



GIANT BALLOON TO LIGHT UP THE NIGHT SKY

An illuminated floating balloon sculpture might be mistaken for a second moon when it lights up the skies over Bungarabee from Saturday night.

The biggest art installation ever seen in Western Sydney will be the star of *Sleepers Awake*, a nine-day event to transform a vacant part of Western Sydney parklands Trust land.

Every night from this Saturday until 25th May, people can visit the site to see the balloon floating 80 metres above them and enjoy entertainment from some of the 40 acts.

There will be different acts each night ranging from hip-hop performers, belly and fire dancers and ballet to Polynesian and Indian dancing, short films and opera.

Created by British artists Ivan and Heather Morrison, *Sleepers Awake* will float up when the sun goes down each night, come down at dawn and remain inflated at the site during the day.

The balloon will be seen as far as the city and Penrith, the parkland's development strategy manager Yolanda Gil said.

"We want people to get a better understanding of Bungarabee and what's happening at the site, which will become open to the public", she said.

"It will be a great time to see an icon that has only been seen in the UK until now. It's also an opportunity to support great talent from Western Sydney, which focuses on young people.

Sleepers Awake is a collaboration between Western Sydney Parklands Trust and the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia.

It's hoped the 200-hectare site will be transformed into a community hub with picnic, playground, sports and tourism facilities within five years.

Part of the site is already used as an off-leash dog park.

Sleepers Awake is held 5:30-7:30pm each night from this Saturday until 25th May.

(By Kylie Stevens, Blacktown Sun)

ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Each year the Catholic Tribunal Staff and Catholic Care Solo Parent Ministry present Information Sessions to help people understand how the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church is conducted. Questions are answered on details such as the length of time it takes, the cost, the role of witnesses, the number of interviews required, the grounds for an Annulment, how to start the process, etc. The evening is open to anyone at all who is interested in gaining more information about the Annulment process in the Catholic Church.

Venue: CCSS Centre, 2 A Villiers St. Parramatta.

Date: Tues 20th May.

Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00.

Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 9933 0205.

Later in the year we will advertise more details of the same Seminar to be held in Springwood on 14th October.

Sr Eileen Quade rsm

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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

It was lovely that so many of the St Aidan's mothers, grandmothers and friends were able to join the school community for the Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea last Thursday. This Mass and Morning Tea has become a very special event on the school's calendar and it is made even more meaningful as the mothers of some of our staff attend each year.

Thank you to those students, mothers and members of staff who played special roles during the beautiful liturgy. I would also like to thank the student leaders for hosting the morning tea and each year six student for providing the delicious food. I know that many of the year six students actually prepared the food themselves. Well done children.

On next Monday 19th May parents will receive information about the upcoming parent/teacher interviews to be held during the week commencing 23rd June.

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend their child's/children's parent/ teacher interviews in order to discuss the learning and progress of their children. You might like to bring your child's report to the interview.

As you are aware the Athletics Carnival for students in year's three to six will be held at Blacktown Olympic Park next week on Wednesday 21st May. It is hoped that many parents will join us at the carnival to cheer on their children. If you are able to assist on the day please contact the school office by Monday 19th. As per the Child Protection Policy all volunteers must have completed Child Protection training.

Last week an envelope from the DWF was sent to each family asking for donations to this worthy Diocesan cause. I ask that all envelopes with donations enclosed are returned to school by next Friday 23rd May.

Next Tuesday 20th May St Aidan's students are taking part in the Stage Two Boys Soccer Gala Day. Best wishes to each of these boys. (Hall of Fame)

Accompanying this newsletter is a 'media consent form' for each of your children attending St Aidan's. It is now a requirement that parents give permission in writing for media consent. This is an annual requirement and the permission must be in writing. Parents are asked to sign these media consent forms immediately and return them to the school by Friday 23rd May 2014. No student will be permitted to take part in any media promotion until the signed consent form is returned to school.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the primary Athletics Carnival next week.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.



"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live."

Saint Pope John Paul II

REFLECTION

Traditionally, in the Catholic Church, May has been the month dedicated to Our Lady. It has been the month of the Rosary. This tradition began in the thirteenth century.

In the fourth century, St. Gregory began the tradition of praying a spiritual wreath of roses to our Lady in the form of Marian prayers. It was St. Brigid in the fifth century who had strung together the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed to form a wreath of prayers dedicated to Our Lady. She had made a rosary out of small stones and wooden beads, in order to keep count of the prayers.

The particular way in which the rosary is prayed today was brought into fashion by St. Dominic in the sixth century. It was in the sixteenth century that the three mysteries of the rosary began. In the eighteenth century the Jesuits had spread this tradition throughout the Western Church.

Our Lady named herself 'the Lady of the Rosary', when she appeared to the children at Fatima in 1917. She had asked Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta to pray the rosary for peace in the world.

In 2002, Pope John Paul II had created the Luminous Mystery to fulfil the gap between the Joyful and Sorrowful Mysteries of Christ.

In our troubled world today, we need to pray as a family and what better way than the rosary in this month of May.

Mrs Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator.

LITERACY MATTERS

Stage one—kindergarten to year two children

Students in Kindergarten, year one and year two gradually learn how to hold a pencil, recognise that words are separated by spaces and attempt to write letters and words with teacher assistance. Students are also required to be able to compose their own sentences to create a story. Improvement occurs when writing is practised each day. Encourage your child to write each day.



The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. This year St Aidan's has chosen to participate in this challenge.

The children are expected to read a certain number of books for the challenge. Suitable books for the challenge are listed on the website.

- ◆ Infants K- 2-30 books
- ◆ Primary 3-6- 25 books

Parents could you please assist your child with the challenge by going onto the site, reading about the challenge and helping your child to enter the books they have read and fill out the online reading log. Please find below the link to the website.

PRC app - now available for Windows 8 devices

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Mrs Christine Leahy
Lead Literacy Teacher.

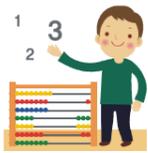
HOW DO WE ASSESS?

Assessment for learning takes place in the classroom in many forms. Informal assessment is observation of students at work and in conversation. Formal assessments are tasks set by the teacher, NAPLAN testing for years three and five as well as Diocesan Religious Literacy testing.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

NUMERACY NEWS

One of the first experiences children have with numbers is 'counting'. As your child begins to count they begin to relate and match number names to an amount of objects.



Children should be given many opportunities to practice and explore counting and making groups as well as recognising and naming numbers.

What can you do at home to help your child with counting? Count how many times you and your child can throw a ball to each other without dropping it.

Ask your child to start counting from a number other than one. Encourage your child to count by twos, fives, tens or sevens.

Ask your child to tell you the number one more or one less, ten more or ten less than a given number.

Encourage your child to set the table for dinner with enough plates, cutlery and cups for the family.

Play games such as dominos or snakes and ladders, which allow your child to recognise dot patterns on dice, read numbers and count.

In the next newsletter I will address how the home environment can develop deep mathematical thinking in relation to Addition and Subtraction.

What Mathematics will you notice, discuss and explore with your child this week?

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

ENROLMENTS

Enrolment places for Kindergarten 2015 are filling quickly. If you or your friends have a child who turns five by 31st July 2015 please pick up an enrolment form from the school office. The school office is open Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 3:15pm for all enrolment enquiries (K-6).

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS		
KC	Zara Radas	Stefan Nissan
KH	Abbygale Batula	Jerome Gorgise
1C	Ella Bijac	Ethan Dinh Vu
1T	Leon-Jo Brillante Lareza	Kiara Fragomeli
2M	Maria Halatanu	Angelo Espino
2Q	Atang Gaw	Marcus Torralba
3B	Edwin Liberty	Simon Ramos
3U	Shanice Caster	Jemaine Darjani
4D	Neil Swin	Jaira-Lynn De Vera
4M	Akon Anei	Ethan Lord-Marsden
5P	Jonas Mendoza	Kaira Francisco
5W	Christina Abi Chemouni	Gerard Mantua
6B	Anthony Gagliardi	Shenna Sambat
6C	Yannis Clark	Amanda Pereira

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday 6th May 2014.

Tong Wol	Jeremy Rahman	Samuel Meilak
Akon Anei	Ricardo White	Chenae Cruise
Anthony Gagliardi	Anei Anei	Lee Darjani
Michael Ayoub	Alexi Bonete	Yannis Clark
Hedrone Aquino		

Congratulations to the following students who will represent St Aidan's in the Parramatta Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day to be held at Anne Aquilina Reserve on Tuesday 20th May 2014. Good luck, boys.

TJ Fuamatu	Anei Anei	Ryan Maniago
Lee Darjani	Dencel Vargas	Marco Mendoza
Giancarlo Montecillo	Emmanuel De Vera	Johnathan Prince
Anthony Gagliardi	Masham Angara	Caylan Rama
Joshua Fuamatu		

DATES FOR TERM TWO 2014

Tuesday 20th May	Stage Three boys Soccer Gala Day
Wednesday 21st May	School Athletics Carnival
Friday 23rd May	Kindergarten excursion to Fairfield Farm
Tuesday 27th May	Year one excursion to the Gavana Dairy
Wednesday 28th May	9:15am Year six lead Primary Mass
Wednesday 4th June	11:30am Year three Assembly
Friday 13th June	Year three excursion to Australiana Village
Wednesday 11th June	9:15am Year five lead Primary Mass
Monday 16th June	Stage Three excursion to Canberra
Wednesday 18th June	11:30am Year one Assembly
Friday 20th June	Student Reports sent home to Parents
Mon 23rd to Thurs 26th June	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 25th June	9:15am Kindergarten lead Infants Mass
Friday 27th June	2:55pm Term Two concludes