

## Term three 2013

Wednesday 18th September	11:30am Stage three Assembly in the hall
Friday 20th September	2:55pm Term three concludes

## Term four 2013

Tuesday 8th October	Term four begins at 8:45am
Wednesday 16th October	9:15am Grandparents Mass lead by Stage three

### ST AIDAN'S CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Father Alan Layt and St Aidan's Parish invites all families to a

**TRASH & TREASURE** sale on  
**Sunday 15th September .**

Where: MacKillop Hall

When: 11:30am.

*Come along and enjoy some bargains!*

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT WHOLESALE PRICING!**

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### 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.

### FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

We would like to book a Family Portrait fundraiser for **Saturday 9th November 2013.**

Each sitting will cost **\$25.00**. For this price you will receive three items: 10 x 13 family portrait or a unique fine art pencil sketch; a key ring; and a wallet sized portrait.

If you are interested in participating in this event, please complete the slip below and return it to the school by **Wednesday 18th September.**

**Please do not send any money until this event is confirmed.**

I am interested in being part of the Family Portrait fundraiser on **Saturday 9th November 2013.**

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile no \_\_\_\_\_

Eldest child's name \_\_\_\_\_

class \_\_\_\_\_



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

### From the Principal

Dear Parents,

We recently received the data from the Quality Catholic Schooling Survey that was conducted in March this year. At that time parents from each school in the Parramatta Diocese were selected randomly by the Catholic Education Office to participate in a survey to give feedback about their school. Sixty parents from St Aidan's were selected.

The results from the survey were exceptionally promising and we were delighted with the parents' positive attitude towards St Aidan's.

Parents were particularly positive about: the importance of the catholic faith and culture of the school; homework; the students' safety whilst at school; and the school's focus on improving its performance.

Students also spoke positively about the importance of the Catholicity of the school, their connectedness to school and their motivation to learn.

The area of social justice was identified by parents, students and staff as an area in which the school can improve. We will look at this area and some additional extra curricula activities when developing the school's Implementation Plan for 2014. Whilst those parents surveyed did not request additional information about teaching and learning, we will continue to feature this in each newsletter and through parent workshop sessions.

This survey will be conducted again next year and again a random selection of parents will be invited to take part. If you were one of the parents who completed this year's survey, thank you for taking the time to do so.

Thank you to the parents who supported the recent Number-a-thon. As explained previously the money raised from this will go towards new reading materials for the children. The amount raised so far is \$13,518 which to some parents would seem large indeed, however the reading materials purchased cost \$35,000. Annual resource fees for students do not cover these costs, thus the need for fundraising. The class with the highest average was KC. They raised \$1,530.40 with an average amount of \$52.77 per student. Individual students who raised the highest amounts have been listed in the Hall of Fame.

Last week St Aidan's hosted five visiting teachers from South Australia. The purpose of the visit was for the teachers to see Contemporary learning/teaching in action. Our teachers and students made the visitors very welcome and proudly showed off the many great things we are doing at St Aidan's. Being invited to host these visitors was a privilege for us and a cause of great pride in our school.

This is the final newsletter for this term as school closes for spring vacation next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Students are expected to wear their summer uniform when school reopens on **Tuesday 8th October.**

Thank you for your support this term. It has been extremely busy and most rewarding to witness the children's continued growth and enthusiasm for learning.

Best wishes for a relaxing holiday and some enjoyable times with your children.

Yours sincerely

*Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts*  
Principal.



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### REFLECTION

Of all the Gospel writers, Luke would be the one most relevant to Catholics today. He and his community lived in the 'time of the early Church' when people of varied beliefs were being converted to Christianity.

Luke presents a portrait of Jesus as one who is intent on healing. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus emerges as a leader filled with compassion and the power of God. He is the healer filled with the Holy Spirit. Those with faith saw God's hand at work through Christ. Jesus' opponents believed that he drove out demons through the power of Beelzebal, the prince of evil. Jesus' healing ministry revealed his identity as prophet and one whose power was from God (Lk 8:39; 11:20)

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is seen as man, prophet, healer and always connected to God and the Holy Spirit.

Mrs Silvana Murphy  
Religious Education Coordinator.

### EXPLANATION OF SYLLABUS DOCUMENTS FOR PARENTS

**How parents can help their child with the new changes.**  
In addition to subject-based content, all syllabuses address important contemporary themes and general capabilities as students prepare to live and work successfully in the 21st century. These include Australian curriculum cross-curriculum priorities and general capabilities and other learning across the curriculum areas identified by the Board of Studies. For more information on the NSW Board of Studies syllabus documents and parent pages follow the links below. These sites also have information on the Australian Curriculum.

Parents page on the Board of Studies website:  
<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents>

Board of Studies NSW syllabuses website:  
<http://syllabuses.bos.nsw.edu.au>

Mrs Christine Leahy  
Assistant Principal.

### LITERACY MATTERS

Keep it interesting and relevant

- Provide reading material that is interesting and relevant.
- Nothing turns a child off reading like boring content. If your reader is a young boy make sure he has access to scary stories, sports books, or science fiction.

- If your girl likes those things as well, make sure she has them in addition to stories about animals, fairytales, and babysitting clubs.

Mrs Lisa Hurst  
Lead Literacy Teacher & Coordinator.

### NUMERACY NEWS

**How dice can be used to help kindergarten with counting. Multiplication and division for years 3-6.**

**Kindergarten Recognising numbers and counting Collect 10**

This is a game for pairs of students, with each student having a regular dice. Counters are also required. The players roll the dice and the player with the higher number showing receives a counter; if both throw the same number they both receive a counter. The first player to collect 10 counters is the winner.

Variations

- The player with the lower number scores the counter each time.
- Start with ten counters and the player with the higher number on the roll of the dice takes away this number of counters. The first player to be without any counters is the winner.

**Year 3-6 Multiplication and division Double, halve or stay**

An activity for two to four players that requires two different coloured regular die. Decide on one coloured dice to represent the tens and the other to represent the ones. Choose a target number between 5 and 122. Players take turns to roll the dice. Once the dice are rolled a number is formed. The player then makes a decision to produce a number that is as close as possible to the target number. They can choose to:

- double their number
- halve their number
- keep the number as is

The player closest to the target is the winner.



Next term how playing cards can be used in the teaching and learning of mathematics will be explored.

Mrs Jodie Donlan  
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

### SUMMER UNIFORM

**BOYS**

Grey school shorts  
Lemon short sleeve shirt  
Short grey socks (**not anklets**) and Black shoes  
Bottle green jumper with school crest  
Bottle green hat with school crest  
St Aidan's school bag

**GIRLS**

Green check dress with attached tab tie  
Short lemon socks  
(Girls' socks must be **lemon** not white and must be turned over ankle socks **not anklets**)  
Black shoes  
Bottle green jumper with school crest  
Ribbons/scrunchies: bottle green or green check  
Bottle green hat with school crest  
St Aidan's school bag

**SUMMER SPORTS UNIFORM**

Bottle green shorts (not cargo shorts)  
Lemon polo shirt  
White socks (**not anklets**)  
Joggers (mainly white)  
Bottle green hat with school crest  
St Aidan's school bag  
Bottle green tracksuit with school crest



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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS		
KC	Breindel Capili	Yuan Miranda
KH	Micho Bonete	Anikka Cabalo
1C	Maxine Galang	Joseph Manaia
1G	Koko Adriano	Connor Lennon
2F	Viliami Vunipola	Gabrielle Romero
2M	Rafael Velasco	Beatrix Favor
3B	Abigail Asuncion	Marc Gabarda
3G	Jdyn Espino	Ella Taylor
4H	Marianna Al-Najar	Giancarlo Montecillo
4Y	Kaira Francisco	Jonathan Tandoc
5M	Masham Angara	Lindsay Gungab
5S	Emmanuel De Vera	Rosamae Celik
6D	John-Nathan Espino	John El-Ghossein
6W	Kim Umali	Jye Skarski

EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR TERM THREE		
KC	Kaila Cenidoza	Akok Anei
KH	Reuel Velasco	Catarina Mifsud
1C	Iva Saquing	Krishiv Singh
1G	Paula El-Ghossein	Declan Apps
2F	Heleana Soriano	Viliami Vunipola
2M	Ella Capili	Ridge Ramas
3B	Arabelle Remorozo	Marc Gabarda
3G	Ella Taylor	Tristan Payuran
4H	Stacey Debulos	Jonas Capili
4Y	Disha Prasad	Laszlo Mendoza
5M	Amanda Pereira	Gabriel Cacapit
5S	Shayne Cortes	Myron Torralba
6D	Theia Debulos	John El-Ghossein
6W	Alyanna Nuque	Rayanna Franco

*The following students raised the highest amounts for the 2013 Number-a-thon*

6D	Sarah Price
KH	Jayden Tayag
2M	Simon Ramos
KC	Sean McCartney
KH	Ella Bijac

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to the following parents who helped with the Stage three excursion: Mrs Xuereb, Mrs Jensson and Ms Paul.

Thank you to the following parents who helped with the year two excursion: Mrs Manaog, Mr Abicic and Mrs Alcalá.

Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered to assist next Tuesday with the year four excursion: Mrs Nikic, Mrs Abi-Chemouni and Mrs Abicic.

Congratulations to the following students from St Aidan's who received First Holy Communion last Sunday

Norbert Alcalá	Ruben Alcalá	Robert Apostol	Alexi Bonete	Jedrick Brual
Hannah-Rae Corcoran	Jdyn Espino	Rayanna Franco	Theresa Maksymowicz	Vince Malinao
Prince Martin Gonzales	Mikko Martin	Samuel Meilak	Damian Mifsud	Martin Nikic
Ruth Nool	Lorenzo Pangan	Angelica Patterson	Rodney Patterson	Elyza Paulate
Ricardo White	Holly-Anne Ramos	Esther Usu	Max Usu	Teofilo Fuamatu
Jake Alcalá	Miguel Andaya	Kyra Barcelon	Vanie Barcelon	Sebastien Belleza
Shaun Bernaldo	Dominique Byrne	Rosamae Celik	Chenae Cruise	Emmanuel De Vera
Rhuvan Del Rosario	Julia Evangelista	Alecksandra Favor	Bianca Fragomeli	Liam Gungab
Prince Marl II Gonzales	Angeli Hate	Christian Ilagan	Rosa Belle Juego	Elyza Lagare
Simonette Lagare	Gerard Mantua	Jonas Mendoza	Giancarlo Montecillo	Tre Roberts
Milla Sagurit	Angeline San Pedro	Jerico San Pedro	Kevin Tolentino	Jayden Tomas

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