

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES AT ST AIDAN'S CHURCH

Holy Thursday 7:30pm Last Supper commemoration
 Good Friday 10:00am Stations of the Cross
 3:00pm Commemoration of the Crucifixion
 Holy Saturday 7:00pm Easter Vigil
 Easter Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am Masses

Reconciliation during Holy Week

Thursday 24th March 3:00pm—5:00pm
 Good Friday 25th March 10:00am-12:00 noon
 Holy Saturday 26th March 4:00pm-6:00pm



C.A.R.E.S. OPEN DAY

Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive,
 Prospect.
 Tuesday 19th April 2016
 10am to 2pm.

Come along during the school holidays and ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights. Bring your own bike and helmet. **FREE** face painting. Parking on site is free. Bring a picnic, sausage sizzle and drinks. Adult supervision required.

PARENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Term two General Meeting Monday 30th May: Topic ASPECT School and Satellite Classes. Diocesan Assembly Centre, Corner Flushcombe Road and Marian Street, Blacktown. Commencing at 7:00pm. Email: prc@parra.catholic.edu.au

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

CCSS Solo Parent Services is commencing a Bereavement Support Program for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or partner. It will be held on Tuesday fortnights commencing on 5th April, with an Information session and Overview of the Program. The Program will run fortnightly until Tuesday 12th July. Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm. Venue: CCSS 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Cost: \$5.00 per session. For further information / Registration Essential: Call Rita on 8822 2222 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Last Monday each family received an information sheet regarding the booking of interview times for the upcoming parent/teacher/child interviews to be held in week eleven. It is very important that you come along to an interview in order for you to engage in conversation about your child's numeracy goal. Should you have any difficulty booking online, please don't hesitate to contact the school office for assistance.

It is with sadness that I inform you that 'Lyn' from the school tuckshop will be leaving St Aidan's at the end of this term. As she has a number of family commitments she is unable to continue in the role of tuckshop coordinator.

Lyn has been a very loyal supporter of our school and has done great work in the tuckshop over the past three years. She has been very caring of the children and has gone out of her way to accommodate the needs of students and staff.

On your behalf I wish Lyn every best wish for the future and trust that she will always remain a 'friend' of St Aidan's.

The tuckshop contract was put out to tender and we are pleased that 'classroom catering' has been successful in securing the tender for St Aidan's. Classroom catering will commence at the start of term two.

St Aidan's is now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2017. If you have a son/daughter who will turn five by 31st July 2017, please contact the school office for an application for enrolment.

I will hold the initial interviews with children and parents during next term.

Please pass on this information to friends and neighbours who may have children ready to start school next year.

As this week is Holy Week all students and teachers prayed 'the stations of cross'. These stations are a reminder to us of the passion of Jesus and the suffering he offered for us. The times of the Easter ceremonies are included in this newsletter in order that you might attend with your families.

On behalf of the staff I wish each of you a very happy and holy Easter and an enjoyable break.

Students return to school on Tuesday 29th March for the remainder of term one.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
 Principal.



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On Palm Sunday, Christians celebrated Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where crowds lay palm leaves before him. It also marks the beginning of Holy Week.

On Holy Thursday, Christians remember the Last Supper of Jesus Christ. The Last Supper was the final meal Jesus shared with his disciples.

Good Friday is the day on which Christians honour the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Please note the times for the St Aidan's Parish Easter ceremonies.

Mrs Miray Khoury
Religious Education Coordinator.

Familiarisation of School Policies

Medication Policy

Parents of students requiring medication in school hours must inform the secretaries in the school office. Parents **MUST** request the administration of medication in writing. There are forms available at the school office and on the school website.

The following **MUST** be provided in writing:

- date
- parent/guardian signature
- name of medication and details of dosage
- time to be administered
- duration of the medication
- acceptance of full responsibility in delegating the administering of the medication to the school.

The medication is to be sent to school in a resealable plastic bag with the child's name and class on the bag. If needed, a spoon or measuring cup is to be supplied with the medication. Students who are asthmatic or who are anaphylactic will require an action plan from their doctor.

If you require more information please ask at the school office.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

Literacy Matters SPELLING

How you can support your child in learning to spell:

- say speech rhymes and tongue twisters together
- play 'detective' games with words. Ask your child to be a detective and find:
 - words that rhyme, eg can, fan, man, tan
 - words that begin with the same sound, eg sun, sausage, sea
 - words that end with the same sound, eg hat, street
 - little words in big words, eg 'am' in 'jam'
 - words that sound the same but are spelt differently, e.g. ate - eight, to - two - too, their - there
- play word games that focus on the sounds of words, e.g. *Junior Scrabble, Boggle, Word Snap, Wonderwords, Junior Crosswords, I Spy, Hangman.*

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal/Lead Literacy teacher.

Numeracy News

Tips to support your child in Mathematics this year

- ◆ Always encourage your child. Don't tell them they are wrong; rather look at the logic in their thinking. Why did they make that mistake?
- ◆ Challenge your child to think differently and explain their thinking. Ask them to prove it!
- ◆ Stay positive and don't talk about the negative experiences you have had with maths.
- ◆ Encourage number sense. Allow your child to understand the size of numbers and practise the skill of adding and subtracting numbers in many different ways.
- ◆ Remember that maths is not only about reaching the answer quickly. It is also about working creatively to get the answer and showing mathematical thinking in many different ways.

In the next newsletter I will look at different tasks you can do with children over the holidays.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.



Hall of Fame

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KH	Sanja Surkic	Luka Saric
KQ	Neo Aquino	Layla Houry
1M	Achol Angara	Joanna Villanueva
1S	Ryan Ereira	Isabella Vigliarolo
2D	Mikayla Mantua	Jacob Matta
2U	Abbygale Batula	Tristan Fegradoe
3C	Savanna Muscat	Annabella Wisam Nissan
3D	Mario Al-Najar	Tania Thomas
4B	Mason Polidano	Sebastian Frias
4P	Kacey Alvarado	Immanuel El-Rab
5B	Lance Regala	Miriam Warwick-Smith
5P	Shaun Bernaldo	Bella Teuma-Manaog
6C	Kayla Montenegro	Rodney Patterson
6K	Markeisha Bolano	Ruth Joseph

ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL DATES FOR TERM ONE 2016

Friday 25th March	Good Friday (no classes)
Monday 28th March	Easter Monday (no classes)
Tuesday 29th March	All students K-6 return following Easter break
Mon 4th—Thurs 7th April	Parent/teacher/child interviews
Friday 8th April	Term one concludes. School closes for Autumn holidays.

SCHOOL DATES FOR BEGINNING OF TERM TWO 2016

Monday 25th April	ANZAC Day
Tuesday 26th April	Staff Development Day (no classes for students)
Wednesday 27th April	All students K-6 return following the Autumn break
Thursday 28th April	K-2 excursion to Riverside Theatre <i>Hungry Caterpillar</i>
Tuesday 3rd May	Diocesan Cross Country
Wednesday 4th May	9:15am Mother's Day Mass followed by morning tea
Thursday 5th May	◆ Mother's Day Stall for Kindergarten ◆ Year one excursion to the Australian Museum
Friday 6th May	◆ Kindergarten excursion to Botanic Gardens ◆ Mother's Day Stall for years one to six