

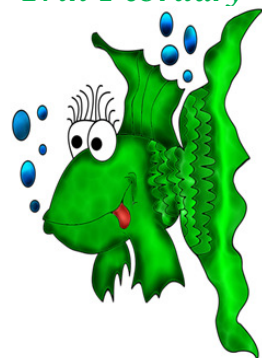
**OPENING SCHOOL MASS
WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY
AT 9:15AM
ALL FAMILIES WELCOME**

DATES FOR TERM ONE 2015

Monday 2nd February	8:40-2:55 Kindergarten begin school
Wednesday 11th February	9:15am Opening School Mass and Induction of School Leaders
Wednesday 18th February	11:30am Ash Wednesday Mass for Yrs 3-6
Wednesday 4th March	1:50pm Coffee & a chat with the Principal
Sunday 8th March	Catholic Schools Week begins
Wednesday 11th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 9:15am Yr. 6 leading Primary Mass ◆ 10:00-10:45am Open classrooms
Wednesday 18th March	9:15am Yr. 2 leading Infants Mass
Mon 30th March -Thurs 2nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parent/Teacher Meetings ◆ Holy Week Stations of the Cross
Thursday 2nd April	2:55pm term one concludes



**\$5.00 Meal Deal
Tuesday
17th February**



MEAL DEAL DAY—TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2015

\$5.00 PAYMENT DUE BY THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

- 4 x Fish Fingers
- Sauce
- Sweet Chilli
- Sweet & Sour
- Tomato
- BBQ
- Bottle of Water

Child's name _____ Class _____



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From the Principal

Dear Parents,
Welcome to the 2015 school year.
I especially welcome new students and their families to St Aidan's and trust they will enjoy a positive working relationship with each other and with staff.

Our school motto 'together we are one' is a constant reminder to students, parents and staff of the importance of our partnership in the education of the St Aidan's students. If we are to achieve the best possible learning outcomes for our students then each of us; students, parents and staff must invest time and effort into making this happen.

I welcome the following staff who are new to St Aidan's.

- * Mrs Miray Khoury (permanent) Religious Education Coordinator and year four teacher
- * Miss Jessica Chetcuti (permanent) year one teacher
- * Miss Sara Issa (temporary for 2015) year two teacher
- * Mrs Sarah Hunt (temporary for 2015) Reading Recovery teacher

I am sure you will make these new teachers feel very much a part of our school community.

A list of St Aidan's staff is included further in this newsletter

Thank you parents for your tremendous support with the recent Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAI's). The data obtained from these interviews will be very useful to teachers for planning class numeracy sessions this term. All interviews should be completed by the end of week two. There has been excellent use of the school 'app' and it is hoped that parents will continue to make use of the 'app' to keep up to date with school happenings this year.

Parent/teacher interviews will be held in week ten of this term and again at the end of term two. Outside of these set times parents are encouraged to arrange to meet with teachers as the need arises. It is the right of every parent to seek information about their child's learning.

If you wish to meet with teachers at any time about any issue please contact the school office to make an appointment. By arranging a specific time teachers are able to prepare for the meeting. It is not acceptable for parents/teachers to be discussing important issues on assembly lines or on the playground.

Parents are reminded about the following

- The importance of punctuality each morning and afternoon. The morning bell is rung at 8.40am. Please make sure your children are in the playground before this time each day as many minutes of learning are lost through children arriving late to school. Similarly parents are requested to be 'on time' to collect their children at the end of the day. Please notify the school office if for any reason you will be late collecting your child from school.
- The appropriate area for parents waiting. Parents are welcome to come into the playground before and after school. However, for reasons of child protection, there are designated areas for parents. Before school parents are asked to sit on the silver seats near the year four learning space. After school parents are asked to wait on the silver seats at the bottom of the playground near year three. Your children are our prime concern and therefore teachers need to have clear vision of them in order to supervise effectively before and after school.
- Safe driving around the school. Parents are asked to keep to the 40kph speed limit and take care at all times when driving near the school. There is very limited parking at the front of the school and when parents are running late in the mornings the build-up of traffic at the two school crossings is extremely dangerous. The school cares about YOUR children. Please parents, show the same care.
- St Aidan's high expectations with regard to uniform and grooming. We do not and will not apologise for setting high standards nor do we apologise for insisting that these expectations are met. Please be reminded of the following

O hair that reaches the shoulder is tied back and fixed with a bottle green or gold ribbon or scrunchy

O clipped hair it be no shorter than a number two

O undercuts, tracks, tails, mohawks, mullets or any other hairstyle that is out of the ordinary is not permitted.

O children wear a minimum of jewellery. They are only to wear one pair of earrings and for safety reasons these are to be studs not hooped earrings.

O children do not wear makeup and nail polish to school.

O the correct uniform is to be worn at all times

O sports shoes are to be mainly white. Brightly coloured sports shoes ARE NOT to be worn.

O parents will be contacted regarding breaches of our expectations. Much angst can be avoided by people attending to the seemingly 'little' things and simply complying with the school's policies.

If you are unsure about any of the school's policies please contact myself or Mrs Leahy, Assistant Principal

In order to touch base with parents and clarify any questions you may have about school I invite you to meet me for 'coffee and a chat'. This will take place on Wednesday 4th March from 1.50-2.45 in the school library. Further details will be available closer to the date.

I ask that you take note of the term dates over the page and keep these in a prominent place at home so you can keep 'up to date' with school happenings.

I look forward to working with each of you this year as we work together to provide the best possible education for your children

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.

CONDOLENCES

Many parents would have received a notification via the 'skoolbag app' that Dr. Ricketts' Mother passed away on Monday 12th January 2015.

As a school community we pass on our condolences to Dr. Ricketts, her family and friends at this sad time.



SCHOOL FEES

Every family will receive their school fees notice in the mail. If you would like to take advantage of the flexible payment plan please complete the papers with the school fees statement and send them to the Catholic Education Office **before** the due date.

MOTHERS DAY STALL 2015

St Aidan's School will be having a Mothers Day stall this year.

Mrs Abicic has kindly offered to organize the stall for us.

If you are interested in helping please contact the school office.



ST AIDAN'S BOOK COVERS

As you are aware St Aidan's sells book covers for students' workbooks. These covers are colour coded according to each Key Learning Area (K.L.A) - *please see the page opposite*. The cost of the book covers is \$2.00 per set or 30 cents per book cover. When you are covering the books please be sure to match the correct colour with the K.L.A. (subject).

Whilst these are not compulsory, the book covers are a great help to students and teachers.

The book covers are currently **NOT** available. However more covers have been ordered and they should be available sometime next week. Please check with the office.



PARENT HELPERS IN CLASSROOMS

Due to work commitments a number of parents have withdrawn from helping in the classrooms or have not yet given the school office their name if they are able to assist in 2015.

If you would like to help in your child's classroom during this term/year please complete the information below and return it to school by Wednesday 4th February or phone the school office on 9625 3181.

All parent helpers need to complete Child Protection Training on the following website:

<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/index.asp>

Child's name _____

Parent/carer's name _____

Child's class 2015 _____

SPORTS AT ST AIDAN'S: WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?

I would like to you to clarify sport at St Aidan's. St Aidan's implements the NSW Board of Studies PDHPE (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education) syllabus. This clearly states that it is **mandatory** for all primary schools to have a minimum of **one hour per week** of sport or physical activity. St Aidan's follows this direction. The PE or sport program is skills based and includes four different areas:

- dance
- games and sport
- gymnastics
- active lifestyle

The skills are different for each grade depending on age and ability.

In addition to weekly sport, the CEDP (Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta) organises different gala days for primary students in various sports, such as:

- soccer
- netball
- basketball and others

St Aidan's enters primary teams in gala days each year. St Aidan's primary athletics carnival, cross country and infants tabloid the sports program and some children progress to the Diocesan Athletics and Cross Country.

At times parents have asked for additional sport to be offered. As the curriculum is already overloaded there is no room for additions. Government schools do not teach Religious Education therefore they have an extra 2 ½ hours each week.

Parents who require additional sports/ competition for their children are encouraged to look to local communities that offers broad array of sporting competitions.

Should you require any further information regarding school sport please contact me at the school.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal

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### St Aidan's Staff Term One 2015

|                         |                                                        |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Mrs Rosemarie Corpus    | Kindergarten C                                         |
| Miss Prudence Hall      | Kindergarten H                                         |
| Miss Jessica Chetcuti   | Year one C                                             |
| Miss Amy McAlister      | Year one M                                             |
| Miss Sara Issa          | Year two I (temporary)                                 |
| Mrs Kelly Upton         | Year two U                                             |
| Mrs Therese Bear        | Year three B                                           |
| Miss Taryn Quinlivan    | Year three Q                                           |
| Miss Christine Dellenty | Year four D                                            |
| Mrs Miray Khoury        | Year four K                                            |
| Mrs Cristina Poole      | Year five P                                            |
| Mrs Kate Woolcock       | Year five W                                            |
| Miss Alana Brown        | Year six B                                             |
| Mrs Janet Colusso       | Year six C                                             |
| Mrs Christine Leahy     | Literacy Support/Reading Recovery                      |
| Mrs Grace Carlo-Stella  | Teacher/Librarian & LTST—(three days)                  |
| Mrs Sarah Hunt          | Learning Support (temporary)                           |
| Mrs Julie Taylor        | Learning Support (temporary)                           |
| Mr Anthony Julius       | RFF/Learning Support                                   |
| Mrs Allison Matthews    | Executive release and Literacy Support (four days)     |
| Mrs Julie Hermsen       | Literacy Support and Reading Recovery—Monday to Friday |
| Mrs Bianca Manton       | RFF (release from face to face teaching)—(three days)  |
| Mrs Helen Grady         | Executive release and Literacy Support—(two days)      |
| Mrs Angela Cooper       | Executive release and Numeracy release—(one day)       |
| Ms Anna Madigan Singh   | School Counsellor                                      |
| Mr Reesen Pillai        | IT Trainee (three days)                                |
| Mrs Wendy Brown         | Teacher Assistant                                      |
| Mrs Michelle Provest    | Teacher Assistant                                      |
| Mrs Jenny Chivers       | Teacher Assistant                                      |
| Mrs Blaga Wakeling      | Financial Administrator                                |
| Mrs Carol Newell        | Secretary                                              |
| Mrs Tricia Zammit       | Secretary                                              |
| Mr Wally Woodhead       | Groundsman/Maintenance                                 |

#### The Leadership Team

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts | Principal                       |
| Mrs Christine Leahy    | Assistant Principal             |
| Mrs Miray Khoury       | Religious Education Coordinator |
| Mrs Janet Colusso      | Coordinator                     |
| Mrs Kelly Upton        | Coordinator                     |

English - Reading

Mathematics

Religious Education

CBL

Homework

PDHPE

English - Writing