**Meals Deal Day—Tuesday 12th August**

- **$5.00 payment due by Friday 8th August 2014**

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**Meal Deal Order Form**

- Child’s name ___________________________  Class __________

**Sunken Treasure $5.00**

- **Transport for NSW (Centre for Road Safety)**

**Road Safety Around Schools**

- School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school.
- Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
- Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children’s safety in mind.
- NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.
- Slow down near the school crossing.
- Always park and turn legally around the school. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Do not park across driveways.
- Use the school’s drop off facility in the morning and park the car around Kimberley Park in the afternoon for ‘walkers’ to meet you.
- Do not park in the No Stopping zones.

**From the Principal**

Dear Parents,

As you are aware I returned to work last Monday after leave for a knee replacement. Thank you to those parents who sent cards and good wishes during my recovery. Your thoughts and prayers were much appreciated.

All is well now and I look forward to the upcoming challenges for the remainder of term three.

We were thrilled to receive the good news on Wednesday evening that Mrs Cutajar (year one teacher) gave birth to a baby boy, Xavier. We look forward to mother and baby visiting us in the near future and we send the family congratulations on behalf of the school community.

Last term twenty four students from years five and six took part in a writing competition called ‘What matters?’ This is an annual writing competition organised by the Whitlam Institute within the University of Western Sydney. The students wrote on a diverse range of topics including climate change, homelessness, tolerance, disability, impacts of social media and embracing opportunities. The annual ‘What Matters?’ writing competition is an important part of the institute’s programme of activities since it provides an opportunity for us to hear directly from young people themselves about the issues of importance to them.

While St Aidan’s students did not win prizes in the competition, they each received a certificate of participation. Well done children and a special thanks to Mrs Janet Colusso and Miss Alana Brown for coordinating the students’ writing.

Next week St Aidan’s School is hosting some visiting teachers from Queensland. These teachers will be joining us on Tuesday and Thursday. Their visit will involve working with our teachers and observing the learning and teaching taking place. It is a privilege to have been chosen to host these interstate visitors and I’m sure our community will make them very welcome.

On Tuesday 12th August there will be a Parent Information Night for Mathematics. A flyer will be sent home next Monday and it would be wonderful if at least one parent from each family could attend. This information night has been planned in response to the many questions from parents about the teaching of Mathematics. The evening will commence sharply at 6:30pm and conclude at 8:00pm. Parents will work in groups and rotate through the different work stations.

The intention is to give parents opportunities to receive valuable information about the teaching of Mathematics and also experience some of the activities that children are engaged in during each Mathematics block.

As you know the school is holding a Spellathon in the next few weeks. Letters, word lists and sponsor sheets were sent to families last Monday. As this is the school’s major fund raiser for the year, your support is needed. Monies raised by the Spellathon will be used to purchase resources for the students.

Notes will be sent home soon regarding a Fathers Day Stall this year. The date for this event will be Friday 5th September.

I look forward to working with each of you again this term. Thank you once more for your continued support, prayers and good wishes.

Yours sincerely

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Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.
Hall of Fame

Together we are one

REFLECTION

‘Church’ was another main theme found in Matthew’s Gospel. It was the only gospel where the word for church (ekklēsia) appeared. Matthew 18, ‘Jesus established and instructed the Church’. Matthew implied that the Church Jesus established was not just for the local community of followers, but also for the universal community of believers, even those of today.

‘Right Instruction’ was another strong theme in Matthew’s Gospel. He was writing an instruction manual for new converts and faithful disciples. His community needed Jesus to connect strongly with ‘The Law’ as this had been such a large and important part of Jewish life and needed to remain that way for both Jewish disciples as well as converts. In Matthew, Jesus taught the importance of righteousness, prayer and conversion.

The last theme is ‘Judgement’. Jesus constantly debated with the Pharisees about the Jewish Law and the importance of placing God first. They constantly questioned his teaching and actions. He would answer them with a question and a parable, making them respond to their own query. At the same time Jesus was explaining the way to the kingdom.

Mrs. Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator.

NUMERACY NEWS

Children learn about length and area through exploring and experimenting with a variety of materials. As they experiment and explore they begin to compare the size and shape of objects and how objects fit together.

Children need this opportunity to explore length using different materials like blocks before they become confident enough to use formal units such as metres.

What can you do at home to develop your child’s understanding of length and area?

• Trace your child’s hand or foot on cardboard and cut it out. Use this to measure different objects around your house.
• Compare the heights of different family members. Talk about who is “taller” and “shorter”.
• When wrapping presents talk about the size of the paper and if the paper would be wide and long enough to cover the present.

When learning about length and area children need to continue to notice, discuss and explore the Mathematics around them. This will challenge their thinking about length and area and develop their visualisation skills.

In the next newsletter I will address how the home environment can develop deep mathematical thinking in relation to mass.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

EXPLANATION OF SYLLABUS

English

♦ Students develop their language skills through activities involving speaking and listening, reading and writing, and viewing and representing.
• They learn about language and literature through working with a wide range of print, spoken, visual, media, multimedia and digital texts.
• They interpret and express their views on what they hear, see and read.
• They create written and digital texts, and deliver formal and informal presentations.
• For the first time there will be a requirement that students experience a range of texts, including Australian works, multiculturalism, Aboriginality and Australian identity, and Asian perspectives.
• There is an increased emphasis on grammar and the teaching of quality literature.

Mrs. Christine Leathy
Assistant Principal

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT FOR MATHEMATICS

Tuesday 12th August
6:30pm to 8:00pm
ALL WELCOME

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

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<td>Henry Wu</td>
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Congratulations to the following who have been listed in the Hall of Fame this fortnight.

Dencel Vargas
Vanie Barcelon
Amanda Pereira

Mary Akinba
Christina Ahl Chemouni
Dominique Byrne

Aleksandra Favor
Simonelette Lagarre
Jonas Mendoza

Holly-Anne Ramos
Henry Wu
Majan Almazan

Gabriel Cacapit
Rita Bouchmouni
Shayne Cortes

Yustina El-Rab
Rachel Galacio
Dillan Goro

Elyza Paulate
Milla Sagurit
Shenna Sambat

Myron Torralba
Daniel Villanueva
Ruth Nool

On Tuesday 12th August the following students will attend the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival. Good luck!

Simone Ramos
Gabrielle Romero

Dora Abicic
Jwer Akol

Miriam Warwick-Smith
Fiona Vicedas

Akon Anei
Chenae Cruise

Alexi Bonete
Tiffany Wu

Marta Abicic
Milla Sagurit

Elyza Paulate
Britnee Azaglo

Mary Akinba
Henry Wu

Tong Wol
Michael Piliae

Villami Vunipola
Ricardo White

Jeremy Rahman
Kyle Polidano

Dominic Arreza
Samuel Meilak

Robert Apostol
Michael Ayoub

Jeremiah Warwick-Smith
Anel Anei

Prince II Gonzales
Mikko Martin

Gabriel Cacapit
Yannis Clark

Justin Mallouk
Joshua Fuamatu

Jethro Vicedas

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