Rooty Hill RSL
Football Club

If you are looking for a fun team sport for your child,
Rooty Hill RSL FC are looking for boys and girls
who are turning five in 2015 to join our Under 5’s team.
All players need to register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au

For more information contact
Rachel 0414 670 807 or
Email rootyhillcrooball@outlook.com

Rooty Hill OOSH
Rooty Hill Outside of School Hours Care Centre Inc. sends a warm invitation to all parents, carers and families to attend... a 7:00pm start. Rooty Hill OOSH is located at 113 Rooty Hill Rd. Nth. Rooty Hill. Enquiries phone Linda 0414 546 321.

BEASTY BURGER MEAL DEAL DAY
TUESDAY 24TH MARCH
$5.00 PAYMENT BY THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

♦ CHEESE BURGER OR VEGIE BURGER
♦ ONE HASH BROWN
♦ ONE JUST JUICE

Child’s name ________________________ Class _____

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The St Aidan’s School Leadership Team and Student Leaders as well as teachers and parents represented our school at St Aidan’s Parish and the parishes of Good Shepherd Plumpton and Holy Family Emerton.

Our school’s celebrations included a whole school Mass last Wednesday followed by Open classrooms for parents and visitors to observe the children at work and have a closer look at our beautiful school. It was wonderful to see so many parents visiting the learning spaces. It was the largest group of parents we have ever had at ‘open classrooms’. Well done parents. Your children loved the fact that you were part of their learning for a short time.

We were also pleased that Mr Edmond Atalla the State Labor candidate for Mt Druitt was able to join us for Mass and morning tea. He also enjoyed visiting some of our learning spaces to see the children engaged in their learning.

Thank you to the parents who came along to ‘coffee and a chat’ last week. Thirty eight parents were able to join the group and enjoyed getting to know other parents. There was a strong sense that we should do this again, so it will be scheduled on the calendar for next term.

Last week I entered the school in the Daily Telegraph’s Champions of the West awards. The project that we entered was ‘Enhancing Learning through Technology’ with particular emphasis on the work being done through the school’s radio and robotics programs. Our teacher/librarian Ms Grace Carlo-Stella facilitates both of these programs. Unfortunately I received word yesterday that our school was not successful in reaching the finals. As far as I’m concerned our teachers and students will always be winners. Well done Ms Carlo-Stella and members of the Radio and Robotics classes.

Thank you to the twenty-two parents who attended the Healthy Lunch Box session today which was facilitated by Nina Tan and Fraya Wilson from the Cancer Council NSW. It was an informative workshop and the parents all received a free show bag that included a healthy lunch box kit and planner.

Well done to the parents who have accessed the ‘online’ interview site to book their interview for week ten this term. As mentioned previously these interviews will involve parent/child/teacher for a fifteen minute discussion about the child’s numeracy goal based on the results of their recent MAI (Mathematics Assessment Interview). Our purpose is to ensure that the children are given a voice and are able to articulate their numeracy goal, thus taking more responsibility for their own learning.

Thank you for your continued support. It is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely    _______________________

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.
Together we are one

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

Lent is a time to fast, to give and to pray.

It is a time to regenerate our mission from Baptism to make God’s love visible and tangible in this world through our words, actions and relationships. Lent is a time for ‘sacrificial love’.

*Mrs Miray Khouyr*
Religious Education Coordinator

**EXCERCISE POLICY**

Excursions are a regular feature of our teaching program and parents are asked to cooperate by giving permission when required. Excursions may range from short, about the local district, to full day visits to places that offer specialised information and experiences.

Excursions are planned in order to provide the students with meaningful experiences outside the immediate environment. Such experiences must be relevant to the curriculum.

*Mrs Christine Leahy*
Assistant Principal.

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**NUMERACY NEWS**

Place value refers to our understanding when reading, writing, interpreting and ordering different numbers.

Throughout the interview children completed a variety of tasks, which asked them to read, write and interpret numbers from one digit to four digits and beyond including fractions and decimals.

Growth points were assigned to each child based on their responses during their interview. The place value growth points are listed below.

- 0 - Not yet able to read, write, interpret and order one digit numbers (to ten).
- 1 - Can read, write, interpret and order one digit numbers (to ten).
- 2 - Can read, write, interpret and order two digit numbers (from ten to one hundred).
- 3 - Can read, write, interpret and order three digit numbers (from one hundred to nine hundred and ninety nine).
- 4 - Can read, write, interpret and order numbers beyond one thousand.
- 5 - Can apply place value knowledge to a variety of problems.
- 6 - Can read, write, interpret and order different fractions and decimals.

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

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

*Miss Prudence Hall*
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

**BABY NEWS**

Congratulations to Anei Anei 6C, Akon Anei 5W, Akok Anei 2U, Moung Anei KH and their family on the birth of a baby boy, Nyang.

**ST AIDAN’S PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 began 2nd March 2015. A child who will turn 5 years of age before 31st July 2016 is eligible to begin school. Forms may be picked up from the school office Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 3:00pm.

**SCHOOL FEES**

School fees for term one 2015 are now overdue. Thank you to all those who have paid their term one fees.

If you need to speak with someone regarding financial difficulties please phone Mrs Blaga Wakeling on (02) 9625 3181 during office hours.

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**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS**

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**ENHANCING LEARNING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY**

Congratulations to the members of the Robotics and Radio committees for their project ‘Enhancing Learning through Technology’

- Kenyon Aquino
- Marketsha Bolamo
- Ayyah Brilliante Lareza
- Lyndon Romana
- Rita El-Ghosein
- Arabelle Remorozo
- Tristan Payuran
- Rodney Patterson
- Latasha Brewty
- Rodel Jueco
- Marc Gabarda
- Thomas Putrus
- Kyle Poldano
- Nicole Cabahin
- Marta Abicic
- Lee Darjani
- Christina Abi Chemouni
- Bianca Fragomeli
- Stephanie Derjani
- Rhuven Del Rosario
- Robert Apostol
- Angelica Patterson

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**DATES FOR TERM ONE 2015**

- **Tuesday 17th March**
  - China Town Meal Deal Day
- **Wednesday 18th March**
  - 9:15am year one leading Infants Mass
- **Tuesday 24th March**
  - Beasty Burger Meal Deal Day
- **Friday 27th March**
  - Stage 3 Touch Football (boys & girls teams)
- **Monday 30th March-Wed 1st April**
  - Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews
  - Holy Week Stations of the Cross
- **Thursday 2nd April**
  - 2:55pm term one concludes

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**DATES FOR TERM TWO 2015**

- **Monday 20th April**
  - Staff Development Day (NO CLASSES)
- **Tuesday 21st April**
  - 8:40am Term Two commences for students