

Term two 2013

Monday 20th May	All students in full Winter uniform
Wednesday 22nd May	Stage 3 CSIRO incursion
Tuesday 28th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Stage 3 Soccer Gala day ◆ 2:00-2:45pm <i>Reading Strategies used in the classroom</i> (Library)
Thursday 30th May	Athletics Carnival for Primary students—Blair Oval St Mary's
Tuesday 4th June	2:00-2:45pm <i>How can I support my child as a reader?</i> (Library)
Monday 10th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 11th June	2:00-2:45pm <i>Promoting reading comprehension at home.</i> (Library)
Wednesday 12th June	Years three and four Cartoon Workshop incursion
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
Friday 28th June	Term two concludes at 2:55pm



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!

Information regarding Asthma is available on their website: asthmafoundation.org.au or phone 1800 ASTHMA 1800 278 642.



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

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many mothers and friends who came along to our annual Mother's Day Mass last week. It was so nice to see many of you at mass and morning tea afterwards. Thank you to those who participated in the liturgy and a special thanks to year six for providing the delicious morning tea.

The Mother's Day Stall was a great success raising \$1870 towards resources for the children. It is planned to use the money to update some of the class readers. Once again thank you to Mrs Meniconi for organising the stall. She has been running the Mother's Day stall at St Aidan's for over ten years and as her youngest son Thomas completes his primary years this year, this was Mrs Meniconi's last year for organising the stall. Mrs Meniconi, the St Aidan's community salutes you! Thank you also to the mother's who came along to assist with sales on the day and to all parents for supporting this fund raiser by sending gifts to sell.

Congratulations to the students (hall of fame) who represented St Aidan's School at the Zone Cross Country last week. The teachers who attended were full of praise for your enthusiasm and for being such good sports. Thank you to Mrs Darjani, (hall of fame) one of our parents who coached the team. Thank you for giving up your time to help prepare the students for this event. We are most appreciative of your generosity.

Last week saw the commencement of lessons for the students in the school band. Though there are only six students learning an instrument at present, the enthusiasm is tremendous. As the band teacher said 'From little things big things grow'. It is hoped that the good news about the band spreads and other students and families decide to take up the offer to participate.

Miss Hall (kindergarten teacher) has started a Public Speaking club on two lunch times each week. This term students in years five and six were given the opportunity to participate and fine tune their public speaking skills.

The radio committee is in full swing once again. See over for further information re the St Aidan's radio committee.

I would like to remind parents about supervision of children whilst they are using the internet. Teachers monitor the acceptable use of technology during school hours; however it is the parents' responsibility to supervise children in the home.

As you are aware there are some very inappropriate internet sites that primary aged children should not have access to. Parents are urged to check what their children are accessing on the internet and restrict the setting up of accounts to avoid children getting into serious trouble. It is always better to err on the side of caution and keep a close eye on your children when they are using all forms of technology: computers; ipods; ipads and phones.

Parents are reminded that Mrs Hurst is facilitating a literacy workshop for parents on Tuesday 28th May commencing at 2:00pm in the school library. The topic of this first workshop is 'Reading strategies used in the classroom'. It is hoped that many parents will come along to this session. Please let the office know of your attendance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
 Principal.

REFLECTION

Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Church. The word 'Pentecost' comes from the Greek word meaning fifty. It signifies the ending of the Easter Season. In Jewish tradition on the fiftieth day after Passover people gathered to celebrate the blessing of the harvest. This was one reason why the disciples, Mary and some of the other women were gathered together.

The coming of the Spirit filled them with the courage and strength they needed to go out and evangelise. They went out led by St. Peter to preach about Jesus Christ and the salvation to be found through him. They went to continue the ministry of Jesus, gathering followers and believers who in turn spoke of the Good News of Christ. Pentecost Sunday was the founding day of the Church, the day that Jesus' promise of sending the Spirit was fulfilled. For the apostles it was a day of enlightenment, when they came to full realisation of the Spirit that Jesus had breathed into them.

That same Spirit is received in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Christ sent the Holy Spirit to give his people the strength and courage to continue to carry out his mission. Is that still happening here today? Christ called both men and women to follow him and be his disciples. The challenge is here for all.

Mrs Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator.

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### NAPLAN

This week the year three and five students sat for the NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN is a standardized test that is administered across Australia.

The tests cover the different areas of literacy, that being, reading, writing, grammar and spelling. The numeracy component of the test covers the areas of number, measurement and space. NAPLAN informs the teachers, parents and students of strengths and areas of growth and also informs 'where to' in the teaching of the student.

Mrs Christine Leahy,  
Assistant Principal.

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LITERACY MATTERS

Reading should be enjoyable for you and your child. If he/she becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later.

All children, regardless of age, like to be read to. Make a special time whenever possible for reading with them away from interruptions. You can help him/her in reading when you:

- ◆ Show them that you value reading by reading whenever you can
- ◆ Provide a variety of texts for them to read to you, e.g. stories, comics, newspapers, recipes, magazines
- ◆ Point out words on street signs, packets and labels
- ◆ Talk about different purposes for reading.

Mrs Lisa Hurst
Lead Literacy Teacher
Coordinator.

NUMERACY NEWS

Through everyday activities and play situations children will naturally use numbers. When first learning to use numbers, children will need to have the objects with them in order to add, subtract, multiply or share equally (divide). They will go through a process of needing to see and count each thing, one at a time.

What can you do at home to help your child in this area?

- ◆ Play board games such as Snakes and Ladders with two dice and encourage your child to add the two numbers rolled. Show them how to count from the larger number.
- ◆ Play card games such as 21 or bust. In this game, two cards are dealt to each player who adds the numbers together. Each player may ask for more cards from the "kitty" with the aim of being the person with the highest score that does not go over 21.
- ◆ Ask your child to help you work out how many more items are needed when you are shopping. I have six apples here, how many more will I get to make ten?

Spatial awareness through the use of shapes and objects will be the focus next newsletter.

Mrs Jodie Donlan
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

Radio Committee

The Radio Committee for 2013 is busy preparing for its first broadcast, which goes to air on **Monday 20th May**.

There are fourteen committee members, and each have a vital role in producing the broadcasts. These roles include director, podcasters, and presenters. All the members of the committee are researchers & writers.

At the beginning of each broadcast cycle the committee prepares a storyboard on which they determine the stories that will go to air. Once the storyboard is completed the students allocate the tasks that each student will be completing and the deadlines that need to be met. After this is completed the committee begins the process of researching, interviewing, analyzing data and then writing the script. The scripts are edited and prepared for recording at which stage the presenters, podcasters and director record the radio show. Once the recording has been finalized and the committee is satisfied, the recording is converted into a podcast and is ready to air each Monday to Friday.

As one can see, producing a radio broadcast is a lengthy process. The radio committee works hard each week to produce each program.

The first program this term will air on Monday 20th May 2013. The times for St Aidan's 97.5fm are Monday to Friday each morning 8.15am – 9.45am & each afternoon 2.30 – 3:00pm.

The committee is divided into two groups and each group prepares a broadcast every two weeks. The students that form part of these groups are:

Broadcasting on 20 th May; 3 rd June; & 17 th June	27 th May; 10 th June & 24 th June
Milla Sagurit	Angelica Patterson
Justin Mallouk	Lee Darjani
Yustina El-Rab	Stephanie Derjani
Michael Darjani	Marta Abicic
Alexandra White	Robert Apostol
Hannah Plaatjes	Kobe Maireriki
	Martin Nikic
	Chenae Cruise

Tune in each day and listen to St Aidan's Radio 97.5fm.

Hall of Fame

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KC	Harmony Lord-Romero	Ethan Timbol
KH	Kiara Fragomeli	Kynan McPherson
1C	Sione Vunipola	Iva Saquing
1G	Ruby Jensson	Sebastian Frias
2F	Angelo Delfinado	Dominique Penarubia
2M	Ruiz Bernardo	Akon Angara
3B	Kayla Montenegro	Kyle Polidano
3G	Akon Anei	Tristan Payuran
4H	Ayak Tong	Gerard Mantua
4Y	Talafaiva Uhatafe	Kobe Maireriki
5M	Gabriel Cacapit	Amanda Pereira
5S	Dillan Goro	Bethennie Llagas
6D	Paola Ong	John El-Ghossein
6W	Mary Ocampo	Christian Ilagan

Congratulations to the following students who represented St Aidan's School at the Diocesan Cross Country on 7th May 2013

Many thanks to Mrs Darjani for coaching the team!

Michael Darjani	Thomas Meniconi	Anthony Gagliardi	Anei Anei	Robert Apostol
Caitlin Ackroyd-Mosbey	Lee Darjani	Ricky White	Prince II Gonzales	Martin Nikic
Jeremiah Warwick-Smith	Chenae Cruise	Ruth Nool	Samuel Meilak	Akon Anei

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to the following mothers who assisted with the Mother's Day Stall:

Mrs Meniconi (organiser for 10 years), Mrs Ereira, Mrs El-Ghossein, Ms Saunders, Mrs Xuereb and Mrs Moussa (17 years).



WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM 2013

Please keep collecting the stickers and the point sheets and sending them to school.

The Woolworths program closes on **Sunday 9th June 2013.**