



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

From the Principal

DATES FOR TERM TWO 2015	
Tuesday 26th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of Origin Meal Deal Day 6:30pm-8:00pm Parent Information Evening—Numeracy
Wednesday 27th May	Year two Assembly (time to be advised—see School App i.e. 'Skoolbag' search for St Aidan's to load App on your mobile)
Thursday 28th May	Mufti Day for DWF appeal (\$2 donation)
Friday 29th May	School Athletics Carnival—Blair Oval
Monday 1st June	Kindergarten excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm
Tuesday 2nd June	Meal Deal Day—Oodles of Noodles
Wednesday 3rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15am Year three leading Primary Mass 1:50pm Coffee & Chat with the Principal (fundraising for Cancer Research & Services)
Monday 8th June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Wednesday 10th June	Year five Assembly (time to be advised—see School App i.e. 'Skoolbag' search for St Aidan's to load App on your mobile)
Thursday 11th June	Year 3 excursion to Rouse Hill Farm
Friday 12th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year four excursion to The Rocks Year one excursion to Cumberland State Forest
Tuesday 16th June	Meal Deal Day—Bellissimo (lasagna)
Wednesday 17th June	9:15am Kindergarten leading Infants Mass
Friday 19th June	Student Reports to Parents



OODLES OF NOODLES MEAL DEAL DAY

TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2015

****\$5.00 PAYMENT BY TUESDAY 26TH MAY****

- Stir fried noodles**
 with chicken **OR**
 with vegetables

- JUST JUICE**
 Orange **OR**
 Apple

Child's name/s _____

Child's class/es _____



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See the beauty of God.

St Mary

MacKillop

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Dear Parents,

The response from students and parents about the recent Mother's Day stall was very positive. Purchasing the gifts rather than call for donations proved to be a lot less work for everyone and the variety of gifts seemed to be adequate. The amount raised for the school was \$1212.45. Thank you again to Mrs Abicic and her helpers for their great work with the organisation of the Mother's Day Stall.

This term as part of the learning, all students are going on excursions to various places. To date year six have been to the Chinese Gardens and the Art Gallery of NSW in the city, year two to Warragamba Dam and last Tuesday year five went to the observatory at the University of Western Sydney. These excursions added another dimension to the student's learning as they engaged in a range of experiences related to the work they are undertaking in class. Some accounts of the excursions have been included in this newsletter.

You may be aware that World Youth Day will be held in Krakow, Poland in 2016. The Diocese of Parramatta would like to send as many young people to WYD as is possible. In order to assist with the financing of the WYD the Diocesan Office has organised a raffle. Tickets have been sent to each family and you are encouraged to buy as many tickets as possible to enable many of our young people to travel to Poland for WYD 2016.

Last week all students in years three and five sat for the NAPLAN tests. There was mixed reaction to the content of the tests, however teachers were very pleased with the writing assessment. The students were very positive and did their best to answer all questions even though some questions proved to be challenging. While NAPLAN provides us with excellent data and teaching strategies for literacy and numeracy it does not assess the many other aspects of a child's learning or multiple intelligences. Results of the tests are expected around the middle of August.

As you are aware, we are holding a Mufti Day on Thursday 28th May. Children are asked to contribute \$2.00 for the privilege of wearing mufti clothes on that day. The proceeds will be sent to the Bishop's office for the Diocesan Works Appeal.

Teachers are currently preparing the students' 'half yearly' reports. Parent/teacher interviews will be held in the final week of this term. Further information regarding these interviews will be sent home shortly. Booking times will be completed online as this has proved to be very effective for parents and teachers.

Next week a flyer will be sent to all families inviting you to attend a *Coffee and Chat* with me on Wednesday 3rd June. This will be a special occasion as the school will be fundraising to support *Cancer Research & Services*. All donations are tax deductible and receipts will be issued. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this event.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

 Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
 Principal.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION



In St Mark's Gospel, he wrote about the conversation between Jesus and the disciples as they were walking between villages. (Mark 8:27-30)

Jesus asked the disciples two questions that are as relevant today as they were over 2000 years ago. The questions Jesus asked were, 'Who do people say I am?' and 'Who is God in your life?'

I encourage you to reflect on these questions as a family. 'Who do you children say Jesus is?' 'Why is Jesus' death and resurrection the highlight of the church's liturgical calendar?'

After the disciples had given several answers, Jesus asked another more personal question. This same question is addressed to you as you explore the Word of the Gospel with your family:

'But you... who do you say I am?'

Mrs Miray Khoury,
Religious Education Coordinator.

NUMERACY NEWS



By the end of year four children should be able to count from a non-zero starting point by any single digit. Children should also be able to apply their counting skills to different situations.

What can you do at home to support your child?

- Count forwards and backwards from non-zero starting points each day. A deck of playing cards could be used to indicate what digit you count by each day.
- Play *Race to 120* (two or more players). The first player flips a playing card to determine what everyone will count by. Players take turns counting one number at a time up to 120 (eg. 7, 14, 21 etc). The person who counts to the number closest to 120 without going over is the winner.
- Encourage your child to apply their counting skills to different situations like cooking in the kitchen, watching and scoring football games and helping with the grocery shopping.

In the next newsletter I will address counting in the upper years (Year 5-6).

What mathematics will you **notice, discuss and explore** with your child this week?

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

**Tuesday 26th May
6:30pm-8:00pm
Parent Information Evening—Numeracy**

**BOOKCLUB DUE ON
MONDAY 25TH MAY 2015**

**ST AIDAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**
Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are now being accepted.
A child who will turn 5 years of age before 31st July 2016 is eligible to begin school.
Forms may be picked up from the school office Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 3:00pm.

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE
If you are having any financial difficulties please contact Mrs Blaga Wakeling on 9625 3181 as soon as possible.
Thank you to all the families who have paid.

HOW DO WE ASSESS?

Assessment for learning occurs in many forms.

Informal and formal assessments are used to obtain an accurate picture of the student's progress.

Informal assessment included observation of student work, work samples and talking to students about their learning. Formal assessments are tasks set by the teacher as well as NAPLAN testing for year three and five and the Diocesan Religious Literacy testing.

This year also saw the introduction of the Mathematics Assessment Interviews for each student at the beginning of the year.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

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### LITERACY MATTERS

Students in year three and year four learn to use punctuation and recognise the structure and grammar of a variety of texts.

Students also learn how to draft and edit their own writing. Ask your child, "Does your sentence make sense and does it look right?" This will help in the editing process.

Students need to compose their writing before they begin to write. This helps with clarity of ideas. Encourage your child to write each night.

Mrs Christine Leahy  
Assistant Principal.



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

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

|    |                                      |                                    |    |                             |                    |
|----|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| KB | Ava Bazina                           | Prince Gonzales                    | KH | Sean Caster                 | Danika Robinson    |
| 1C | Alexander Gonzales<br>Adrian Morales | Bianca Miranda<br>(Numeracy Award) | 1M | James Gatmaitan             | Alyssa Pabroa      |
| 2I | Nickolas Goro                        | Sean McCartney                     | 2U | Chelsea Hernandez Dimaguila | Katrina Knezevic   |
| 3B | Wayne Conopio                        | Maxine Galang                      | 3Q | Sebastian Frias             | Jordana Jacobs     |
| 4D | Francesca Lagana                     | Gabrielle Romero                   | 4K | Jwer Akol                   | Aken Khon          |
| 5P | Amory Albanese                       | Latasha Brewty                     | 5W | Abigail Asuncion            | Philopatir El-Rab  |
| 6B | Marianna Al-Najar                    | Anz Viray                          | 6C | Kirsten Maglalang           | Angeline San Pedro |

### SOCCER

Congratulations to the following students who attended the Stage Three Boys Soccer Gala Day yesterday.

|               |                 |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Simon Issa    | Matthew Danial  | Ricardo White   |
| Samuel Meilak | Thomas Putrus   | Kyle Polidano   |
| Bol Dak       | Kobe Maireriki  | Gian Montecillo |
| Ruben Alcalá  | Anei Anei       | Lee Darjani     |
| TJ Fuamatu    | Jonathan Tandoc |                 |

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Ereira, Mrs Rodrigues and Mrs Allen who assisted at the year two excursion last week.

Thank you to Mr Patterson, Mrs Polidano, Mrs Casserly and Mrs Brewty who assisted at the year five excursion last Tuesday.

### YEAR TWO EXCURSION

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, as part of our CBL unit 'How can we care for our waterways?', year two went on an excursion to Warragamba Dam. After a long drive in a bendy bus we arrived at Warragamba Dam. We got off the bus, went to have our recess and a play. Next, we went into a special classroom where we heard some information about the water cycle.

Then we divided into two groups. One group stayed in the classroom where we did activities like drawing water bugs that live in Lake Burragorang, sketching the view of the dam from the classroom and making a catchment.

The other group took the bus down to the dam wall where we learnt how long the dam wall took to build and how the gates operate to control the level of water in the catchment.

After a full day of learning there was just enough time to have our lunch and a play before getting back onto the bus to return to school.

Year two students.



### YEAR SIX EXCURSION

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, year six students explored the wonders of the Chines Garden of Friendship, and the historical New South Wales Art Gallery. As they entered the Chinese Garden of Friendship, two dragons that represent the friendship between New South Wales and Southern China, confronted the students. Year six discovered at the Art Gallery that the Lotus Flower is used frequently in Asian art as a symbol of peace and tranquility. Students enjoyed the essence of Asian culture, which opened the windows of their learning experience in Challenged Based Learning (CBL).

Ida Laura Ioane and Christina Abi Chemouni.

