

## Term two 2013

Monday 29th April	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO CLASSES)
Tues 30th April	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO CLASSES)
Wednesday 1st May	First day term two for students—8:45am

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

#### Child Protection Information Line—Royal Commission

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has established a Child Protection Information Line in response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.

The dedicated information line will provide information about how schools are handling child protection matters and will be able to respond to individual enquiries and assist people who have concerns or help them take allegations to the police. It can also put people in touch with appropriate support services if needed.

The Child protection Information Line is 1300 661 015 (cost of a local call within Australia). The line is available outside of school hours and connects directly to a Catholic Education Officer staff member. A message service is also available on this line.

Bishop Anthony's video message on school funding : visit this link  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykcliNtlUig&feature=share>



## St Agnes Catholic High School

A Years 7 – 10 co-educational  
school

**Now enrolling for 2014**

Enrolments forms are now available for Year 7 2014 from our School office or on our website.

For all enrolment enquiries please contact the Enrolment Secretary, Mrs Donna Missio on 8882 0700 or by email: [stagnes@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stagnes@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Enquiries for other year groups are welcome.  
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## Blacktown Council School Holiday Guide

### School holiday suggestions in your local council area:

- ◆ **Holiday Tennis Clinics**
- ◆ **Kids concerts**
- ◆ **Science workshops in your library**
- ◆ **Holiday activities in your library**
- ◆ **Blacktown arts centre workshops**

### See these websites for more information and ideas

[www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au)  
[www.visitblacktown.com.au](http://www.visitblacktown.com.au)





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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 because as you know school closes today for the autumn holidays.

We were saddened to hear that Mrs Hurst's (year four teacher and coordinator) mother, Mrs Muriel Bennett passed away on Friday evening 5<sup>th</sup> April. Staff and students had been praying for Mrs Bennett for the past few weeks as she became very sick from respiratory problems. I am sure you will remember Mrs Hurst and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Fourteen girls in stage three represented St Aidan's in the gala soccer day last Tuesday. Congratulations girls on an impressive performance and for being such good sports. Thank you to Mr Julius for giving up his time to train the girls and ensure they were well prepared for the competition. Both Mr Julius and Mrs Brown spoke very highly of the girls excellent attitude and behaviour. Well done girls.

Yesterday the St Aidan's students, teachers and some parents celebrated a very moving ceremony in honour of Anzac Day. The year four students led the ceremony and did an excellent job. As you may know, Anzac Day is celebrated each year in Australia and New Zealand on 25<sup>th</sup> April. This year, Anzac Day falls during the upcoming holidays, hence our premature celebration yesterday. Thank you to the year four students and teachers and congratulations on a job well done in difficult circumstances.

As notified in two previous newsletters, **the first two days of term two (29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April) will be Staff Development Days. There will be no classes on these days.**

You may be aware that an Australian Curriculum is being developed for all schools in each state of Australia. For this reason, all schools have been given an extra staff development day next term to allow schools to prepare for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. The various syllabi will be implemented gradually until 2016 starting with English in 2014.

On 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April, the teachers at St Aidan's will be familiarising themselves with the new curriculum and especially the new English syllabus to be introduced next year.

Parents are reminded of the Mother's Day stall on 10<sup>th</sup> May. As this is a fund raiser for our school your support will be greatly appreciated.

The St Aidan's Mother's Day Mass and morning tea will be celebrated on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am. Each mother will receive an invitation to this special occasion as soon as we return to school from holidays.

Congratulations to the students who received their class award for excellence in term one. These are highly sought after awards and students must work very hard in order to receive one. See the 'hall of fame' for a list of successful students.

**School reopens on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** and children may wear their full winter uniform if you wish. All children are to be in full winter uniform by 20<sup>th</sup> May (Monday of week four). Please see over for a full list of winter uniform items.

Thank you for your support this term. I hope you will enjoy some special time with your children during the holidays.

*Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts*  
Principal

### NEW EVANGELISATION

The Year of Faith and Grace has called Catholics to New Evangelisation. Firstly it is important to understand what this means for each individual. New Evangelization offers hope. Jesus grants all people rest and comfort from the world's burdens by offering hope of salvation and eternal life. This has been the meaning of Easter. The New Evangelization offers the gifts of faith, hope, love and new life in Christ.

"To make the New Evangelization a reality is to become pilgrims on a journey or pilgrimage with Jesus Christ - much like the journey of Jesus meeting the disciples along the road to Emmaus. They journey or pilgrimage includes moments for a deepening of our faith, increasing our participation in the sacramental life of the Church, and leads finally to our destination of being Christian witnesses." Synod of Bishops XIII Ordinary General Assembly, *The New Evangelization for the Transmission of Christian Faith*.

What the Pope and Bishops are saying is that building a personal relationship with Christ is not enough to be a true Catholic; it is now time for action. Everyone needs to practice their witnessing in their everyday encounters with others.

Mrs Silvana Murphy  
Religious Education Coordinator

### ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING PLAN

Assessment is important to the learner and the teacher as it informs future teaching.

Student assessment is ongoing throughout the year.

Reporting to parents occurs twice a year; once in term two and once in term four. The NSW Board of Studies requires reporting on an A-E scale for students in years one to six.

Kindergarten students have a modified school - generated report. Student's reports are sent home seven days before the end of the fourth term and before parent/teacher interviews in the last week of term two.

Parents are advised to bring the child's report with them to the parent/teacher interview in term two.

Should parents wish to discuss their child's learning needs at any time during the year, they are encouraged to make contact with the school office and teacher to arrange a time that is convenient.

Mrs Christine Leahy,  
Assistant Principal.

### WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM 2013

From **Monday 8th April**, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect points from the checkout operator and place them on points sheets. There will be one point for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once completed, parents can place their point sheets in the collection box at school or send them with their child.

The program closes on **Sunday 9th June 2013**. Thank you for your continued support.

### ST AIDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

Information evening:  
Wednesday 1st May 7:30pm in Mary MacKillop Hall

Registration days  
Saturday 4th May and Sunday 5th May after each Mass.

Parent evening:  
Wednesday 15th May at 7:30pm in Mary MacKillop Hall

Sessions:  
Sunday 19th May 8:30am in MacKillop Hall  
Sunday 26th May 8:30am in MacKillop Hall  
Sunday 2nd June 8:30am in MacKillop Hall

Practice dates:  
Monday 3rd June and Thursday 6th June 7:00pm in the Church.

**Sacrament Administered in St Aidan's Church.  
on Wednesday 12th June and Thursday 13th June 2013 at 7:00pm.**

### WINTER UNIFORM

All students MUST be in full winter uniform by **Monday 20th May 2013**.

Please note that **girls** wear **black tights or black socks** with their black shoes. Full uniform listed below.

#### Boys

Long grey school pants

Long/short sleeve lemon shirt

Bottle green jumper with school crest

Grey socks

Black shoes

Bottle green hat with school crest

St Aidan's school bag

#### Girls

School tartan uniform **or** bottle green slacks (not tracksuit pants)

Long sleeve lemon blouse with Peter Pan collar

Tab tie (sold separately)

Black socks (not anklets) or black tights

Black shoes

Bottle green jumper with school crest

Bottle green hat with school crest

St Aidan's school bag

#### Sports Uniform

Bottle green shorts

Lemon polo shirt

White socks (not anklets)

Mainly white joggers

Bottle green tracksuit with school crest

Bottle green hat with school crest

St Aidan's school bag



## Hall of Fame

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

### AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE TERM ONE WINNERS

KC	Matthew Ereira	Hannah Faustino
KH	Raphael Limpiado	Raylene D'Cruz
1C	Jordana Jacobs	Amire Gorgise
1G	Mason Polidano	Kacey Alvarado
2F	Shaun Bernaldo	Mischa Vella
2M	Jon Rhys Timbol	Krutee Prasad
3B	Dominic Arreza	Nicole Cabalhin
3G	Kenyon Aquino	Noelene Swin
4H	Christina Abi Chemouni	Jonas Mendoza
4Y	Marta Abicic	Emilio Seguban
5M	Hedrone Aquino	Vanie Barcelon
5S	Saia Manaia	Shenna Sambat
6D	Kayla Hernandez	Richard Quisumbing
6W	Jasmine Ward-Underhill	Deakin Ball

Congratulations to the following students who represented *St Aidan's School* at the *Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day* on **Tuesday 9th April**.

Caitlin Ackroyd-Mosbey	Britnee Azaglo	Awein Mawein	Milla Sagurit	Mary Akinba
Monique Xuereb	Samuelle Amor	Kristina Bonic	Kirsty Conna	Sarah Price
Maddison Ticchio	Melanie Alcalá	Alek Awac	Hannah Plaatjes	

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL—FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2013

St Aidan's School will be having a Mother's Day Stall this year.



Parents are asked to donate gifts to the school valued between \$2.00 and \$5.00. Donations of clear cellophane and new ribbon will also be appreciated. Thank you to those families who have already sent gifts. We still require **350** gifts.

These gifts will then be sold to the students at the stall on **Friday 10th May 2013**.

Please send all gifts to school by Friday 3rd May so they may be wrapped and priced, Thank you