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ON WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

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

Dear Parents,

Last week Mrs Leahy, Mrs Colusso and myself attended the commissioning ceremony for three of our teachers: Miss Di Bartolo; Mrs Power and Mrs Morgan. These newly appointed teachers were welcomed to the Parramatta Diocese and commissioned to the role of 'teacher'. The ceremony was truly beautiful with a balance of both the contemporary and Catholic traditions. Fr Peter Williams (Diocesan Administrator) spoke to the new teachers and the congregation, of the importance of teachers and the fact that teaching is not just a 'job' but a vocation. Father Peter also stressed the importance of teachers building strong relationships with students, something that the staff at St Aidan's do very well. I was very proud to be a part of such a meaningful ceremony.

Term One curriculum overviews for each grade were sent to parents last week. These statements provide you with important information about your child's learning this term. If for some reason you did not receive this overview please contact the appropriate teacher or the school office.

The Opening Mass for 2016 will be held on Wednesday 24th February, at 9.15am. During Mass we ask God's blessing on each of us for this year. At the conclusion of Mass there will be a brief induction ceremony for the newly appointed School Captains and Sports Leaders. All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us for Mass and afterwards for tea/coffee in the hall.

Catholic School's week will be held in all Parramatta Catholic Schools from the 7th-13th March 2016. There will be a whole school Mass on 9th March followed by 'open' classrooms. You might want to note this date on your calendars to enable you to have time off work if possible.

Thank you to those parents who have been driving cautiously around the school at 'drop off' and 'pick up' times. Remember that the car spaces outside the school office are for drop off and pick up only and you are NOT permitted to park and leave your car. The three spaces opposite the school office may be used to park for extended periods at all times. Staff are not using these car parks in order to free up the area for parents and visitors.

I remind parents that the church car park **IS NOT** to be used for dropping off or picking up children. This car park is for parishioners attending Mass or parish functions. A number of parents have been double parking and parking across the entrance to the parish car park and this is not only very dangerous but also a nuisance for parishioners trying to access the car park. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

Let us continue to work together to provide the best possible learning for our students. Should any parent have concerns or issues with any aspect of schooling please make a time to speak to the appropriate teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
 Principal.

We must always expect crosses.

Saint Mary of the Cross
 MacKillop
 1882

Lenten Reflection



Lent means many things to many people. The three foundational practices of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Whether you are seeking solemnity, renewal, or rejuvenation, the season of Lent offers the perfect opportunity to achieve them.

Daily prayer offers the chance to connect with God on a spiritual level. Fasting from passing judgement on others or gossiping cleanses the soul. Giving the gift of your attention to someone who simply wants to be noticed makes your life flow smoother, your self more centred, and your Spirit more aware of God's presence. This year, each grade will share their learning's in Religion via the newsletter. This will provide the perfect opportunity for you as parents continue their learning at home.

There will be three Lenten reflections for parents starting next Thursday the 18th February. The following two sessions will take place in week six Thursday 3rd March and week eight Thursday 17th March. These sessions will take place in the meeting room at 9:00 am and will be 30 minutes long. As this is a reflective time for adults, it would be appreciated if your toddlers were minded during this time.

Mrs Miray Khoury
Religious Education Coordinator.

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### Curriculum Overviews

Last week parents received the term one curriculum overview for each grade. There are a number of changes to the curriculum since last year.

The first change is to Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE). This key learning area has now been divided into two separate subjects.

The two new subjects are History K-10 and Geography K-10 which take the place and time allocation of the old HSIE.

History K-10 syllabus is focused on society and cultures. Students examine the contributions of the individuals and groups to Australian society.

Geography K-10 syllabus is focused on environments.

Students explore:

- ◆ diversity of places
- ◆ demographics and social differences of different countries
- ◆ effects of technologies in people's lives

Each grade will explore two History units and two Geography units across the year.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or need clarification about the new syllabi.

Mrs Christine Leahy  
Assistant Principal.

### Numeracy News

Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAIs) have been conducted over the past few weeks. During these interviews students engaged in a variety of tasks linked to four areas or domains (counting, place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division).

Students have been assigned a growth point for each domain based on their interview. Growth points indicate their level of understanding in relation to the four domains.

This information will sharpen the teaching of mathematics in 2016. Teachers will use this data to develop maths activities that will move students towards the next growth point in each domain. Teachers will also review and update the data continually throughout the year.

More information about growth points and the teaching of Mathematics will be addressed in future newsletters and parent meetings.

In the next newsletter I will explore the role of parents in the teaching of Mathematics.

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

Miss Prudence Hall  
Lead Numeracy Teacher

### Baby News

Congratulations to Jimmy Johnson 4P and his family on the birth of a baby girl, Areille.

### School Fees

School fees have now been issued and are due by **Monday 7th March.**

Direct debit option forms can be sent directly to the Catholic Education Office in the envelope provided with the statement.

Please contact me if you need any further information on (02) 9625 3181.

Mrs Blaga Wakeling  
Office Manager.

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Change of address/phone numbers

It is important that the school has up-to-date records for the safety of your children. Please notify the school office if there are any changes e.g. address, phone number, mobile numbers or emergency contact details.

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KH	Ibrahim Farage	Sarah Shakya
KQ	Nathaniel Digges-Lagula	Gardenia Fuimaono
1M	Sean Caster	Alisha Prasad
1S	Alfred Ramos	Summa Skarski
2D	Lithil Attanayake	Isabela Tenefrancia
2U	Gabrielle Cabantog	Sarah Jones
3C	Breindel Capili	Hannah Faustino
3D	Matthew Allen	Caterina Mifsud
4B	Amire Gorgise	Janithi Semage
4P	Nicholas Limpiado	Airah Paulate
5B	Brooke Elson-Gill	Girgis Moawad
5P	Francesca Lagana	Jon Timbol
6C	Alexander Kokoftopoulos	Max Usu
6K	Kyra Barcelon	Stefanie Lagana

Skoolbag App—St Aidan's Rooty Hill

Stay connected with what is happening at St Aidan's.

On the school app you can now access notes that are sent home, the newsletter and school calendar.

Where do you find the notes?

Click on the news followed by 'school notes'. All the current notes will appear on this page. If you misplace the initial note sent home you are able to print a new one.

Sick notes, absent notes as well as change of details can be submitted using the school app.

If you currently do not have the school app, go to the 'app' store or 'google play' and download it. With the school app you will be able to receive notifications and reminders. The app is free.

Ms Grace Carlo-Stella,
Teacher/Librarian.

DATES FOR TERM ONE 2016

Wednesday 17th February	7:30pm St Aidan's Parish Parent Information for First Confession
Wednesday 24th February	9:15am Opening School Mass followed by tea and coffee in the hall
Sun 7th-Sat 13th March	Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday 9th March	9:15am Mass followed by open classrooms
Thursday 24th March	Holy Thursday
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 meetings
Friday 8th April	Term one concludes. School closes for Autumn holidays.