



From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term three. I trust that you enjoyed some quality time with your children during the holidays. Even the change of routine can be refreshing in itself.

This term we are joined by Miss Jacinta Di Bartolo who will be teaching year two until the end of 2015. Miss Di Bartolo is an ex-student of St Aidan's and has done a substantial amount of casual teaching here in past months. I am sure you will make her very welcome to our community.

As you are aware our community was very saddened by the sudden death of Mr Bill Brown, husband of Mrs Wendy Brown, a long-standing Teacher's Assistant at St Aidan's. On your behalf I extend sincere sympathy and a promise of support to Mrs Brown and her family during this very sad and difficult time.

I also extend my sympathy to Mrs Julie Hermens (teacher) whose father passed away this week. He died peacefully after a long illness. Please keep Mrs Hermens and her family in your prayers during this sad time.

This term there are some very exciting extra curricula activities planned for students. These events are included in the term dates over the page but I emphasise the following:

- The annual Spellathon between weeks three and five
- Celebrating Science in week six
- Book fair in weeks six and seven and Book Week Parade in week six
- Father's Day Mass, morning tea and stall in week eight
- Numeracy challenge and open classroom for parents in week ten

Please keep the dates for school events in an obvious place at home so you can encourage your children and be involved in their learning.

Yesterday a memo was sent to each family explaining the changes in Adelaide Street parking. In term one 2015, a group of parents spoke to Councillor Atalla about traffic congestion and safety issues in Adelaide and Kimberly Streets.

During last term Blacktown Council conducted a survey of traffic in the streets surrounding St Aidan's. It was noted that congestion in Adelaide Street was an issue particularly during 'drop off' and 'pick up' times. This presented serious concerns for the safety of St Aidan's students.

Council agreed with the Local Traffic Committee recommendation to move the centre line in Adelaide Street closer to the school. This has resulted in removing forty (40) metres of parking on the school side of Adelaide Street that currently exists between the pedestrian crossings.

To compensate for the loss of parking, council have created fifty-five (55) metres of additional parking on Kimberly Street opposite the current bus zone. Parking in Adelaide Street is still available past the second pedestrian crossing.

The changes were made by council and acted upon before I was able to communicate anything to parents.

These changes have caused real concern for some parents and visitors.

**I have since been in touch with Councillor Edmond Atalla to discuss other options.
He will arrange a site meeting in the coming weeks to revisit this issue. I will ensure that there is a parent representation at this meeting.**

In the meantime I ask that you are patient and show concern for the safety of the children at all times.

The Diocese of Parramatta has implemented a *Safeguarding Communication Strategy aimed at reaching out to survivors of abuse who have been harmed as a consequence of their engagement in ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta*. An advertisement for this initiative is attached to the newsletter.

I look forward to working with each of you as we journey through this exciting term.

Yours sincerely

Dr Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.

Seminar - Understanding Family Law

CCSS Solo Parent Services will hold this seminar over two sessions covering different aspects of Family Law in each session.

Session One: Wednesday 22nd July: Overview of the Family Law Act (FLA)Separation/Divorce

will cover topics including Time limits under FLA, Children under the FLA, Parenting Plans, Family Dispute resolution, What Constitutes abuse or family violence, The role of Independent Children's lawyers and how the court determines what's in the best interest of children.

Session Two: Wednesday 12th August: Overview of Family Law Act (FLA)with a focus on Property, topics include Timetables within the FLA, what constitutes property under under the FLA, Application of FLA in de facto or same sex relationships, Spouse Maintenance, Consent Orders and other topics.

Venue: DAC, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown

Time:7.30pm - 9.30pm**Cost:** \$7.00 per session.

Registration Essential: Eileen or Rita 9933 0205 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



HOT DIGGITY DOG MEAL DEAL DAY TUESDAY 28TH JULY 2015 ****\$5.00 PAYMENT BY TUESDAY 22ND JULY****

Hot dog

Sauce

Tomato

BBQ

Just Juice

Apple

Orange

Child's name/s _____

Child's class /es_____



SNUGGLEPOT AND CUDDLEPIE

We came to school on Thursday 16th of July feeling very excited. We were very excited because kindergarten, year one, year two and year three were going to the Riverside Theatre to see Snugglepot and Cuddlepie. We already knew a lot about the characters in the play because we have just finished reading the book in class.

We had to be as quiet as mice inside the theatre. Suddenly, it became as dark as night. Flash! There was a light on the stage. We heard a voice that sounded wise and old like an owl. It was May Gibbs. She is the writer and illustrator of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie. She reminded us how special the Australian bush is and introduced the story.

Snugglepot and Cuddlepie were the first characters to come out on stage. They wore little hats shaped like gumnuts. They were wearing green leaves for clothes. They wanted to see a human so they asked their kind and cheeky friend Mr. Lizard to help them.

During the play we met lots of other characters from the story. Some characters were kind and other characters were creepy and evil. The scariest character was Mrs. Snake. She was a sly, slippery, selfish and sneaky snake.

Snufflepot and Cuddlepie met some wonderful friends on their journey to see a human. Snufflepot met Ragged Blossom. Ragged Blossom was as sweet as a strawberry and very courageous when she helped Snufflepot, Cuddlepie and Mr. Lizard get away from Mrs. Snake and the bad, old Banksia Man.

We were happy that we read the story before seeing the play because we felt like we already knew the characters. We think that the play was very entertaining and that families should go and see it. We had a delightful morning!

By Micho Bonete, Raylene D'Cruz and Andrea Santos, 2U

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## BABY NEWS

Congratulations to the Cabalhin family and their children Nicole 5P, Maureen 3Q, Angelika KH. The family have a new baby boy, Matthew.

Congratulations to Briyanna Azaglo 3B and Jordan Azaglo KH and their family. The family have a new baby girl, Brandi.

## SKOOLBAG APP ST AIDAN'S ROOTY HILL

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.

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.

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.

## NUMERACY NEWS

Throughout the years of schooling children engage in tasks where they read, write, order and interpret numbers from one digit to four digits and beyond, including fractions and decimals.

Children are encouraged to work with numbers that challenge them. For example if a child were assigned a growth point of two in the MAI for place value, this shows that they were confident working with numbers to 100 and would now be expected to work with three digit numbers from 100 to 1000.

The focus of your child's goal this term may have moved on from counting to place value. This means that your child's focus will be centred primarily on working with different numbers. Your child will still be given many opportunities this term to continue developing their counting skills.

In the next newsletter I will explore numbers around us and provide examples of how you can support numeracy development at home.

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

*Miss Prudence Hall*

Lead Numeracy Teacher.

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TUCKSHOP NEWS

- ◆ Please remember to use a brown/white paper bag when ordering. Food cannot be put into a plastic bag or envelope.
- ◆ No foreign coins will be accepted.
- ◆ Please remind your child to put their order into the lunch tub first thing in the morning.

Thank you.

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## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 RAFFLE

Please return your World Youth Day raffle ticket stubs together with the money (\$20 per book) to school as soon as possible.

Thank you.

| DATES FOR TERM THREE 2015 |                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 21st July         | 6:30pm Parent meeting (year six parents) with Constable Sneasby re Cyber safety                                                                                    |
| Thursday 23rd July        | Stage II Soccer gala day                                                                                                                                           |
| Monday 27th July          | Spellathon information sent home to parents for students                                                                                                           |
| Tuesday 28th July         | Meal deal—Hot diggity dog                                                                                                                                          |
| Wednesday 29th July       | 9:15am kindergarten leading Infants Mass                                                                                                                           |
| Wednesday 5th August      | 12:45pm year three Assembly                                                                                                                                        |
| Tuesday 11th August       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Blacktown Zone Athletics</li> <li>◆ Meal Deal—World Netball Championships</li> </ul>                                      |
| Wednesday 12th August     | 9:15am year two leading Infants Mass                                                                                                                               |
| Friday 14th August        | Spellathon test K-6                                                                                                                                                |
| Mon 17-Fri 21st August    | Science Week                                                                                                                                                       |
| Wednesday 19th August     | <i>The 26 Storey Treehouse</i> theatre excursion for years four, five and six                                                                                      |
| Thursday 20th August      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Year six Voice of Youth cluster final</li> <li>◆ 1:30pm Book Character Parade</li> <li>◆ Book Fair 3:00-4:00pm</li> </ul> |
| Friday 21st August        | Infants Tabloid Sports K-2 9:00am                                                                                                                                  |
| Monday 24th August        | Book Fair 9:00-10:00am and 2:30-3:30pm                                                                                                                             |
| Tuesday 25th August       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Stage three Girls Netball gala day</li> <li>◆ Meal Deal—Moon Rocks</li> </ul>                                             |
| Wednesday 26th August     | 9:15am year five leading Primary Mass                                                                                                                              |
| Mon 31st Aug-Fri 4th Sept | National Literacy and Numeracy Week                                                                                                                                |
| Wednesday 2nd September   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 9:15am Father's Day/St Aidan's Mass year four leading (whole school)</li> <li>◆ Father's morning tea</li> </ul>           |
| Friday 4th September      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Father's Day stall</li> <li>◆ Spellathon money due</li> </ul>                                                             |
| Tuesday 8th September     | Meal Deal—Turning Japanese                                                                                                                                         |
| Wednesday 9th September   | 12:45pm year one Assembly                                                                                                                                          |
| Tuesday 15th September    | Numeracy challenge. Parents will be invited 11:30am-1:15pm                                                                                                         |
| Wednesday 16th September  | 12:45pm kindergarten Assembly                                                                                                                                      |
| Friday 18th September     | 2:55pm term three concludes                                                                                                                                        |

## WOOLWORTHS/MODERN TEACHING AIDS 'EARN & LEARN'

The Woolworths/Modern Teaching Aids Earn & Learn program is back!

This program started on **Wednesday 15th July**, anyone who shops at Woolworths can collect stickers.

Shoppers will get one sticker for every \$10 they spend. Sticker cards are available at any Woolworths store.

Once you complete a sticker card please send the card/s to school.

The program closes **Tuesday 8th September**.

Depending on the number of stickers/points earned, the school will receive learning equipment and resources for use by the St Aidan's students!

In the past St Aidan's School has received some wonderful learning equipment/resources from Woolworths/Modern Teaching Aids. Thank you.