

**Term one 2013**

Mon 11th to Sun 17th March	Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday 13th March	9:15am Infants lead Mass (year two)
Thursday 14th March	Open afternoon for parents 2:00-2:45pm
Friday 22nd March	Cross Country
Wednesday 27th March	11:30am Stage 3 lead the Holy Week liturgy
Friday 29th March	Good Friday (no school)
Monday 1st April	Easter Monday (no school)
Wed 3rd and Thurs 4th April	School photos (two days)
Tuesday 9th April	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Day
Friday 12th April	Last day term one

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN  
2012 PROGRAM**

Modern Teaching Aids provided the following resources as part of 2012 Woolworths program:

**English / Reading / Writing / Talking & Listening resources:**

- Strategy Zone Set A
- Effective Literacy Practice In Years 5-8
- Story Sparker Cards
- Write Tools Interactive
- Readers for Writers fluent se -8 books
- Beginner Photo 68 cards
- Story sequence cards
- Dialo-Life Communication Game

**Science & Technology resources:**

- Energy on Earth (Big Book)
- Thinking about the Weather (Big Book)
- Green and Growing (Big Book)
- NTX Robot builders pack-8 students
- NTX Robot builders -software

**COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS  
2012 PROGRAM**

The following sports gear was received at no cost to the school this year as part of the Coles program:

- a bucket of 50 hi-bounce balls (General)
- set of numbered 1-10 beanbags (General/Maths)
- Giant bounce ball (General)
- 2 x dome sets on carry stand (General)
- 24 coloured hoops in carry bag (General)
- 2 x junior base set (Softball)
- Ball launcher (Cricket/softball)
- Fur balls (Cricket)
- 2 x Size 5 netballs (Netball)
- a new set of coloured relay batons (Athletics)
- set of green and gold numbered singlets (for any representative events)



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

**From the Principal**

Dear Parents,

Last week's parent/teacher interviews were extremely well attended with approximately 93% of parents taking the time to come along, meet teachers and share valuable information about their children. Congratulations on this excellent response.

Towards the end of 2012 many parents were involved in the 'shop for your school' initiatives from Woolworths and Coles. As a result of your wonderful effort, the school was able to purchase some much needed sporting equipment and some great resources for teachers and students. These resources included some robotics equipment which we have wanted for some time. I hope that the stores repeat these projects again in 2013 as they are a terrific way for the school to improve resources with no additional cost to parents. Thank you for your enthusiasm and support.

Yesterday the St Aidan's community joined to celebrate the opening school Mass for 2013. It was lovely to have so many parents and family members present to join with us in asking God's blessing on our endeavours this year. At the conclusion of the liturgy the school leaders for 2013 were announced and inducted in their various leadership roles. Once again I congratulate the following boys and girls chosen by students and staff for leadership roles:

**STUDENT LEADERS 2013**

**SCHOOL CAPTAIN** Kristina Bonic

**SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN** Michael Darjani



**SPORTS LEADERS**

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| <b>RED</b><br>Kim Umali<br>Tre Roberts      | <b>BLUE</b><br>Anastasia Cardines<br>Gianni Fragomeli |
| <b>GREEN</b><br>Ashley Galea<br>Jye Skarski | <b>GOLD</b><br>Maddison Ticchio<br>Alyanna Nuque      |

Thank you to the parents who are observing the traffic/parking rules at the front of the school. I ask that you are particularly careful near the pedestrian crossings. Remember that children can be very unpredictable, hence a need for each of you to stop the correct distance from the crossings and not proceed until all have safely crossed the road.

All schools in the Parramatta Diocese will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from 11th – 17<sup>th</sup> March. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the great learning/teaching that is taking place in our schools.

St Aidan's students and teachers invite all parents to come along to an 'open afternoon' on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00pm to 2.45pm. You are welcome to visit all learning spaces to see the children at work. Please put this date and time in your diaries as the children love mum and dad to be part of their learning.

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2014. Please visit the school office to collect the necessary application form. Further details can be found in the body of this newsletter.

Last week I came across some information about 'family literacy'. You might find this useful when working with your children at home. Go to <http://tvoparents.tv.org/article/infographic-family-literacy>

Thank you for your continued support and once again congratulations on your excellent response to the recent parent/teacher 'getting to know you' sessions.

Yours sincerely

*Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts*  
Principal.

**LENT**



Lent is a penitential period during which people take time to reflect on their life and their failings. The gospel reading for the Third Sunday of Lent (Luke 13:1-9) reflects on right and wrong and looks at nurturing what might have died within and rekindling that relationship of love with God. It shows God as a compassionate forgiving Father, who continually reaches out to his people.

This gospel includes the parable of the fig tree. God is the gardener who refuses to give up on the tree. He nurtures the tree (His people) with love, patience and compassion.

Lent is a time to listen, repent and allow for transformation through God's love.

*Mrs Silvana Murphy*  
Religious Education Coordinator

**EXCURSION POLICY**

Excursions are a valuable part of school life. It is an expectation that students attend excursions. The cost of excursions is kept to a minimum and provides a great learning experience.

The school reserves the right to invite parents to accompany grade excursions and generally parent helpers for the grade are given first preference as they are familiar with students and school procedures.

*Mrs Christine Leahy,*  
Assistant Principal.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2014**



If you have a child who turns five years of ages before 31st July 2014, enrolment forms are now ready to be picked up from the school office Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 3:00pm.

Enrolment forms need to be completed and returned as soon as possible with the following originals:

- A recent passport sized photograph of the child
- Child's Birth certificate
- Child's Baptism certificate
- Child's immunization certificate (if their four year old immunization has been completed)
- Parent's Citizenships or Passports
- Any other relevant documents relating to your child for the purpose of enrolment.

Interviews with one or both parent as well as your child will be held during term two 2013.

**BOOKCLUB ORDERS AND MONEY DUE BY MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2013.**

**LITERACY MATTERS**



As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When you help your child learn to read, you are opening the door to a world of books and learning.

Reading aloud to children is the best way to get them interested in reading. Before long he/she will grow to love stories and books. Eventually he/she will want to read on their own.

With the help of parents, children can learn how to read and can practise reading until he/she can read for their own enjoyment. Then he/she will have a whole world of information and knowledge at their fingertips!

Reading can be a family activity. Spending time with word games, stories, and books will help your child to:

- Gather information and learn about the world
- Learn how stories and books work—that they have beginnings, endings, characters, and themes
- Build a rich vocabulary by reading and talking about new words
- Learn how to listen and how to think
- Learn the sounds of language and language patterns
- Fall in love with books.

*Mrs Lisa Hurst*  
Lead Literacy Teacher  
Coordinator.

**NUMERACY NEWS**



In last week's newsletter the structure of St Aidan's one-hour Mathematics block was outlined. Each session starts with 'warm ups' focusing on number for approximately fifteen minutes. Students deepen their understanding of number and share their mathematical thinking.

Teachers are required to ask probing questions that help students 'tune in' to the mathematics. When students are completing homework in Mathematics parents might ask questions giving students the opportunity to explain their thinking and understanding.

Questions might include:

- How did you work that out?
- Why did you do that?
- Could you have worked it out another way?
- What helped you to work it out?

In the next newsletter 'open ended' tasks will be explored.

*Mrs Jodie Donlan*  
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

**Hall of Fame**

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

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS**

KC	Matthew Ereira	Hannah Faustino
KH	Raphael Limpiado	Raylene D'Cruz
1C	Arrei Beia	Nicholas Limpiado
1G	Kacey Alvarado	Mason Polidano
2F	Mischa Vella	Denver Remo
2M	Leon Froio	Katherin Maroki
3B	Uriel Allarey	Jaira-Lynn De Vera
3G	Ella Taylor	Ricky White
4H	Christina Abi-Chemouni	Jonas Mendoza
4Y	Sophia Taylor	Emilio Seguban
5M	Caylan Rama	Abigail Morales
5S	Kevin Tolentino	Simonette Lagare
6D	Dominic Rempillo	Kayla Hernandez
6W	Dhanush Prasad	Sophie Warwick-Smith

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Congratulations to the following students who represented St Aidan's School at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday 22nd February.

Gennlyn Santos	Jasmine Troutman	Julian Lapus	Ricky White	Rosamae Celik
Kobe Maireriki	Bianca Fragomeli	Melissa Mlotshwa	Alexandra White	Joshua Fuamatu
Dylan Dominguez	Hannah Plaatjes	TJ Fuamatu		