

**DATES FOR TERM ONE 2014**

Wednesday 5th March	11:30am Ash Wednesday Years 3-6 Mass
Sunday 9th-Saturday 15th March	Catholic Schools Week
Thursday 13th March	2:00-2:40pm—Open classrooms for Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday 19th March	9:15am Year one lead Infants Mass
Tuesday 25th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feast of the Annunciation</li> <li>Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala</li> </ul>
Tues 1st and Wed 2nd April	School photographs (taken over two days)
Wednesday 2nd April	9:15am Year 3 lead Primary Mass
Friday 11th April	2:55pm term one concludes

**St Agnes Catholic High School**

A Years 7 – 10 co-educational school



**Information Evening**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014**  
**6.00 to 7.30 pm**



- Information for Year 6 students and their families
- Come and meet the staff and students
- View student work and displays
- Guided tours of the school conducted by students
- Information session commences at 6.30 pm
- 2015 enrolment information and packages available
- Other Year group enquiries welcome

**Now enrolling for 2015**

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

**From the Principal**

Dear Parents,

Last week the St Aidan's community gathered to celebrate Mass for the opening of the 2014 school year. Thank you to the parents and friends who joined in our celebration, particularly those who participated in the readings, and offertory procession.

At the conclusion of Mass the student leaders for 2014 were given a special blessing and commissioned into their roles. On behalf of the St Aidan's community I congratulate the following students who have been selected as leaders.

**SCHOOL CAPTAIN**

Vanie Barcelon

**SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN**

Anthony Gagliardi

**SPORTS LEADERS****RED**

Britnee Azaglo  
 Justin Mallouk

**BLUE**

Awein Mawein  
 Milla Sagurit

**GREEN**

Shenna Sambat  
 Kevin Tolentino

**GOLD**

Gabriel Cacapit  
 Saia Manaia

**MEMBERS OF THE LITURGY COMMITTEE**

Amanda Pereira; Milla Sagurit; Shayne Cortes; Bethennie Llagas; Simonette Lagare; Yustina El-Rab.

**LIBRARY MONITORS**

Marta Abicic; Lee Darjani; Christina Abi Chemouni; Stephanie Derjani; Dominique Byrne; Alexi Bonete; Angelica Patterson; Jonas Mendoza; Holly-Anne Ramos; Alyzza Manalo; Bianca Fragomeli.

**MEMBERS OF THE ST AIDAN'S RADIO COMMITTEE**

Marta Abicic; Lee Darjani; Stephanie Derjani; Robert Apostol; Angelica Patterson; Bianca Fragomeli; Christina Abi Chemouni; Jayden Wills; Rhuven Del Rosario; Awein Mawein; Arabelle Remorozo; Kyle Polidano; Rita El-Ghossein; Kenyon Aquino.

It was heartening to see so many parents attend the 'meet the teacher' meetings this week. These meetings have once again proven to be a positive way to start the year by enabling parents and teachers to build a professional relationship. The parent teacher interviews to be held in the second half of the year will be more focussed on the children's learning and the results of the half yearly student reports.

The students from years three to six were involved in an 'anti bullying' workshop with Penrith Panthers during the week. We were visited by Ben Harden and three of the players who spent about an hour with the students discussing the issue of bullying and some strategies with which to deal with instances when bullying occurs. Thank you to the Panthers for sharing their time with our students and for the prizes that were given as incentives for accurate responses.

Catholic Schools Week commences on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March with a special Mass at 10.30am. All schools in the Parramatta Diocese will celebrate the great learning and teaching that is taking place in our schools. St Aidan's will be holding 'Open Classrooms' for family and friends on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 1.50- 2.40pm. All parents and friends are welcome to visit the classrooms and observe the children as they learn.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

*Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts*  
 Principal.



### REFLECTION

When studying Matthew's Gospel it is important to understand what was happening in the Jewish community, at that time. Around 70AD traditional Judaism had ended and a new Judaism began. The temple was destroyed. The Jewish Priesthood as it was known died out, as did the ritual of sacrificing animals at the altar. Christian communities gathered in small groups to learn and pray 'TORAH' (the five books of the Old Testament). For these communities Jesus became more than 'Torah'. Many Jewish families split because those who followed Jesus were banned from the Synagogue (85-90 AD). Writing for a Jewish Christian audience, Matthew wrote his account of Jesus' life linking it to Moses. Moses was extremely important to the Jewish people, for it was he who had brought them out of slavery.

Jesus became the new Moses. An example of this is the parallel we notice between Jesus giving the 'Sermon on the Mount' (Mat. 5) and Moses receiving the Ten Commands from God on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19) - both bringing the Law of God to fruition.

Mrs Silvana Murphy  
Religious Education Coordinator.

### MEDICATION POLICY

Parents of students requiring medication in school hours must inform the secretaries in the school office. Parents **MUST** request the administration of medication in writing. There are forms available at the school office.

The following **MUST** be provided in writing:

- date
- parent/guardian signature
- name of medication and details of dosage
- time to be administered
- duration of the medication
- acceptance of full responsibility in delegating the administering of the medication to the school.

The medication is sent to school in a re-sealable plastic bag with the child's name and class on the bag. If needed, a spoon or measuring cup is supplied with the medication. Students who are asthmatic or who are anaphylaxis will require an action plan from their doctor. If you have a concern please ask at the office.

Mrs Christine Leahy  
Assistant Principal.

### LITERACY MATTERS

#### Reading

Reading should be enjoyable for you and your child. If your child becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later. All children, regardless of age, like to be read to. Make a special time whenever possible for reading with your child away from interruptions.

Mrs. Christine Leahy  
Lead Literacy Teacher.



### NUMERACY NEWS

Last week Dr. Ricketts and I attended an EMU Leaders Course where Dr Ann Gervasoni gave valuable insights into the teaching of Mathematics, both in the classroom and at home.

One main point that came from the two days was for teachers and parents to **notice, discuss** and **explore** the Mathematics around them with their children.

**Notice** the Mathematics by finding big and small numbers on number plates or in recipes. Look at how objects are packed or positioned into rows or groups consider eggs in egg cartons, windows on a building, wheels on cars and trucks.

**Discuss** the Mathematics by asking questions to challenge their thinking.

- ◆ Where else could you have seen this?
- ◆ What number is 1 more? 5 less? 100 more?
- ◆ Why are they packed or positioned this way?
- ◆ How many wheels would there be on 3 trucks? 5 cars?

**Explore** the Mathematics by allowing your child to recreate or find different rows or groups, to write the biggest and smallest numbers from different places.

This is a great opportunity for you to interact with your child and share a love for Mathematics. It will challenge your child to think differently and encourage them to explain their thinking.

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

Miss Prudence Hall  
Lead Numeracy Teacher

### BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Cheneae Cruise 5P and Shyla Cruise KC and their family on the birth of a baby boy, Brock James.



### ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 begin next week. A child who will turn 5 years of age before 31st July 2015 is eligible to begin school. Forms may be picked up from the school office Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 3:00pm.

Enrolment forms need to be completed and returned as soon as possible with the original documents as stated in the form.

Interviews with one or both parents as well as your child will be held during term two 2014.

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

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KC	Katia Apps	James Gatmaitan
KH	Gabrielle Cabantog	Hayden Bell
1C	Breindel Capili	Keane Conopio
1T	Alek Lual	Matthew Ereira
2M	Jordana Jacobs	Marcus Brewty
2Q	Airah Paulate	Arrei Beia
3B	Favour Gueh	Tong Wol
3U	Leon Froio	Dora Abicic
4D	Kyra Barcelon	Kenyon Aquino
4M	Tristan Payuran	Latasha Brewty
5P	Ryan Maniago	Angelica Patterson
5W	Jenand Pereira	Isabella Burnie
6B	Shayne Cortes	Hedrone Aquino
6C	Joshua Fuamatu	Yustina El-Rab

### PENRITH PANTHERS ANTI-BULLYING INCURSION



### BLACKTOWN ZONE SWIMMING

Congratulations to Marco Mendoza, Bianca Fragomeli and Ricky White who participated in the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival at the Riverstone Swimming Pool.

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**SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN** Anthony Gagliardi

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