



# MEAL DEAL DAY

FRIDAY – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013

ORDERS/PAYMENT DUE BY WEDNESDAY  
23rd October 2013

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEATBALLS ON A ROLL  
WITH SAUCE  
JUST JUICE  
FROZEN JUICE CUP**

**\$5.00**

- MEATBALLS ON A ROLL
- SAUCE TOMATO
- BBQ
- SWEET CHILLI
- JUICE APPLE
- ORANGE
- PARADISE PUNCH
- FROZEN JUICE CUP ORANGE
- APPLE

## STEPS

*(Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening)*

Vision screening clinics

It is important to identify any eye problems early before children start school.

If your child is 4-5 years old you can make an appointment for a FREE vision test in your area.

Bookings are being taken until Monday 23rd December 2013 or from Monday 6th January 2014 (Monday to Friday 8:30am-12:30pm).

Clinics will be held up until December 2013 and will be available in the last week of school holidays in January and again in April 2014.

For further information and/or details of clinics held please phone 9881 1213.



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## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term four 2013.

Students and most staff have returned to school refreshed after their two week break and are ready for the final term of this school year.

The important dates for the term have been included in this newsletter and I encourage you to take note of these to ensure you are familiar with the significant events in the school life of your children.

All families received two memo's this week.

One advertised a special Mass for grandparents to be celebrated next Wednesday 16th October. Mass will be followed by 'open classrooms' until 10:45am to give grandparents and parents an opportunity to see the children at work.

The second memo advertised a Disco for the children on the afternoon/evening of Friday 18th October. The cost of the Disco is \$5 per child, with all proceeds going to the Catholic Missions.

**Both of these events have been organised in response to parents' comments from the Quality Catholic School Survey.** Some parents asked for some additional extra-curricular activities and also believed that more could be done at school for Social Justice. The grandparents Mass and disco for the Missions are ways of addressing these requests.

The school tuckshop will be offering 'meal deals' this term. The first of these will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and each meal will be \$5.00. An order form is on the back of this newsletter and further orders can be obtained from the school office. I'm sure you will agree the meals offered represent very good value.

Another initiative for the term is the fruit/veggie program whereby children are being encouraged to bring at least one piece of fruit or vegetable to eat during the day. This is part of the work being done by Mr Julius during Personal Development/Health lessons.

At this stage our enrolments are looking good for 2014. As we have already commenced planning for classes etc. it would be most helpful if parents could contact the school as soon as possible should their children not be returning to St Aidan's in 2014.

Parents are reminded that school commences at 8:45am each day and as teachers like to start teaching promptly it would be appreciated if all children could be on time for school. Children are not to arrive at school before the gate opens at 8:15am unless they are supervised by their parents.

I look forward to working alongside each of you this term. Please contact me or the appropriate member of staff should you have any concerns about your children's learning.

Yours sincerely

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*Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts*  
Principal.

**STAFF NEWS**

- \* Congratulations to Mrs Woolcock (year six) who became a grandmother for the first time.
  - \* Mrs Zammit (office) had some surgery during the holidays and is expected back next week
  - \* Mrs Brown (teacher’s assistant) also had surgery and will return in another week’s time.
- Cheerio to these ladies with our best wishes.



**REFLECTION**

During the first three weeks of term four, students will be learning about ‘Mission’. Students will study social justice issues both locally and globally.

They will view DVDs which highlight the work done by CARITAS to support people in third world countries. Then with their teacher, they will discuss how they can help others.

The older students will study the work of St. Vincent de Paul Society, especially how they assist the needy and sick in the local area.

Jesus calls all to mission. Parents are encouraged to speak to their children about the mission of Christ.

*Mrs Silvana Murphy*  
Religious Education Coordinator.

**EXPLANATION OF SYLLABUS DOCUMENTS FOR PARENTS**

**What is a syllabus?**

A syllabus is a document that gives teachers an outline of what students are to be taught in a specific learning area. Each of the seven key learning areas (KLAs) in primary school has a syllabus to guide the learning and teaching in that area.

**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**

Listen to your child read every day. The reader your child brings home from school should be an easier text for them to read for pleasure and to help build their fluency and confidence. Here are some ideas you can use when reading with your child:

- Look at the cover, title, pictures and talk about what the book might be about
- Talk about the story so far and what might happen next
- After reading, talk about the story and ask questions
- Talk about the pictures and how they add meaning to the text

*Mrs Lisa Hurst*  
Lead Literacy Teacher & Coordinator.

**NUMERACY NEWS**

In mathematics, basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts are the foundation of math learning. In this term’s ‘Numeracy News’ games that allow children to work with numbers using a simple deck of cards will be explored.

**Addition Quick Draw (2 players)**

Getting Ready

- Deal out all of the cards to the two players.

Play the Game

- One player calls, ‘Draw’ and both players turn over their top card and place it face up in the centre. The players add the two numbers that are showing and the first player to say the total out loud wins the two cards. After all cards have been used, the players count the number of cards that they have won. The winner is the person who has the most cards.

Jodie Donlan  
Lead Numeracy Teacher

**BABY NEWS**

Congratulations to the Leduina Piliae in 4H, Michael Piliae in 2M and their family on the birth of a baby boy, Mauryce.



**SCHOOL FEES 2013 AND RESOURCE FEES 2014**

School fees were due on 19th August 2013. Unless you have a previous arrangement with the office please finalize these fees as soon as possible. Resource fees of \$130 per student for 2014 are due 10th October 2013.

**FAMILY PORTRAIT**

Unfortunately this fundraiser will not be going ahead. Thank you to the families who showed interest in participating.

**TERM FOUR 2013**

Wednesday 16th October	Grandparents Mass and open classrooms
Friday 18th October	School disco: Infants 4.00-5:30pm; Primary 5:30-7:00pm ☆
Wednesday 23rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball Gala day</li> <li>• All orders for Bedrock Meal Deal due</li> </ul>
Friday 25th October	Bedrock Meal Deal Day
Wednesday 30th October	9:15am year four lead Primary Mass
Wednesday 6th November	8:45-10:45am 2014 Kindergarten orientation (siblings)
Friday 8th November	NRL clinic years 3-6
Wednesday 13th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 8:45-10:45am 2014 Kindergarten orientation (non-siblings)</li> <li>◆ 9:15am year three lead Primary Mass</li> </ul>
Wednesday 20th November	8:45-10:45am 2014 Kindergarten orientation (all children & parents)
Wednesday 27th November	9:15am year two lead Infants Mass
Thursday 28th November	4:30pm Swimming Trials
Friday 13th December	Reports to parents
Mon 16th and Tues 17th December	KLA Awards (Kindergarten to Year five)
Monday 16th December	5:30-7:00pm Year six Graduation and Awards
Tuesday 17th December	Year six disco and farewell
Wednesday 18th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 9:15am Thanksgiving Mass</li> <li>◆ 2:55pm students finish</li> </ul>
Thursday 19th December	Staff Development Day (no classes)
Friday 20th December	Staff Development Day (no classes)