

Term two 2013

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
Wednesday 12th June	Years three and four Cartoon Workshop incursion
Thursday 13th June	2:00-2:45pm <i>Promoting reading comprehension at home.</i> (Library) CHANGE OF DATE
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	Term two concludes at 2:55pm

THIS WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM FINISHES ON SUNDAY 9TH JUNE. PLEASE SEND IN STICKERS!!!

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

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

There has been much said in the media this week about 'racism and 'racist comments' and the fact that schools need to do more in teaching children that such comments do not belong anywhere in our society. Students at St Aidan's are taught that racism is wrong and any racist comments or suggestions that may be made are very quickly dealt with. I do however remind you that parents are the first and most important educators of their children and that children learn their values first and foremost in the home from parents and other family members. Success at eliminating hurtful and unjust racial comments will only occur if the home and school work together to make it happen. St Aidan's parents are most supportive of their children when it comes to learning and teaching. I ask for renewed support in all aspects of your child's education, including the need to ensure that racist comments are not made by St Aidan's students to each other.

Congratulations to the boys (see hall of fame) who participated in the Stage three soccer gala day last Tuesday. Their participation and enthusiasm was excellent and St Aidan's community is very proud of you. Thank you to Mr Julius for giving up his time to prepare the boys for the day.

Last Tuesday afternoon Mrs Hurst facilitated the first of the reading workshops planned for this term. It was most disappointing that so few parents availed themselves of the opportunity to come along and learn about teaching children to read, however I am sure that those who were able to join the group went away with a better understanding of how reading is taught at St Aidan's. I remind parents that these sessions were organised as a response to parents wishing to learn more about the teaching of reading. The time chosen (2:00pm-2.45pm) was thought to be appropriate due to the number of parents who come to pick up their children each day, and who are generally free at that time. In such a diverse community it is impossible to choose a time to suit everyone. The second workshop session will be held next Tuesday 4th June commencing at 2:00pm. Parents are urged to consider coming along to this important learning session.

Yesterday the students in year's three to six took part in the school's annual athletics carnival. Thank you to the parents (see hall of fame) who assisted on the day and a special word of thanks to Miss Prudence Hall for her excellent organisation of the day. Trophies will be presented to age champions and the aggregate trophy presented to the winning team at Monday morning's assembly.

Recently parents have approached me about issues related to the pick-up and drop off zone outside the school in Adelaide Street. Apparently, parents are parking in the zone during drop off time instead of moving off promptly from the area. I remind parents of the following.

- ◆ **During the times 8.30-9.30am and 3-4pm there is NO PARKING immediately outside the front of the school.**
 - ◆ **Between 8.30-9.30am and 3-4pm this area is a DROP OFF/PICK UP zone. The sign actually reads 'SET DOWN PERMITTED'. This means that during these times no one is permitted to park and wait for children.**
 - ◆ **In the mornings children are to leave their cars and as soon as it is safe parents are requested to leave the area.**
- In the interests of safety and convenience it is expected that parents will observe the parking rules that apply in the school surrounds. **Road rage in the form of swearing, abuse or dangerous driving will not be tolerated and any incidences of road rage will be reported immediately to the police.**

I remind parents once again that if you have any concerns about school issues, you are encouraged to make an appointment to see me or the appropriate staff member. Thank you to the two mothers who voiced their concerns to me about the recent soccer gala day. You chose the appropriate avenue for voicing your concerns and enabled me to ensure that errors will not be repeated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
 Principal.

REFLECTION

The Gospel on Trinity Sunday depicts Jesus at the Last Supper identifying the Holy Spirit as the 'Gift of Love', for his mission was one of love. The mission of Christ was to reveal the love of God. Jesus draws all into a relationship with God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the lasting expression of divine love. Jesus makes it clear that the Holy Spirit will continue his work.

Each time a Catholic blesses him/herself they enter into that union of love. The sign of the cross affirms the belief that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Catholic Catechism states: 233. 'Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their names, for there is only one God, the Most Holy Trinity'.

God wants so much to be in a loving relationship with his people that he became flesh to show how deep the love of Father is for Son and Son for Father and Spirit. Throughout time God has always been Trinitarian. This is acclaimed in the Creed: Jesus is 'God from God, light from light, true God from true God...of one being with the Father' and that the Holy Spirit 'proceeds from the Father and the Son'. God is three and God is one.

Mrs Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSESSMENT

Assessment is an important tool that helps the teacher ascertain what the student already knows. Assessment also informs the teacher of the starting point of instruction.

Assessment can take many forms, which will be discussed in the next few newsletters. It can be a written test such as NAPLAN or it can be a checklist of skills in a Physical Education lesson. Whatever form the assessment takes, the purpose is always to guide the teaching of the student.

Mrs Christine Leahy,
Assistant Principal.

LITERACY MATTERS

Visiting the local library can be a great family activity.

Enjoy browsing with them and encourage him/her to borrow a variety of reading resources from the fiction and non-fiction section.

Students are able to borrow from our St Aidan's library once a week. Please ensure your child has their library bag and books. Listed below is the library-borrowing timetable.

Library borrowing days term two -

Kindergarten	Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Thursday

Years 4 - 6 Monday & Tuesday Lunch time
Tuesday Before school

Lisa Hurst
Lead Literacy Teacher
Coordinator.

NUMERACY NEWS

Spatial mathematics includes ideas relating to shapes, shapes within solid objects and the position of shapes and objects. Children need to develop strong images in their minds about shapes and objects and the way they can be changed, put together or pulled apart. We also need to help children develop the language they need to describe shapes and objects.

How can you support this learning at home?

- ◆ Read books to your child and talk about the shapes you can see within the pictures.
- ◆ Look for objects inside or outside the house that are shaped like a circle, triangle, rectangle or square. Look for different sized shapes and shapes in different positions.
- ◆ Play 'I Spy' games and describe things by size and shape.
- ◆ Use boxes and containers of different sizes to play 'stacking' games.
- ◆ Ask your child to help you put away the groceries and talk about which things will stack easily.

Remember, talking with your children and listening to their ideas can help them in becoming confident and enthusiastic users of mathematics.

Mrs Jodie Donlan
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Jasmine Ward-Underhill, 6W and her family on the birth of a baby boy, Jacoby.

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, 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.

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KC	Denise Remo	Leon Brillante
KH	Caterina Mifsud	Sasha Vella
1C	Charlize Espino	Marcus Brewty
1G	Beminet Habte	Maureen Cabalhin
2F	Benedict Macapagal	Sophia Evangelista
2M	Arjun Dileep	Beatrix Favor
3B	Lual Wiew	Gennlyn Santos
3G	Rita El-Ghossein	Rodel Jueco
4H	Angelica Patterson	Prince II Gonzales
4Y	Sarisha Sant	Carlos Danial
5M	Joshua Fuamatu	Caitlin Ackroyd-Mosbey
5S	Myron Torralba	Eyikayowa Akinba
6D	Richard Quisumbing	Maddison Ticchio
6W	Darian Joseph	Rayanna Franco

Congratulations to the following students who represented St Aidan's School at the Boys Soccer Gala Day on 28th May

Joshua Moussa	Emmanuel De Vera
Jye Skarski	Johnathan Prince
Joshua Fuamatu	Justin Mallouk
Gianni Fragomeli	Saia Manaia
Anei Anei	Wol Tong
Liam Ackroyd-Broadbere	Michael Darjani
Dencel Vargas	Anthony Gagliardi

Thank you to the following parents who assisted at the Primary Athletics Carnival:
Mrs Darjani
Mrs Xuereb
Mrs Alcalá
Mrs Clark
Mrs Danial

WRITING POETRY IN STAGE THREE

Stage three has just begun their unit on writing poetry. Mrs. Murphy's group worked on Haiku and Kennings.

A Haiku is a Japanese form of poetry, which is made up of three lines of seventeen syllables. It goes in a pattern of five, seven, five. It is made up of a simple image of a particular theme, person or object.

A Kenning is an Old Norse term. It is used in writing to describe something without giving the name away. It looks at the characteristics of a subject and then describes the qualities of what the thing is or what it does. It is a poetic phrase that is used instead of the name for something.

Here are some of the students' Haiku and Kenning poems. See if you can guess what the Kennings are!

Beautiful lady
Ocean blue eyes shining bright
Love for all her kids.

By Caitlin Ackroyd-Mosbey

Black hair,
Brown eyes,
Warm dinners,
Clean house,
Warm hugs,
Sweet kisses,
Big arms,
Lots of love.

By Rosamae Celik

I saw a flower
It was beautiful and pink
It smelt like perfume

By Vanie Barcelon

Dangerous weapon,
Black demo,
Three seconds,
Types detonate,
Explosive,
Massive damage,
Collateral damage.

By Jerico San Pedro

It's black,
White belly,
Razor teeth,
Red eyes,
Man eating,
Terrifying thing,
Amazon king!

By Caylan Rama

In the cold winter
I saw people playing games
And heard laughing.

By Hedrone Aquino