

Term Four 2012

Tuesday 13th November	Kindergarten 2013 Orientation (siblings)
Wednesday 14th November	9:15am Year one lead infants Mass
Tuesday 20th November	Kindergarten 2013 Orientation (non-siblings)
Tuesday 27th November	Kindergarten 2013 Orientation (all 2013 Kinder parents & pre-schoolers)
Wednesday 28th November	◆ 9:15am Year three lead primary Mass ◆ Year seven St Agnes Orientation
Thursday 29th November	Twilight Swimming Trials 4:15pm (years two to five)
Wednesday 5th December	Year seven St Agnes Orientation
Thursday 6th December	Year five visit St Agnes
Wednesday 12th December	Reports go home to Parents
Friday 14th December	11:30-1:00pm Talent Quest Final
Monday 17th December	5:00pm Year six Graduation Mass
Tuesday 18th December	Year six disco
Wednesday 19th December	◆ 9:15am End of year thanksgiving Mass ◆ Last day of school for all students
Thursday 20th December	Staff Development Day (no classes)
Friday 21st December	Staff Development Day (no classes)

Road Safety

If you stop in a 'No Stopping' area the fine is from \$298 + 2 demerit points.
If you stop in a 'Bus Zone' the fine is from \$298 + 2 demerit points.
When you obey the parking rules, its is easier to see what pedestrians are doing.
Please keep our children safe!

FREE!!! TRIPLE P—POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM SEMINAR

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns. Families NSW is offering Triple P to all families with children aged 3-8 years. Bookings essential. Child minding available.

Dates: 16th November: *The Power of Positive Parenting*
 23rd November: *Raising Confident, Competent Children*
 30th November: *Raising Resilient Children*

Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm (light lunch provided)

Venue: Powerhouse Christian Church, 20a Power Street, Doonside 2767

For bookings/enquiries please contact Susan Scioscia: (02) 9621 3922.

"In partnership with Junaya Family Development Services."



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**St Aidan's Primary School
 Rooty Hill**

Sharing News & Views

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

No doubt some of you have heard that Mrs Kovacs (year one teacher) gave birth to Zachary Alexander last week. This was great news for the Kovacs and a brother for Amelia and Lucas. Mrs Grady (Kindergarten teacher) became a grandmother for the first time in the last few weeks. Her granddaughter Sienna Michelle is a very welcome addition to the Grady household.

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta School Funding website has been created in response to the NSW Liberal Government's plan to cut \$1.7 billion from school education funding in NSW.

It is vital that we continue to oppose the NSW Government's decision to cut \$1.7 billion from school education funding.

This site is a collaborative space for our school and parish communities to work together in opposing the state government's short-sighted education policy. You are encouraged to visit the website and voice your concerns as widely as possible. www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding

Important information about compulsory school attendance has been posted on the St Aidan's website www.staidansrootyhill.catholic.edu.au Please read this information carefully as a number of children are accruing days absent and partial days for non-legitimate reasons. Please note that all absences are an interruption to your child's learning.

Parents are reminded of the school opening and closing hours. The gates are opened each morning at 8.15 am when supervision commences. Afternoon supervision concludes at 3.25pm. It has been noted that some children are arriving to school well before the 8.15 opening time. This is not to happen as supervision does not commence till 8.15am.

Some parents will be invited to meet with teachers over the next few weeks to discuss holiday literacy programs for children who are at risk. The aim is to provide literacy work for these students to prevent them from falling behind during the long summer break. This is the first time teachers have done this at St Aidan's and I hope that parents will support the teachers by making time to read and write with the selected children each day.

Due to the need for surgery, I will be commencing sick leave from 26th November 2012 and will return to St Aidan's on 11th February 2013. During this time I will undergo a knee replacement. In my absence Mrs Leahy will be Acting Principal and Ms Carlo-Stella will be Acting Assistant Principal.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in your children's learning and development.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
 Principal.

REFLECTION

It is that time of year, when we count on your continued support and generosity to assist St. Vincent de Paul with their Christmas appeal.

Each learning area will have a Christmas box and we ask for your assistance to fill it with gifts of food for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Here are a few suggestions of suitable donations: Long life milk or custard; soft drinks, cordial or juice; biscuits; chocolates; Christmas lollies; candy canes; tins of ham, tuna or salmon; coffee, tea and sugar; tins of fruit or vegetables; jam; jelly or Christmas crackers.

St. Vincent de Paul Society has asked us to let you know that because of allergies they are no longer able to accept nuts or nut products.

The school will be collecting items from Friday, 16th November until Thursday, 29th November.

Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Mrs Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

The Staff Development Day held on Friday 2nd November at St Aidan's was a wonderful display of hard work and talent from our own teachers.

There were a number of teachers who presented sessions to the rest of the St Aidan's staff.

These sessions were a sharing of ideas and provided for much discussion. Workshops included, running record analysis, shared reading, guided reading, and reciprocal teaching. Teachers also used some time to plan learning experiences for the students.

Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

LITERACY MATTERS

Many writing activities are related to spelling. Help your child with those areas of spelling with which you feel confident. Remember that not all English words can be spelt correctly by 'sounding out'. Talk to your child about how you spell and what you do when you don't know how to spell a word.

Mrs Lisa Hurst
Coordinator.

SCHOOL FEES/RESOURCE FEES

All families will have received their fee statements. Fees are due now. If you are having any difficulties please contact Mrs Wakeling for an appointment on (02) 9625 3181.

Mrs Blaga Wakeling
Secretary.

Baby News

Congratulations to Shon Rae in 1C and her family on the recent birth of a baby girl.



WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE

All families would have received an envelope containing raffle tickets in support of 2013 World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro.

First prize is a Toyota Yaris 5-door automatic; second prize is a pilgrimage worth \$5,400; third prize is an Apple iPad; fourth and fifth prizes are cash; and sixth prize two adult passes to Featherdale Wildlife Park.

Please return tickets and correct money to the school office by Friday 7th December 2012.

Please return any unsold tickets to the office.

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KC	Charlize Espino	Agazio Fragomeli
KG	Aaron Shrestha	Derron Adviento
1C	Mia Nikic	Cassidy Dizon
1K	Katherin Maroki	Simon Ramos
2F	Chloe Bazina	Rodney Patterson
2H	Tong Mawein	Simon Issa
3B	Angeline San Pedro	Corey Simmons
3M	Leduina Piliae	Gerard Mantua
4A	Melissa Mlotshwa	Alice Zammit
4H	Marc De Vera	Caitlin Ackroyd-Mosbey
5H	Nadine Langan	Jayden Tomas
5M	Chantelle Maglalang	Christian Bacaoat
6D	Jayvee Salandanan	Elijah Merjudio
6W	Francesca Manalo	Akol Mawein

VISION SCREENING CLINICS—NSW Govt. Health

Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (Steps)

It is important to identify eye problems early before children start school.

If your child is four to five years of age, you can make an appointment for a **FREE** vision test in your area. Bookings are being taken until Friday 21st December 2012 or from Monday 7th January 2013 (Mon-Fri 8:30am to 12:30pm).



For further information and/or details of clinics held please phone 9881 1213.