

School and Parish News

St Aidan's Parish Church—Easter 2012

Holy Thursday 5th April	7:30pm (includes washing of the feet and adoration till midnight)
Good Friday 6th April	10:00am Stations of the Cross
	3:00pm Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday
Holy Saturday 7th April	7:00pm Mass (begins outside with lighting of the fire and Paschal candle)
Easter Sunday 8th April	8:30am and 10:00am Mass

Dates for your diary 2012

Monday 2nd—Fri 6th April	Holy Week
Thursday 5th April	Term one concludes 2:55pm
Friday 6th April	Good Friday
	Term two 2012
Monday 23rd April	Term two commences 8:45am



Learn to Swim program 2012—kindergarten, years one and two

Please complete the following if you have a child/children in kindergarten, year one and/or year two . Please return this note to school by Thursday 5th April

I/we _____ (Parent's name) agree to our child/children

_____ (child/children's name/s) in

class/classes _____ taking part in the Learn to Swim program during term four 2012.

I understand the cost of this program will be \$65.00 per student.

Parent's signature _____



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Happy Easter

St Aidan's Primary School
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Sharing News & Views

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

It has come to my attention during the past weeks that a number of children have been discussing issues of a most inappropriate nature.

I had to ask myself how children come across this information that is way beyond their years and level of maturity.

The majority of our students have access to a range of technologies and the internet. Whilst these are wonderful tools for learning and communication, children's access to them must be monitored and supervised. This prevents children from going on sites that are inappropriate and unsavoury.

Children are naturally inquisitive and often engage in conversation out of curiosity and without real understanding. What a shame it is when they are robbed of their childhood innocence by being exposed to information for which they are not ready.

I urge parents to keep a close eye on what children are watching on TV, DVD and on the internet and listen closely to their conversations with older brothers and sisters and friends.

Parents will be notified if their children are found to be speaking inappropriately at school.

On another note, the school has been notified by 'Ripples' (the public swimming pools at St Mary's) that they have increased the school's swimming program from one week to two weeks. The cost for the two weeks will be \$65 or \$6.50 per lesson.

Due to financial problems experienced by many families at St Aidan's the number of children attending swimming lessons has dwindled over the past few years. It is therefore important that we get an idea of how many parents wish to send their children to the swimming program at \$65. Please complete the section at the end of the newsletter if you wish your child/children to go to swimming lessons.

As parents are aware the teachers at St Aidan's are working very hard to improve the comprehension levels of students. Parents are key players in assisting their children to read and therefore might like to have a look at the following website to gain some insights into the ways they can be of assistance in the teaching of reading while at the same time benefit themselves.

<http://www.earnestparenting.com/>

Next Thursday, school closes for the Easter vacation. Included in today's newsletter are the times for the Easter ceremonies at St Aidan's Parish Church. It is hoped that many of you will take your children along to the Easter ceremonies.

Please see over page for information about winter uniforms.

On behalf of the staff I wish each of you a holy and happy Easter and a relaxing and peaceful holiday.
School reopens for term two on Monday 23rd April 2012.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts,
Principal.



Reflection

The work of Caritas Australia is endless. This organisation works with marginalized communities to improve living conditions and to help these communities to become self sufficient.

Australia is said to be 'the lucky country' yet many live on the streets, in cardboard boxes and have little to eat. Caritas is one Catholic organization that works to improve the lives of needy people, both in Australia and overseas.

Stage three students read the section on the 'Project Compassion Box' that explains how monies donated are distributed by Caritas. As a result, the students decided to raise enough money to buy a goat. Year six students have reached their target and year five students are close to reaching theirs. Well done stage three.

It is now time to return Project Compassion boxes to school. All money raised will be sent to Caritas to be distributed accordingly.

Thank you for your generous support for such a worthy cause.

Mrs Silvana Murphy,
Religious Education Coordinator.

Conclusion of term one

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight what I have written throughout the term.

Policies shared with parents this term included:

- ◆ The Pastoral Care and Student Management Policy.
- ◆ The Road Safety Policy.
- ◆ The Homework Policy.

I hope this has been an effective way of communicating with parents and that revisiting the above policies has clarified the school's expectations of students in these areas.

Today I refer to the school's expectations on 'grooming'.

- ◆ Long hair is to be tied back using school coloured hair ties of green or yellow.
- ◆ No other colours are to be worn.
- ◆ Fancy beads or combs are not to be worn in the hair.
- ◆ Hair is to be cut no shorter than a number two.
- ◆ Mullet, half mullet, mowhawk, tails or other fad haircuts are not permitted.

Children are also expected to wear their full uniform and be clean, neat and tidy at all times.

Should there be concerns about children's grooming, parents will be contacted. Thank you for your support in this regard.

I wish each of you a very holy and happy Easter.

Mrs Christine Leahy,
Assistant Principal.

A set of keys was found in the park. They are in a brown leather wallet and appear to be house and car keys. Please contact Mrs Wakeling if you own these keys.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2013

Enrolments are now being accepted. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

Please complete the enrolment form and return it to school as soon as possible. Interviews will be held early term two.

Details of the Learn to Swim Program— kindergarten, years one and two

Ripples have changed their policy for 2012. They are now offering ten (10) lessons over two weeks.

The cost per lesson is \$6.50 making a TOTAL of \$65.00 per student. NO discount for siblings.

In order for the school to go ahead with the program we need to have 95% of children attending.

If you have a child/children in kindergarten, year one and/or year two please complete the Learn to Swim program slip on the back of this newsletter and return it to school by **Thursday 5th April 2012**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Students absent from school outside school holidays

A letter was sent home last week to all families outlining the new procedures to be followed when planning to take students on holidays in school time.

A form called 'Guidelines for Exemption from Attendance at NSW Catholic Systemic Schools' is available from the school office.

Parents need to complete this form and return it to school for Dr. Ricketts to sign and leave will be either granted or denied. A separate form will then be sent home to parents.

Winter uniform

Students may return to school in term two wearing their full summer uniform OR their full winter uniform. All students MUST be in full winter uniform by **Monday 14th May 2012**.

Please note that **girls** wear **black tights or black socks** with their black shoes. Full uniform listed opposite in this newsletter.

School fees and B/Pay payments

School fees for term one are now overdue. Please arrange payment or phone Mrs Wakeling if you are having difficulties. Starting from this term receipts will not be issued by the school for B/Pay payments. Please keep your receipt number from your computer as a record of their B/Pay payment for school fees.

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

Hall of Fame

GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS FOR TERM ONE 2012

KC	Crystelle Xuereb	Immanuel El-Rab
KG	Arirei Beia	Sione Vunipola
1C	Miriam Warwick-Smith	Jon Rhys Timbol
1K	Mischa Vella	Akon Angara
2F	Arabelle Remorozo	Neil Swin
2H	Kyle Polidano	Rita El-Ghossein
3B	Ruth Nool	Rhuvan Del Rosario
3M	Ryan Maniago	Stephanie Derjani
4A	Esther Usu	Justin Mallouk
4H	Shayne Cortes	Saia Manaia
5H	Kayla Hernandez	Deakin Ball
5M	John El-Ghossein	Chantelle Maglalang
6D	Callum Ellis	Olivia Putt
6W	Jomiko Cabigting	Esther Manaia

Winter Uniform 2012

Boys	Girls	Sports Uniform
Long grey school pants	School tartan uniform or bottle green slacks	Bottle green shorts
Long/short sleeve lemon shirt	Long sleeve lemon blouse with Peter Pan collar	Lemon polo shirt
Bottle green jumper with school crest	Tab tie (sold separately)	White socks (not anklets)
Grey socks	Black socks (not anklets) or black tights	Mainly white joggers
Black shoes	Black shoes	Bottle green tracksuit with school crest
Bottle green hat with school crest	Bottle green jumper with school crest	Bottle green hat with school crest
St Aidan's school bag	Bottle green hat with school crest	St Aidan's school bag
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Mother's Day Stall

Please remember to send gifts for the Mother's Day Stall. We still need at least **320** gifts so that every student has an opportunity to buy one each. Thank you to those families who have already sent gifts.

Mrs Meniconi, Parent Helper.