

DATES FOR TERM TWO 2015

Tuesday 12th May	2:00pm Meeting for Kinder parents re Reading strategies
Tues 12th, Wed 13th & Thurs 14th	NAPLAN for years 3 and 5
Thursday 14th May	Year 2 excursion to Warragamba Dam
Tuesday 19th May	* Year 5 excursion to UWS * Meal Deal Day—Bedrock Meatballs on a Roll
Wednesday 20th May	9:15am Year 1 leading Infants Mass
Thursday 21st May	Stage 3 Boys Soccer
Tuesday 26th May	6:30pm-8:00pm Parent Information Evening—Numeracy
Wednesday 27th May	Year 2 Assembly (time to be advised—see School App i.e. 'Skoolbag' search for St Aidan's)
Friday 29th May	School Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 2nd June	Meal Deal Day—Oodles of Noodles
Wednesday 3rd June	◆ 9:15am Year 3 leading Primary Mass ◆ 2:00pm Coffee & Chat with the Principal
Monday 8th June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, ST MARYS

Mrs Helen Minol retires from Our Lady of the Rosary after 50 years as a teacher and 10 years as a student at the school.

We have two functions later in the year to farewell and thank Mrs Helen Minol

- ◆ Wednesday 7th October – 2pm Prayer Celebration followed by 'High Tea' from 3-4:30pm.
- ◆ Saturday 24th October. 6pm evening Mass at OLR Church followed by Supper at OLR School.

This will be a back to OLR experience which is one not to be missed! As well as celebrating with Mrs Minol it will also be a magnificent 'reunion' of past and present students, families and staff.

We will be preparing a photo book of her journey at OLR, as both a student and a teacher. Please email any photos you would like included (with details of who, what, when and where) to the following address: olorstmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au as work on this gift has already begun.

Invitations with RSVP details will be sent out later in the year. Please spread the word to family, friends and neighbours. With Social Media we trust the good news will travel fast!

The staff and students of OLR would consider it an honour if you could join us to celebrate with Mrs Minol.

Further details OLOR (02) 9623 2500.

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on May 18, 2015.

Tour the College and discover why a *Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.*

The College is now enrolling for 2016 and 2017. www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham

25th Anniversary Mass & Morning Tea
Friday 12th June
9.15am in the Church
Followed by Morning Tea in the School Hall

RSVP - 22nd May to Marie, Monica or Despina in the School Office

For further information contact the School Office on 4773 4485
Email - Luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au

BEDROCK

\$5.00



**BEDROCK MEAL DEAL DAY
TUESDAY 19TH MAY 2015**

****\$5.00 PAYMENT BY TUESDAY 12TH MAY****

MEATBALLS ON A ROLL

SAUCE

Sweet Chilli Sweet & Sour Tomato BBQ

JUST JUICE

Apple Juice **OR** Orange Juice

Child's name _____ Class _____

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From the Principal

Love one another, and let charity guide you in all your life.

St Mary MacKillop

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Dear Parents,

Life at St Aidan's has been extremely busy during the past two weeks. Year six presented a very entertaining and informative assembly last week. Thank you year six students and teachers. Kindergarten loved the skits that were performed.

Last Wednesday we celebrated 'Mother's Day' with a beautiful Mass and morning tea. Thank you to Mrs Khoury and the Liturgy committee. A special thanks to Miss Alana Brown and year six students for preparing the beautiful liturgical movement. We were all very moved by this presentation.

It was lovely to see and chat to so many mothers, grandparents and friends at this annual event. As has happened in previous years some our staff members' mothers were able to join us. This is always a pleasure and completes the celebration.

The students in year six did a fabulous job catering for the morning tea. Thank you children. Your culinary skills were excellent. Congratulations to the Student Leaders for hosting morning tea and ensuring that our 'mums' were well looked after.

Thirty-five students from years three to six represented St Aidan's at the Diocesan Cross Country last Tuesday. The children were a credit to themselves and their school and displayed impressive sporting spirit. Thank you to Mr Julius for organising and training the students and to Mrs Cooper who attended the event as an official.

Today the students from years three to six took part in basketball clinics. We were visited by the Waratah's League who gave some great game pointers to the students. The students enjoyed the activity immensely. Thank you to Mr Julius for organising this for the students.

Thank you to Mrs Abicic for organising the Mother's Day Stall today and to Mrs Ayoub, Mrs Bell and Mrs Derjani for ably assisting her. We are very appreciative of your generosity with preparing and selling the gifts. I am sure that the children have made some very thoughtful purchases. Thank you to all parents for your support.

Next week the Kindergarten teachers are holding a reading workshop for parents of children in kindergarten. Teachers are planning to discuss the 'teaching' of reading, give some helpful hints to parents and address any concerns or questions that parents may have. This workshop will be held next Tuesday 12th May at 2pm in the school library. It is hoped that parents will come along to find out how they can better assist with their children's reading.

On Tuesday 26th May we are holding a Parent Information Night for all parents. The focus of this meeting is to share information about numeracy and involve parents in a variety of numeracy activities. A similar evening was held last year and parents requested that we hold another numeracy meeting this year. Please try to come along and support the kindergarten teachers in the great work they are doing with learning and teaching.

I wish all mothers a very happy mother's day and trust that you will be dutifully pampered on this special occasion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

As Christians, we need to pray, read, reflect, discuss and learn what it means to be a true follower of Jesus. This is the only way to understand the Scriptures and live their message.

Jesus said: 'I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest.' John 10:10

This Easter season we are encouraged to reflect on what living 'life to the fullest' means not only for ourselves, in our comfortable first world environment but for all peoples, poor and wealthy alike, and for all of creation. I encourage you to read the following prayer with your family during the season of Easter.

Family Prayer

**Faithful Shepherd,
You lead us to restful waters to restore and renew us.
Still our hearts so we may hear your voice.
Give us the courage to follow you wherever you lead.
Amen.**

Mrs Miray Khoury,
Religious Education Coordinator.

NUMERACY NEWS

By the end of year two children should be able to count by 2's 5's and 10's from different non zero starting points.



What can you do at home to support your child?

- ♦ Use different materials to practise counting a collection of objects.
- ♦ Play board games like Snakes and Ladders, which require children to move and count forwards and backwards.
- ♦ Count from 0 by 2's first, before counting by 10's and 5's.
- ♦ Count forwards and backwards everyday from different starting points.
- ♦ Use "Number Rack" an interactive bead string app to assist with counting. (Free iPad app).

In the next newsletter I will address counting in the middle years (Year 3-4).

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Rita El-Ghossein 5W and Paula El-Ghossein 3B and their family on the birth of a baby girl, Clara.



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.

*St Aidan's Staff and Students
wish all Mothers a
Happy Mother's Day
for Sunday 10th May*



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSMENT?

The purpose of assessment is to guide the learning of the student. Assessment has always determined the next step in the learning sequence for the student.

Assessment of student work will always be part of how we cater for the needs of each individual student. Therefore, assessment will always be part of the teaching and learning process.

The purpose of assessment is also to make adjustments to the learning to improve outcomes.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

LITERACY MATTERS

Students in kindergarten, year one and year two gradually learn how to hold a pencil, recognise that words are separated by spaces and attempt to write letters and words with teacher assistance.

The correct pencil grip will help the writing flow smoothly. Ask the teacher for the correct hold if you are unsure. Students are also required to compose their own sentences to create a story.

Improvement occurs when writing is practised each day. Encourage your child to write each day.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KB	Gabrielle Bernadino	Yagnasree Reddapani	KH	Angelica Cabalhin	Ethan D'Cruz
1C	Marko Knezevic	Aryan Singh	1M	Anne Warwick-Smith	Hayden Bell
2I	Ann Sherin	Caleb Montenegro	2U	Raylene D'Cruz	Angelica Danial
3B	Wayne Conopio	Aecy Dimapilis	3Q	Angeli Sharma	Beminet Habte
4D	Clara Michael	Rafael Velasco	4K	Elissa Elbacha	Benedict Macapagal
5P	Lyndon Romano	Angeli Hate	5W	Chloe Bazina	Samuel Meilak
6B	Stephanie Derjani	Emilio Seguban	6C	Alexi Bonete	Robert Apostol

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY 2015

Congratulations to the following students who participated at the Diocesan Cross Country last Tuesday

Simone Ramos	Dora Abicic	Jwer Akol	Akon Angara
Kacey Alvarado	Akon Anei	Gennlyn Santos	Bella Teuma-Manaog
Clara Michael	Amir Gum	Nicole Cabalhin	Miriam Warwick-Smith
Jaira-Lynn De Vera	Tiffany Wu	Fiona Vicedas	Alexi Bonete
Angelica Patterson	Byron Skarski	Michael Piliae	Mason Polidano
Thomas Putrus	Edwin Liberty	Ricardo White	Prince II Gonzales
Neil Swin	Rodney Patterson	Jonathan Tandoc	Jeremiah Warwick-Smith
Jeremy Rahman	Samuel Meilak	Kyle Polidano	Kenyon Aquino
Gerard Mantua	Jemaine Darjani	Robert Apostol	Tong Wol

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Manaog and Mr Warwick-Smith who assisted at the Diocesan Cross Country last Tuesday.

Thank you to Mrs Ayoub; Mrs Derjani; Mrs Darjani; Mrs Abicic; and Mrs Maireriki who assisted at the year six excursion yesterday.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF TOMORROW COMPETITION

Last term we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. As part of the celebrations, the Catholic Education Office ran a competition for all the schools in NSW and the ACT. The theme of the competition was 'What will your Catholic School of Tomorrow look like?' Individual students or groups were required to produce a 30 second video clip showing what education would look like in the future.

A group of students from year six entered the competition and produced an outstanding clip. Congratulations to the following students for all the hard work: Christina Abi Chemouni; Marta Abicic; Stephanie Derjani; Lee Darjani and Bianca Fragomeli. These students gave up recess and lunch time to prepare and record the clip.

A special mention needs to go to Christina for her planning, enthusiasm and the many hours spent fine tuning the presentation.

Well done to the five students who worked hard at producing a wonderful clip.

The clip can be viewed at— <http://www.catholicschools.nsw.edu.au/catholic-schools-week-competition>.

Ms Grace Carlo-Stella
Teacher/Librarian.