

St Aidan's School Diary Dates

Wednesday 25th July	Sydney Symphony (Primary)
Thursday 26th July	Sydney Symphony (Infants)
Wednesday 8th August	K-2 Olympics Tabloid Sports
Tuesday 14th August	Blacktown Zone Athletics
Wednesday 15th August	9:15am Feast of the Assumption Whole School Mass
Friday 17th August	Spellathon test
Tuesday 21st August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice of Youth cluster final for year six Netball Gala day Penrith
Wednesday 22nd August	11:25am Year three Assembly
Friday 24th August	Diocesan Athletics carnival
Tuesday 28th August	Stage three excursion to Canberra
Friday 31st August	9:15am St Aidan's Day whole school Mass
Wednesday 5th September	11:25am Year four Assembly
Friday 7th September	All monies due for the Spellathon
Wednesday 12th September	9:15am Kindergarten lead infants Mass
Wednesday 19th September	11:25am Year one Assembly
Friday 21st September	2:55pm Term three concludes

THE YARD - COMING SOON TO PARRAMATTA RIVERSIDE THEATRE

For the past three years award-winning choreographer Shaun Parker has been working with our students via CAPTIVATE on an original work titled, 'The Yard' which drew on the cultural performance traditions of these young people, as well as their highly developed 'school yard' and street dance skills.

Most of these naturally talented students had little or no formal training in music or dance, instead they have developed their skills in their own backyards and on school playgrounds. Shaun (who has over 20 years experience including playing a sold out season in London recently with his Australia Major Festival hit, 'Happy as Larry') has worked with the students and schools to produce an exceptional standard of performance, artistic development and technical skill.

Following the successful premiere at the Seymour Centre last year to critical acclaim, Shaun Parker & Company will take 'The Yard' on a tour of NSW and will perform at the

Parramatta Riverside Theatre on:

Tue 28 Aug 12.30pm & 7.30pm; Wed 29 Aug 12.30pm + Q&A & 7.30pm

Learn the Repertoire workshop; Wed 29 Aug 10am

Ticket price—Performance only \$16 Student/Additional Teacher

Learn the Rep & See the Show \$21 (additional teachers free)

Adult \$26, Conc. \$22*

This is a wonderful opportunity for staff and students (Upper Primary and Secondary) to see an inspiring production; to participate in a movement workshop; and to speak with Shaun Parker about his work with the Diocese of Parramatta's creative and performing arts initiative, CAPTIVATE and the possibilities for schools interested in working with professional artists for their own creative and performing arts programs. The program has links with Dance, Music and Dramacurricula (Stage 2-6) as well as connections to civics & citizenship, gender, diversity, multiculturalism and literacies (see attached curriculum links).

To book for the performance and workshop phone 8839 3308 <http://www.riversideparramatta.com.au/performance.asp?piD=1771>

To watch 'The Yard' trailer visit <http://youtu.be/MHmZDwtVeno>



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Sharing News & Views

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term three. I trust that you all enjoyed some kind of break with your families during the past two weeks.

Thank you to the parents and students who supported the school disco on 22nd June. The students had a wonderful time and \$1,800 was raised towards school resources. Once again thank you to Mr Martin Nikic, DJ extraordinaire for so generously giving his time to make the night such a success and to Ms Moreno and staff who came along and joined in the fun.

As you may recall, eleven boys from years three and four took part in the gala soccer day on the last Tuesday of term two. I am very proud to say that the boys won all five of their matches without a goal being scored against them. Hence, they were victorious in winning the event.

Congratulations to the boys who played so well and who also displayed great sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Julius for coaching the team and to Mrs Brown and Mrs Donlan for their assistance. Well done boys. Your school salutes you!

Towards the end of last term some parents spoke to me of their concerns re the children crossing Spencer Street and also about the careless driving of adults before and after school. Three of our students were almost run over when an impatient driver overtook another driver who had stopped to allow the student to cross Spencer Street.

Once again I urge parents to take particular care when driving in school zones and also when dropping children off before school.

I have written to Blacktown Council about the installation of a pedestrian crossing near the corner of Spencer and Kimberley streets or in a position deemed safe for those crossing.

I have also applied to the Roads and Maritime Services to obtain the services of a 'crossing supervisor' (lollypop person). Teachers are now escorting approximately 200 students across Adelaide and Kimberley Streets. I will keep parents informed about these two safety issues through the school newsletters.

Next week all students are going to the Homebush Olympic Centre to experience the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. As you know this excursion is fully funded by the school as I believe that St Aidan's students deserve to enjoy cultural experiences that they may not otherwise enjoy. During the past two years students have been treated to a 'live' performance at the theatre.

We have been extremely fortunate to obtain sufficient tickets for the whole school to attend so I hope that each child will enjoy and learn from this new experience.

A new award has been introduced at St Aidan's. This award is for 'excellence' and is awarded to two students per class each term. In order for students to be eligible to receive an 'excellence' award they must have received a regular fortnightly award during each year. These new awards replace the 'golden' award.

Included in this newsletter are important dates for the term. Please ensure these dates are placed in a prominent position in your home so that you know what is happening at school.

I look forward to working with each of you again in term three.

Yours sincerely,


 Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts

REFLECTION

The International Year of Grace

In 2012 the Catholic Church throughout the world marks the golden jubilee (50 years) since the opening of the Second Vatican Council. In 1962, Blessed Pope John XXIII, gathered the world's bishops together as one to consider how the Church might respond to serving God and humanity in the late 20th Century.

To mark this occasion, the Church in Australia will be celebrating a 'Year of Grace' from 27th May 2012 to next Pentecost, the 19th May 2013.

Grace might be said to be our experience of God.

Every God-given opportunity is a grace. Starting from life itself to our relationships with family and friends; from work and leisure to our participation in all that is true and good and beautiful.

Mrs Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Why is Mathematics important?

In addition to its practical applications, the study of mathematics is a valuable pursuit in its own right, providing opportunities for creativity, challenge and leisure.

If our children are to be prepared for life in the twenty-first century, they need to develop relevant mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding. Mathematics is important because it:

- is a powerful tool for solving problems within and beyond mathematics
- is a significant part of the cultural heritage of many diverse societies
- provides students with a powerful, precise and concise means of communication
- supports concurrent learning in other key learning areas
- builds a sound foundation for further mathematics education.

Students learn about:

- selecting and applying appropriate mental, written or calculator strategies to solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- estimating and refining estimates in a variety of situations
- modelling, comparing and representing fractions and decimals
- describing and applying number patterns and relationships between numbers
- analysing data and drawing and interpreting graphs
- selecting and using appropriate units and devices to measure
- manipulating, describing and classifying two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects
- interpreting and communicating information presented in numerical, geometrical, graphical, statistical and algebraic forms.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

LITERACY MATTERS

A child's success as a reader begins much earlier than the first day of school. Reading, and a love for reading, begins at home. Each fortnight the 'Literacy Matters' feature will offer easy ways for parents to help their children to become successful readers.

If your child comes across an unknown word during reading, **pause** before saying the word. This gives them an opportunity to work out what the word is. If they cannot work out the word, provide **prompts** by asking what is in the picture, what sound the word begins with and what would make sense in the sentence. If your child still cannot work out the word, say the word and ask them to read the sentence again. **Praise** your child's efforts.

This is the 'Pause, Prompt, Praise' method of helping your child to read.

Mrs Lisa Hurst
Coordinator.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Akol (6W), Awein (4A) and Tong Mawein (2F) and their family on the birth of their baby girl, Jwer.



HOURS OF OPENING/SUPERVISION

A reminder to parents that students need to arrive at school at the correct time and are to be picked up from school on time please.

The school gate is opened at 8:15am
Supervision commences at 8:15am
Morning bell—8:45am
Dismissal—2:55pm
Supervision ends at 3:25pm

COLES 'SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS'

Coles will be running their program from 12th June until 24th August. We already have **5,730 Coles vouchers**. Please keep collecting Coles vouchers!

WOOLWORTHS 'EARN AND LEARN'

The Woolies program has been extended to Sunday 12th August. Thank you for sending the sticker cards to school.

Our total at the moment is **20,471 stickers**.

If you have additional stickers please send them to school separately. There is a maximum of **30** stickers per card and additional stickers on a card will not count towards our total.

Please keep collecting Woolworths stickers!

Hall of Fame

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

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE TERM TWO 2012

KC	Ayaan Khan	Declan Apps
KG	Mason Polidano	Anjali Sharma
1C	Bella Teuma-Manaog	Angelo Delfinado
1K	Beatrix Favor	Michael Piliae
2F	Phil El-Rab	Noeline Swin
2H	Khrystian Sangil	Markeisha Bolano
3B	Emilio Seguban	Kaira Francisco
3M	Sebastian Belleza	Christina Abi-Chemouni
4A	Shenna Sambat	Gabriel Cacapit
4H	Rosa Jueco	Myron Torralba
5H	Theia Debulos	Jay Ng
5M	John El-Ghossein	Chantelle Maglalang
6D	James Umali	Micaela Dela Cruz
6W	Pina Usu	Russ Sulit

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GALA DAY SOCCER CHAMPIONS FOR 2012

Dencel Vargas	Johnathan Prince	Emmanuel De Vera	Caylan Rama
Justin Mallouk	Joshua Fuamatu	Anthony Gagliardi	Martin Nikic
Anei Anei	T.J. Fuamatu	Lee Darjani	

A special thank you to Mr Anthony Julius, Mrs Jodie Donlan and Mrs Wendy Brown for all their work with the soccer players.