

## Term one 2013

Friday 29th March	Good Friday (no school)
Monday 1st April	Easter Monday (no school)
Tuesday 2nd April	8:45am school resumes following Easter
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—concludes 2:55pm

## Term two 2013

Monday 29th April	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO CLASSES)
Tues 30th April	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO CLASSES)
Wednesday 1st May	First day term two for students—8:55am

## St Agnes Catholic High School

A Years 7 – 10 co-educational school

Now enrolling for 2014

Enrolments forms are now available for Year 7 2014 from our School office or on our website.

For all enrolment enquiries please contact the Enrolment Secretary, Mrs Donna Missio on 8882 0700 or by email: [stagnes@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stagnes@parra.catholic.edu.au).

Enquiries for other year groups are welcome.  
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Clinic 1 (2013) 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Clinic 2 (2013) 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Apr \*25<sup>th</sup> Apr excluded

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St Aidan's Staff and Students wish all families

a happy and holy Easter



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

## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Today our school community celebrated a very moving liturgy to celebrate Holy Week. The boys and girls in stage three led the students, staff and some parents through a re-enactment of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank you to these students and to Mrs Murphy for organising such a beautiful liturgy to assist us in our reflections of the Easter story.

Congratulations to the students who took part in the St Aidan's Cross Country trials last Friday. Place getters can be found in the 'hall of fame' at the end of this newsletter. A squad of selected students will be chosen to represent St Aidan's at the Diocesan Cross Country next term. Well done children and thank you to Mrs van Reyk for organising the school's trial.

Fourteen girls have been selected to represent St Aidan's at the soccer Gala Day for girls in stage three on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. St Aidan's has a fine track record with soccer gala days so I wish our team the best of luck and trust they will represent their school with enthusiasm and pride.

I mentioned in the previous newsletter that our school now has an APP. There have been many positive comments from staff and parents about the convenience of this APP as it enables immediate access to school news and events. There is an insert in today's newsletter with instructions as to how parents can download this APP to their Smartphones. Search the APP stores for St Aidan's Primary and you can download instantly.

A flyer was sent home this week advising parents of a Mother's Day stall to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> May. With Easter and school holidays in between Mother's day will be upon us before we know it. This is a fundraiser for St Aidan's and it is expected that parents will support the school in order to provide resources for the students. We look forward to a generous response from all parents.

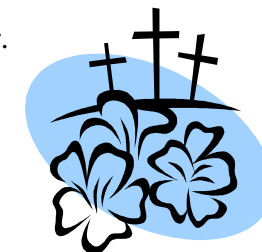
You will note in the upcoming dates (over page) that there are two Staff Development Days (29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> April) to commence term two. Please take note of these dates and I will provide further details in the next newsletter.

A list of times for the St Aidan's Parish Easter ceremonies is included in this newsletter. Parents are encouraged to take their children along to the ceremonies in order to fully appreciate the significance of this, the most important feast of the Christian church.

On behalf of the staff at St Aidan's I wish each of you a happy and holy Easter.  
School reopens next Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts  
Principal.



**LENT**

The Holy Father has called for the Year of Faith to be a time of renewed dedication to the Faith, a time to seek the face of Jesus. What better time than Holy Week to renew and strengthen that faith and find Christ.

Holy week is the high point of the Church's year. It is the ideal time to walk with Christ to Calvary, to die with him and to be reborn into a stronger faith. It is a time for commitment and strengthening of one's faith.

Holy week, Christ gave Catholics the celebration of the Eucharist. He showed how much God was prepared to sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin. His death and resurrection gave all the chance to enter the Kingdom and to reach eternal happiness with God.

*Mrs Silvana Murphy*  
Religious Education Coordinator

**HOMEWORK**

Homework needs to be a positive learning experience for each child and will be appropriate for the child's concentration and individual needs.

Each child will have a homework book/folder for written work. Parents are asked to sign homework each night.

**As a general guide**

Time spent on homework should not exceed:

- ◆ Kindergarten and Year one one hour per week
- ◆ Year two one hour & 20 mins per week
- ◆ Year three one hour & 30 mins per week
- ◆ Year four two hours per week
- ◆ Year five three hours per week
- ◆ Year six three hours per week

Homework is expected to be completed and presented on the set day. It must be of an acceptable standard. Homework should not intrude on family life and when there are problems regarding homework, the class teacher needs to be informed in writing.

*Mrs Christine Leahy,*  
Assistant Principal.

**LITERACY MATTERS**



Oral language is the foundation for reading. Listening and speaking are a child's first introduction to language. Talking and singing teach your child the sounds of language, making it easier for him or her to learn how to read.

Here are some things you can do to help your child build an appreciation for words and language:

- Tell family stories about yourself, your child's grandparents, and other relatives.
- Talk to your child as much as possible about things you are doing and thinking.
- Ask your child lots of questions.
- Encourage your child to tell you what he or she thinks or feels.
- Ask your child to tell you about his or her day—about activities and games played.

- Be patient! Give your child time to find the words he or she wants to use.
- Sing songs, such as the alphabet song, and recite nursery rhymes, encouraging your child to join in.
- Play rhyming and riddle games.

*Mrs Lisa Hurst*  
Lead Literacy Teacher  
Coordinator.

**NUMERACY NEWS**



The final component of the 'Focus 160' approach to teaching Mathematics is the 'reflection time'. The 'reflection time' is the most important time in the numeracy block.

Research supports that children learn more deeply if the Mathematical experiences come first, followed by a meaningful conversation that gives children time to verbalise their understanding. This can be assisted by teachers asking questions of the children. The teacher does not dominate these conversations. It is important to provide a balance of teacher talk, student talk, partner talk and quiet reflective moments.

In term two I will explore the ways that technology can support the teaching of numeracy.

*Mrs Jodie Donlan*  
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM 2013**

From **Monday 8th April**, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect points from the checkout operator and place them on points sheets. There will be one point for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once completed, parents can place their point sheets in the collection box at school or send them with their child.

The program closes on **Sunday 9th June 2013**. Thank you for your continued support.

**PLEASE SEND ALL PHOTO ENVELOPES WITH CORRECT MONEY TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 2ND APRIL**

**ST AIDAN'S CHURCH EASTER TIMES**

Good Friday 10:00am Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday

Easter Saturday 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 8:30am Mass  
10:00am Mass



**Hall of Fame**

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

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS**

<b>KC</b>	<b>Andrea Santos</b>	<b>Roman Lautier</b>
<b>KH</b>	<b>Savanna Muscat</b>	<b>William Nau</b>
<b>1C</b>	<b>Marian Unay</b>	<b>Krishiv Singh</b>
<b>1G</b>	<b>Maria Halatanu</b>	<b>Marcus Torralba</b>
<b>2F</b>	<b>Favour Gueh</b>	<b>Shaun Bernaldo</b>
<b>2M</b>	<b>Bella Teuma-Manaog</b>	<b>Tong Wol</b>
<b>3B</b>	<b>Matthew Danial</b>	<b>Nicole Cabalhin</b>
<b>3G</b>	<b>Noelene Swin</b>	<b>Ethan Lord-Marsden</b>
<b>4H</b>	<b>Alecksandra Favor</b>	<b>Robert Apostol</b>
<b>4Y</b>	<b>Stephanie Derjani</b>	<b>Anei Anei</b>
<b>5M</b>	<b>Majan Almazan</b>	<b>Raden Adviento</b>
<b>5S</b>	<b>Shenna Sambat</b>	<b>Saia Manaia</b>
<b>6D</b>	<b>Wol Tong</b>	<b>Sheanne Gloria</b>
<b>6W</b>	<b>Deakin Ball</b>	<b>Jasmine Ward-Underhill</b>

**CROSS COUNTRY TRIAL WINNERS**

8yr old girls	Akon Anei	Arabelle Remorozo	Ella Taylor	Rita El-Ghossein
8 yr old boys	Samuel Meilak	Kyle Polidano	Lorenzo Pangan	-
9 yr old girls	Chenae Cruise	Ruth Nool	Nicole Cabalhin	Tiffany Wu
9 yr old boys	Ricky White	Prince II Gonzales	Martin Nikic	Jeremiah Warwick-Smith
10 yr old girls	Caitlin Ackroyd-Mosbey	Britnee Azaglo	Bless Byrne	Angelica Patterson
10yr old boys	Anthony Gagliardi	Anei Anei	Robert Apostol	Lee Darjani
11 yr old girls	Jade Meilak	Kirsty Conna	Jenny El-Bacha	Awein Mawein
11 yr old boys	Thomas Meniconi	Angar Angara	Gabriel Cacapit	John El-Ghossein
12 yr old girls	Hannah Plaatjes	Melanie Alcala	-	-
12 yr old boys	Michael Darjani	Wol Tong	Yannis Clark	Joshua Moussa

*The following students will represent St Aidan's School at the Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day on Tuesday 9th April.*

Caitlin Ackroyd-Mosbey	Britnee Azaglo	Awein Mawein	Milla Sagurit	Mary Akinba
Monique Xuereb	Samuelle Amor	Kristina Bonic	Kirsty Conna	Sarah Price
Maddison Ticchio	Melanie Alcala	Alek Awac	Hannah Plaatjes	

**MOTHER'S DAY STALL—FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2013**



St Aidan's School will be having a Mother's Day Stall this year.

Parents are asked to donate gifts to the school valued between \$2.00 and \$5.00. Donations of clear cellophane and new ribbon will also be appreciated. Thank you to those families who have already sent gifts. We still require 397 gifts.

These gifts will then be sold to the students at the stall on **Friday 10th May 2013**.