

DATES FOR TERM FOUR 2014

Tuesday 11th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Remembrance Day ◆ Kindergarten 2015 Orientation (new families)
Wednesday 12th November	9:15am Primary Mass lead by year six
Tuesday 18th November	Kindergarten 2015 Orientation (siblings & new families)
Wednesday 26th November	9:15am Infants Mass lead by kindergarten
Friday 28th November	Staff Development Day (no classes)
Wednesday 10th December	Student reports sent home to parents
Monday 15th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 8:45am KLA Awards K-5 ◆ 5:00pm Graduation Mass and Awards ceremony for year six
Tuesday 16th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 8:45am KLA Awards K-5 ◆ Year six disco and pizza lunch
Wednesday 17th December	9:15am Thanksgiving Mass
Thurs 18th & Fri 19th December	Staff Development Days (no classes)

THE WEDGIE



4 x Chicken wedges
1 x Hash brown
Sauce
1 x Just Juice

\$5.00

MEAL DEAL DAY TUESDAY 18TH NOV

PAYMENT DUE BY FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

- 4 x Chicken wedges
- 1 x Hash brown

Sauce choice

- Tomato
- BBQ
- Sweet chilli

Just Juice choice

- Apple
- Orange
- Paradise Punch

Child's name _____ Class _____



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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

As you know, last week at St Aidan's we celebrated "Staff Day". The student leaders and some senior students worked with Mrs Murphy to prepare a beautiful morning assembly during which members of staff were acclaimed on behalf of all students by the School Captain and Vice Captain, Vanie Barcelon and Anthony Gagliardi. Words such as dedication, caring, thoughtful, hard working, enthusiastic and many other such words were used to describe the staff. Each grade contributed to the accolades by writing poems, letters and drawing some very detailed likenesses of the St Aidan's Staff. The occasion was made more significant on Wednesday when the whole school attended Mass celebrated by Fr Alan. Mass was offered for staff who took part in the readings, gospel procession, offertory procession and a moving Liturgical Movement. I know that each member of our staff felt very honoured and privileged to be part of this close-knit St Aidan's community.

Thank you to the parents who have made an effort to collect their children from school 'on time' each day. While there has been a marked improvement in this area, there are still a small number of children being collected far too late each afternoon. Your assistance in this will be much appreciated.

It has been noted that many children are coming to school not having had enough sleep. This is particularly noticeable on Monday mornings. If children do not get sufficient sleep each night they are unable to concentrate on their work and lose valuable learning time. some current data is

- students fall asleep at their desks
- 90%of students are not getting enough sleep
- 15% are so tired it hampers their ability to learn.

One way that parents can support their child is to set up a good routine and make sure that their child has a regular early bedtime. Some suggestions are:

- avoid exposure to bright light 30 minutes before bed
- take technology out of bedrooms
- avoid stimulants
- sleep in a cool dark and quiet place.

The first Kindergarten Orientation session was held for siblings last Tuesday. Most of the children were very eager to go into the classroom, with a small number still a little hesitant. I am sure after their next session the children's confidence will have grown and they will be rushing in with great enthusiasm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

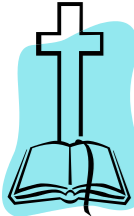
Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.

God is there waiting for me to tune in. He gave me such a sense of His watchful presence.

Saint Mary MacKillop

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REFLECTION

An insight to the four Gospels:

The Gospel of Matthew, the longest of all four Gospels was written in 28 Chapters and just over 1000 verses. Only Matthew and Luke's Gospels dealt with the Infancy narratives. These stories showed that even as a babe, Jesus' life was under threat from those who didn't understand that his kingdom was not of this world but of the next.

Matthew's Gospel did not stand alone. Referred to as the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke had many similarities when viewed side by side. *Syn* means *together* and *optic* means *to see*. Mark's Gospel was written first and Matthew used Mark's stories, to emphasise some of his own work. It was thought that Matthew had made use of a second source when writing his gospel, known as *Q*, the sayings and quotes of Jesus – common to both his Gospel and that of Luke's. Matthew often recorded direct quotes of Christ

The Gospel of John was recorded much later, therefore it drew on all that came before and represented a different tradition about Jesus and emphasised a more divine Christ.

The Church has three liturgical years and each has been dedicated to one of the Synoptic Gospels. The Sunday Gospels of Year A come from Matthew, Year B from Mark and Year C from Luke. The Gospel of John is normally found around Easter and Christmas each year.

Mrs. Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator.

WHY IS PDHPE IMPORTANT?

If our children are to become happy, healthy, responsible and productive people in our society, they need to develop relevant knowledge, skills and values. PDHPE is an important key learning area for students and the community because it:

- ◆ encourages an understanding and valuing of oneself and others;
- ◆ Develops an ability in students to make informed decisions in their lives;
- ◆ promotes lifelong involvement in physical activity.

Mrs. Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal

LITERACY MATTERS

Good readers and writers are able to draw on many different reading experiences. Children need books from home and from school in order for this to happen. The school and local library are important sources of reading material and as such need to be used regularly. Each grade has the opportunity to borrow from the library each week. Please ensure your child borrows books from the library each week.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.



NUMERACY NEWS

In 2015 the new Mathematics Curriculum will come into effect across all schools in NSW. There are no major differences between the new syllabus and the current syllabus and therefore will not dramatically impact the way we teach Mathematics at St Aidan's School.

Working Mathematically will continue to underpin all content taught in Mathematics and how students approach mathematical tasks. It considers their skills in communicating, problem solving, reasoning and understanding.

Mathematical content has been allocated to three content strands: Number and Algebra; Measurement and Geometry; and Statistics and Probability.

For further information about the new Mathematics syllabus visit

<http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/mathematics/mathematics-k10/>

In the next newsletter I will explore what Mathematics will look like at St Aidan's School in 2015.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

RESOURCE FEES NOW DUE FOR 2015

Resource fees of \$135 per student are now due.

If you have a kindergarten child starting at St Aidan's next year please pay the remaining resource fees as this money is now due.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Chloe Bazina in 4D and her family on the birth of a baby girl, Emily.



HELPING THE COMMUNITY

In year five, we decided to act and do something practical to help children and families who are less fortunate than us.

Look at what we collected for St Vincent de Paul!!!

Written by Ida Ioane & Christina Abi Chemouni.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KC	Rohaam Lagare	Bianca Miranda
KH	Ryan Galman	Cassandra Vunipola
1C	Samantha McGrath	Caleb Montenegro
1T	Russell Alpas	Angelica Prasad
2M	Sebastian Frias	Charlize Espino
2Q	Dut Dak	Aaron Shrestha
3B	Ridge Ramas	Sarah Batula
3U	Byron Skarski	Akon Angara
4D	Kenyon Aquino	Kyra Barcelon
4M	Matthew Danial	Krizzie Santos
5P	Ida Ioane	Robert Apostol
5W	Jonathan Tandoc	Holly-Anne Ramos
6B	Miriam Iskarous	Jayden Wills
6C	Kevin Tolentino	Kasey Catania

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TUCKSHOP COLOURING IN COMPETITION 2014 WINNERS

Shelbilise Teuma-Manaog KH
Gabrielle Romero 3B



Many thanks to the following parents who assisted at the Infants Tabloid Sports today for K-2:

Mrs Plaatjes, Mrs Fegradoe, Mrs Bell, Mrs Rebecca Fragomeli, Mrs Casserly, Mrs Cabalo and Mrs Warwick-Smith.

RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Did you know that you can have the newsletter emailed to you each fortnight? Newsletters can be received and read on all your mobile devices as well as computers.

If you would like to receive the school newsletter via email in 2015, please complete the slip below and return to the school office by Friday 21st November 2014.

FAMILY NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

NAME OF ELDEST CHILD ATTENDING ST AIDAN'S _____ CLASS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (please print clearly) _____