

Term two 2013

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| Wednesday 19th June | 9:15am Kindergarten leading Infants Mass |
| Friday 21st June | Student Reports to Parents |
| Mon 24th to Thurs 27th June | Parent/Teacher/Child interviews |
| Tuesday 25th June | Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day |
| Thursday 27th June | Kindergarten, years one and two excursion to Riverside Theatre—Room on a Broom |
| Friday 28th June | Mufti Day (\$2 donation from each child). Term two concludes at 2:55pm |

Term three 2013

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| Monday 15th July | Term three commences at 8:45am |
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THIS WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM HAS NOW FINISHED. PLEASE SEND IN ALL STICKERS BY NEXT MONDAY!!!



St Agnes Catholic High School

A Years 7 – 10 co-educational school

ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

Parents wishing to enrol their son or daughter at St Agnes Catholic High School, Rooty Hill for 2014 need to do so as soon as possible.

There are vacancies, however, you need to get your forms in to St Agnes office to confirm enrolment.

Join your local Playgroup

Mt Druitt Jumping Beans Playgroup is always inviting new members to join us!

Our fun and interactive Playgroup is looking for parents/carers and children aged 0-5 years who would enjoy a play environment based on learning and fun.

Through Playgroup activities, children learn valuable skills that prepare them for school and later life. Plus, parents and carers make strong friendships.

Location: Mt Druitt Health Centre of Kelly Close
Day: Tuesday
Times: 11:00am to 1:00pm

For more information call 1800 171 882 or visit our website: www.playgroupnsw.com.au or contact Mariz 0416 922 272.

We look forward to welcoming you to our next session!



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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

As you know the primary students participated in the annual St Aidan's Athletics carnival on Thursday 30th May. Students, parents and staff enjoyed a great day of competition and sports.

Congratulations to the RED team who won the aggregate trophy on the day. The RED sports leaders Kim Umali and Tre Roberts did a great job leading their team and delivered very well thought out speeches upon receipt of the trophy.

The following students were successful in achieving Age Champion for their particular age group.

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| 8 years | Akon Anei Jeremy Rahman |
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Congratulations children and well done!

All St Aidan's students have been given an 'experience' this term. This 'experience' has been without cost to parents. Each year for the past few years the school has received an equity grant. This is designed to assist the school in meeting the needs of the students. For many years the grant money was expended on resources such as library books, Mathematics equipment and class readers.

For the past three years we have endeavoured to give the children a cultural experience such as a visit to the theatre to see a live show.

In 2012 all students went to a special children's performance of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

This year the following activities were organised to enrich the learning for each child.

- Earlier this term years five and six students enjoyed a visit from the CSIRO who worked with the children to conduct 'hands on' activities with energy i.e. *Future Energy Sources*.
- This past week we engaged a cartoonist to teach years three and four students the skill of cartooning.
- Students in Kindergarten, year one and year two will attend a performance of *Room on a Broom* at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre on 27th June.

Each experience has been enjoyed immensely by the students especially as they are opportunities that generally wouldn't come their way.

Thank you to the nine parents who attended the three 'Reading for parents' workshops over the past three weeks. As mentioned in a previous newsletter these workshops were organised as a result of parents' requests from the QCS survey in 2012. Thank you to Mrs Hurst for planning these interesting sessions and to Mrs Leahy for assisting with the delivery.

As you are aware parent/teacher interviews will be held from Monday 24th to Thursday 27th June. It is expected that all parents will avail themselves of this opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss the learning progress of their children.

Thank you to the parents who took the time to compliment the school on the recent school photos and also on the St Aidan's App which is available for all to download. (just go to the app store and download **St Aidan's Primary School**) Any further suggestions are very welcome.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.

REFLECTION

The feast of Corpus Christi celebrates the holy Eucharist and is the last major solemnity following the Easter Season. After this feast the Church's Liturgical year returns to Ordinary time.

The Catholic Catechism summarises the importance of Eucharist by saying that it is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.' It is the central celebration of Christianity. Eucharist celebrates the life, death and resurrection of Christ. It was given by Christ at the Last Supper. All are nourished and fed as one family at the table of God.

The Gospel read on the feast of Corpus Christi is Luke's recount of the *Feeding of the Five Thousand*. In this story we see the love of God where all are fed both physically but more importantly spiritually. There were twelve baskets of leftover food after all were fed. Twelve is an important number used in the Bible and it refers to the twelve tribes of Israel. Greg Sunter, a theologian states: "The message is that no matter how many people feast on the message of Jesus and accept the reign of God, there will still be enough to 'feed' the twelve tribes of Israel. No one need be left out!"

Catholics need both physical and spiritual feeding. In this year of Faith and Grace allow the Body and Blood of Christ to nourish you.

Mrs Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator.

ASSESSMENT A-E

Assessment for each grade is ongoing throughout the year. The New South Wales Board of Studies requires the students from years one to twelve to be graded from A-E. The teachers have been assessing in order to grade each student.

Kindergarten teachers assess but are not required to use grades.

The grade of 'C' is average for the student in the year group and means the student is working at grade level. The grades are used against the whole year group to indicate how the student is performing within that cohort. The assessment then guides the teaching of the student.

Mrs Christine Leahy,
Assistant Principal.

LITERACY MATTERS

Reading to children provides plenty of personal benefits. The more stories you read aloud and the more words he/she is exposed to, the better they will be able to talk. Their self-esteem will grow with the ability to communicate more clearly and confidently. They will thrive on spending time with you, develop imagination and creativity, and learn positive behaviour patterns, social values and positive attitudes towards themselves and others.

Lisa Hurst
Lead Literacy Teacher
Coordinator.

NUMERACY NEWS

Children learn about time through using language such as 'yesterday, today and tomorrow' and through comparing the time it takes to complete activities. Later, children will read the time from both digital and analogue clocks.

How can you help your child to learn more about the concept of time?

- Talk about events in terms of time. For example, "I will be ready in three minutes, so you have time to quickly get your jumper and shoes on."
- Look for different kinds of clocks and watches in the house. Ask your child if they are analogue or digital.
- Have your child help you set a kitchen timer or an alarm clock.
- Record special events on a calendar and talk about how many days or weeks before the event.
- Have your child help you read bus and train timetables when using public transport.
- Look at parking signs and discuss the time restrictions when parking the car.

The last newsletter for term two will include activities to promote children's understandings when interpreting and examining graphs and tables.

Mrs Jodie Donlan
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS!

Some students and staff of St. Aidan's School are forming a 'Knitting Club.' They will be knitting squares to make blankets for St. Vincent de Paul.

Some assistance would be appreciated as follows

- ◆ Come along during recess and lunchtime to help with casting on, knitting etc
- ◆ Donating wool. Must be 8 ply
- ◆ Donating knitting needles. Must be size 4mm/ size 8

If you cannot help with any of the above but have time to knit squares yourself, this would also be appreciated.

If knitting a square, you need to cast on fifty-two stitches on no.8 needles (4mm), using eight ply wool of any colour and knit using only 'plain' stitch. Donations accepted until November.

For further information please contact the school office on (02) 9625 3181.

Mrs Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Co-ordinator.



BABY NEWS

Congratulations to the family of John-Nathan Espino 6D, Gabrielle Espino 2M and Angelo Espino 1G. The family have a new baby girl, Kimberley.

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

| ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS | | |
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| KC | Mario Al-Najar | Isabella Lapus |
| KH | Keane Conopio | Abuk Awac |
| 1C | Paul Adriano | Crystelle Xuereb |
| 1G | Nigel Nuque | Angelo David |
| 2F | Aninwel Mayam | Cooper Brooks |
| 2M | Tong Wol | Bella Teuma-Manaog |
| 3B | Ayvah Brillante Lareza | Philopatir El-Rab |
| 3G | Chloe Bazina | Lyndon Romana |
| 4H | Ryan Maniago | Kirsten Maglalang |
| 4Y | Jeremiah Warwick-Smith | Holly-Anne Ramos |
| 5M | Raden Adviento | Awein Mawein |
| 5S | Reuben Rajlawot | Kasey Catania |
| 6D | Samuelle Amor | Miguel Andaya |
| 6W | Ashley Galea | Alexandra White |

St Aidan's Athletics carnival 2013

Congratulations to the RED team and the RED sports leaders Kim Umali and Tre Roberts

Congratulations to the following students who won an Age Champion trophy for the Athletics Carnival

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| The following students have been selected to attend the Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day on Tuesday 25th June. | | |
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| Anei Anei | Lee Darjani | Jeremy Rahman |
| Dominic Arreza | Kyle Polidano | Martin Nikic |
| TJ Fuamatu | Kenyon Aquino | Ricky White |
| Amory Albanese | Bol Dak | |

MUFTI DAY—FRIDAY 28TH JUNE

Children may wear play clothes on the last day of this term. Please ensure that the children wear closed-in shoes. **NO THONGS OR SANDALS.**

Children are asked to bring \$2.00 each to school. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards purchasing new class readers for the children.