**DATES FOR TERM ONE 2015**

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<td>11:30am Ash Wednesday Mass for Years 3-6</td>
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<td>1:50pm Coffee and chat with the Principal</td>
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<td>9:15am Year six lead Catholic Schools Week Mass</td>
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<td>10:00-10:45am Open classrooms</td>
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<td>2:55pm term one concludes</td>
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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Please check the new Tuckshop price list if your child would like to place an order. Please use a brown/white paper bag (no plastic bags). Kindly write your child’s FULL name, class, amount enclosed and put as close to the correct money as possible in the bag. Please do not use sticky tape. No foreign coins will be accepted and no credit will be given. Thank you.

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**FARM YARD MEAL DEAL DAY**

**TUESDAY 3RD MARCH**

$5.00 PAYMENT BY THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

- Shredded Chicken Wrap with Salad
- Bottle of Water

Child’s name ____________________________
Child’s class __________________________

$5.00
LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (cont’d)

As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose. Families are encouraged to-holiday travel during school vacations. If travel during school term is necessary the following considerations apply:

1-9 days absence: Parents must notify the school principal by mail or email (written).

If the principal accepts the reason for the absence, the absence will be marked as “L” (Approved Leave).

10-100 days absence: Parents must complete and submit the Application for Extended Leave form prior to commencing leave. If approved the Principal issues a Certificate of Extended Leave. If the principal does not believe the absence is in the student’s best interests and does not accept the reason, the absence is unjustified and will be recorded as “A” (The student’s absence has not been explained in writing or the Principal does not accept the explanation) a letter notifying parents that the application has been declined would be forthcoming.

If the period of absence is in excess of 50 days, the student may be eligible to enrol in Distance Education. However, that will mean that the student will no longer be enrolled at St Aidan’s, as a student cannot be enrolled in more than one school concurrently (including Distance Education).

For that period the student’s enrolment transfers to the distance education school. The School Attendance Register codes can be found on our website.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

ATHERS

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In the next newsletter I will explore the counting domain with a particular focus on the counting growth points.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

SCHOOL FEES

Would any families who wish to pay their fees through Centrelink please contact Mrs Blaga Wakeling as soon as possible. It is hoped that a fixed number of families would pay as early as possible to ensure sufficient funds are available for the purchase of necessary items for each year. Flexible payment plans need to be posted directly to the Catholic Education Office by Friday 20th February.

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Just a reminder to Parents to please be courteous to the neighbours surrounding St Aidan’s School. Some parents have been parking across/blocking the neighbours’ driveways. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.