

St Aidan's School News

Woolworths Earn & Learn—begins Wednesday 9th May 2012



Modern Teaching Aids is again sponsoring *Earn and Learn*.

This year Woolworths checkouts will have stickers and sticker cards. Once completed, please bring/send the sticker cards to school. NO DOCKETS—ONLY STICKER CARDS PLEASE.

This program closes on Sunday 1st July 2012.

Diocesan News

PRC – Free Parents Workshop – Anti-Bulling

Our PRC focus is to provide our parents and staff with genuine opportunities to support our children through their learning journey.

All parents and staff are welcome to attend however seats are limited. RSVP is essential to prcparraevents@hotmail.com.

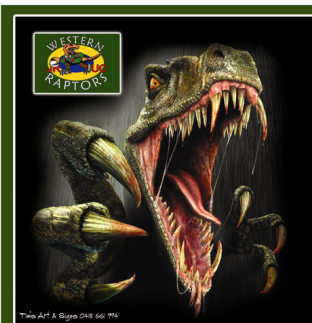
Thanking you in advance for your support. We hope to welcome you, your staff and your parents to our FREE seminars.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at krangiawha@parra.catholic.edu.au if you should have any queries.

Life Ascending Australia Reflection Day: 3 May

Life Ascending Australia is hosting a Reflection Day to which everyone is most welcome. The day commences at 9.30am and concludes at 2.30pm. There will be two input sessions, time for private reflection and Mass. Morning tea is provided – BYO lunch. Cost \$15pp. "Winbourne", 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa. RSVP for catering purposes: Margaret Smith (02) 4753 1031.

General News



WESTERN RAPTORS JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB

U6-U17 Train MON & WED 5.30-7.30PM
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

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St Aidan's Primary School
Rooty Hill

Sharing News & Views

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term two. I trust that each of you enjoyed the Easter break and some time to relax and catch up with family and friends.

Congratulations to two members of staff who have recently become mothers. Just before the holidays Mrs Manton gave birth to a baby girl Isabella Lily and during the holidays Mrs Matthews became a mum for the first time with a baby son named Preston William. This is great news. Staff and students look forward to Mrs Manton and Mrs Matthews bringing the babies for their first visit to St Aidan's.

I take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Diana Saleh to St Aidan's. Mrs Saleh is replacing Mrs Matthews temporarily as Literacy Support teacher while she is on parental leave.

Our teacher/librarian Miss Carlo Stella and Teacher's assistant Mrs Brown are currently on long service leave for the next few weeks. Mrs Van Galen and Mrs Shaw are replacing these ladies while they are away.

During the holidays artificial turf was laid on the top playground. This will surely make the playground more pleasant for the younger students. The turf was funded by the school, using monies saved by not having to outlay funds for the recent building refurbishments. As you know the St Aidan's buildings were refurbished through the Building Education Revolution and the Commonwealth Government. Some additional basketball and netball equipment has been ordered for the bottom playground and should be installed in the next few weeks. I hope that parents and students appreciate these improvements to St Aidan's.

Next Sunday is the commencement of Catholic School's Week 29th April-5th May.

Representatives of staff and students from neighbouring Catholic Schools: St Aidan's; St Agnes; Holy Family Emerton; Good Shepherd Plumpton; St Clare's Hassall Grove; St Francis of Assisi Glendenning and Sacred Heart Mt Druitt will be attending a Mass in each of the parishes involved. The Mass for St Aidan's is on Sunday 6th May at 8.30am.

In addition to the Mass, **St Aidan's will have open classrooms from 2.00pm—2.45pm on Thursday 3rd May.** Parents are invited to come through the parent gate between years two and three and spend time looking through each of the learning spaces. The students will continue with their work while parents are visiting, however they will be able to talk to their parents and show their books and work samples. I hope that many of you will visit St Aidan's during this time.

With Mother's Day approaching one of the St Aidan's mothers, Mrs Meniconi is once again organising a Mother's Day stall. As you have been notified already the purpose of the stall is to provide an opportunity for children to buy a gift for their mothers while at the same time raise some funds for school resources.

It is most disappointing that there have been only 301 gifts donated so far and there are 411 students enrolled.

Fund raising is kept to a minimum at St Aidan's as it is appreciated that parents have many financial commitments. However, the school needs to provide up to date resources for the students and this can only happen through fund raising. I urge you to send along some gifts for the mother's day stall and show your support for your child's school.

As you are aware enrolments for 2013 are being accepted with interviews to take place in the next few weeks. Please remind your friends and neighbours should they have children ready to commence school in 2013. Application forms are available from the school office.

Parents are reminded that all students are to be in winter uniform by Monday 14th May. Refer to the list of uniform items over the page to ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.

Important dates for the term can be found in today's newsletter. Please put these in a prominent place at home so you are aware of what is happening at school.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with each of you again this term.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts.

Reflection

During the holidays, the Church celebrated the most important days of Christ's life, from the Last Supper to his Crucifixion and finally his Resurrection. I hope you were able to celebrate some of the Easter ceremonies with your children.

Christ has risen! Jesus' resurrection is the highlight of the Church's year. As Easter people Christ challenges us to spread the Gospel. We are called to action, to care for each other and for our world.

The Gospels of the Easter Season challenge us to consider how we are following Christ in showing our love for God and each other.

Mrs Silvana Murphy,
Religious Education Coordinator.

NAPLAN 2012

This term the curriculum focus will be NAPLAN and then general assessment in the lead up to student reporting.

Preparation for the NAPLAN testing for year three and year five has begun with the next few weeks used as revision time and familiarizing students with NAPLAN format.

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. All government, and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

What will be tested?

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the National Statements of Learning for English and mathematics, which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive text.

Below is a link to the 'NAPLAN for parents' site that is useful to gather information on the testing.

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/naplan/parents/index.php>

In the next newsletter I will discuss how the NAPLAN data is used.

Mrs Christine Leahy,
Assistant Principal.



Baby news

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Manton on the birth of a baby girl, Isabella Lily.



Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Matthews on the birth of a baby boy, Preston William.

Congratulations to Hedrone Aquino (4H) and his family on the birth of a baby girl, Jacinta.

Congratulations to Amok Akol in year six and her family on the birth of a baby girl, Agel.

Congratulations to Elyza (4A) and Airah (KG) Paultate and their family on the birth of a baby boy, Jairel.

Congratulations to Angelica (2F) and Paul (KG) Adriano and their family on the birth of a baby girl.

Winter Uniform 2012

All students **MUST** be in full winter uniform by **Monday 14th May 2012**.

Please note that **girls** wear **black tights or black socks** with their black shoes. Full uniform listed below.

Boys

Long grey school pants

Long/short sleeve lemon shirt

Bottle green jumper with school crest

Grey socks

Black shoes

Bottle green hat with school crest

St Aidan's school bag

Girls

School tartan uniform **or** bottle green slacks

Long sleeve lemon blouse with Peter Pan collar

Tab tie (sold separately)

Black socks (not anklets) or black tights

Black shoes

Bottle green jumper with school crest

Bottle green hat with school crest

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Sports Uniform

Bottle green shorts

Lemon polo shirt

White socks (not anklets)

Mainly white joggers

Bottle green tracksuit with school crest

Bottle green hat with school crest

St Aidan's school bag



Dates for your diary Term Two 2012

Sun 29th Apr-Sat 5th May	Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday 1st May	Diocesan Cross Country
Thursday 3rd May	2:00-2:45pm open school/classrooms
Wednesday 9th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15am whole school Mass (Mothers) Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Friday 11th May	Mother's Day Stall
Monday 14th May	All students in full winter uniform
Tues 15th –Thurs 17th May	NAPLAN testing for years three and five
Wednesday 16th May	11:15am Year two assembly
Thursday 17th May	Ascension Thursday
Monday 21st May	School Athletics Carnival (Olympic park)
Tuesday 22nd May	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Wednesday 23rd May	9:15am Year four leading primary Mass
Wednesday 30th May	11:15am Year one assembly
Wednesday 6th June	9:15am Year two leading infants Mass
Friday 8th June	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (no classes)
Monday 11th June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Wednesday 13th June	11:15am Kindergarten assembly
Wednesday 20th June	9:15am year one leading infants Mass
Friday 22nd June	School reports sent home to parents
Mon 25th-Thur 28th June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 27th June	11:15am year three assembly
Friday 29th June	2:55pm term two concludes

Mother's Day Stall—Friday 11th May

We are asking for more gifts for the Mother's Day Stall.

We still need at least **110** gifts so that every student has an opportunity to buy one gift each from the stall.

Thank you.

Mrs Meniconi, Parent Helper.

