



COMMONWEALTH BANK NEWS

Is your child a smart school saver?

We measured the 'Savings IQ' of the nation and found Australians who learn about money at school grow up to become smarter savers.

To find the next generation of savers, we're launching a national competition.

Have your child tell us in 50 words or less what they are saving for, and how they plan to save their money to achieve it and they could win:

- An iPad for themselves and one for their school (six regional winners)
 - \$1,000 for their savings (one national winner).
- Enter now at commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers

The Dollarmites have uncovered the **Clam of Fortune!** Here's how to win! Students simply need to make a School Banking deposit between 20th October and 30th November 2014, regardless of value. They will then be automatically entered into the competition. The more times they deposit, the more chances they have to win (up to a maximum of six entries).

The precious prizes:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders

For more information, commbank.com.au/deepseasavers



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



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS		
KC	Bianca Miranda	Rohaam Lagare
KH	Aling Kang	Nathan Ison
1C	Denise Remo	Katrina Knezevic
1T	Chelsea Hernandez Dimaguila	Sean McCartney
2M	Maureen Cabalhin	Angelo Espino
2Q	Isabella Gatmaitan	Rylandale Cunanan
3B	Heleana Soriano	Damian Mifsud
3U	Ruiz Bernardo	Gabriella Lapus
4D	Aaron Vicedas	Theresa Maksymowicz
4M	Arabelle Remorozo	Jhon Mateo
5P	Chenae Cruise	Anei Anei
5W	Bianca Fragomeli	Lee Darjani
6B	Miriam Iskarous	Reuben Rajlawot
6C	Justin Mallouk	Abigail Morales

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Basketball Gala Day on Tuesday 21st October 2014.



Jonas Mendoza	Steven Payuran
Gerard Mantua	Emilio Seguban
Jedrick Brual	Gabriel Cacapit
Jethro Vicedas	Henry Wu
Raden Adviento	



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RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Did you know that you can have the newsletter emailed to you each fortnight? Newsletters can be received and read on all your mobile devices as well as computers.



If you would like to receive the school newsletter via email in 2015, please complete the slip below and return to the school office by Friday 21st November 2014.

FAMILY NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

NAME OF ELDEST CHILD ATTENDING ST AIDAN'S _____ CLASS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (please print clearly) _____