Dear Parents,

Today, people all around the world are celebrating ‘World Teacher’s Day’. Special events are celebrated at different times during each year: mother’s day; father’s day; daddy/daughter day; wattle day; Anzac Day and so the list goes on.

When we celebrate teacher’s day we not only think of the teachers who teach formally but we are also reminded of the many people in our lives who teach us in so many ways. Parents are the first and without a doubt the most important teachers in each of our lives. This teaching commences the moment we are born and remains with us throughout our lives.

Jesus was known as the greatest teacher. He taught through parables and people came in their hundreds to hear him speak and learn from him. If his commandment to ‘love one another, as I have loved you’ were lived out by all people there would be no discord in our world.

The art and craft of teaching is as old as life itself. Teaching is one of the noblest professions because as teachers we have the responsibility for shaping the minds of our students. It is a privilege indeed to be called ‘teacher’.

As we celebrate ‘teachers’ today, we at St Aidan’s give thanks for each member of staff and show our appreciation for the wonderfully dedicated and enthusiastic people they are.

Thank you parents for supporting the recent disco. $1,645.00 was raised. This money will be used to assist Catholic Missions and the Parramatta Diocesan World Youth Day Appeal. You may not know that the young people going to Poland for WYD in 2016 will travel via the Philippines to assist with construction in some of the poorer communities. This donation from St Aidan’s will go towards necessary equipment needed in the construction work.

Last week a flyer was sent to each family regarding the St Aidan’s Christmas Appeal for this year. Thank you to the families who have already responded with donations. Please ensure that your donations are sent to school by next Friday 6th November so that staff can prepare the gift packs for distribution to St Vincent de Paul.

Students are preparing for a ‘talent quest’ to be held in the coming weeks. This event is being organised by the Student Leaders and consists of:

- class finals
- grade finals
- grand final

All children are encouraged to take part. Items are to be prepared at home or during recess/lunch breaks. Class teachers will judge the class and grade finals. The grand final will be held on Thursday 10th December. Please talk to your children about this event as it is meant to be “fun” learning to end the year. Items may include singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, drama, reciting poetry, juggling, magic or anything entertaining!!

Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.
SPIRITUAL REFLECTION
Catholic Missions 175th Anniversary Mass

In 1822, Pauline Jaricot was a young French woman with a vision. Pauline’s work laid the foundations for what would eventually become the world’s largest mission agency. What began as collecting loose change from those who could spare it became a coordinated effort that today raises millions of dollars for missions all around the world.

Today, Catholic Mission operates in 160 countries worldwide, reaching out and giving life to those in need in 1,100 dioceses around Africa, Asia, South America, the Pacific islands and Australia. Catholic Mission receives support from thousands of generous donors in every state and territory. The money they raise goes directly to support the most vulnerable in our society.

On 16th October, our school leaders Christina Abi Chemouni and Lee Darjani along with Mrs Leahy and myself joined other diocesan schools at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta to celebrate the remarkable achievements of Catholic Missions. (We saw first hand how the lives of innocent children in Madagascar were changed forever. They were now able to access safe drinking water.)

The generous donations raised from the recent school disco will continue to improve many lives across the world.

Mrs Mary Khoury,
Religious Education Coordinator.

NUMERACY NEWS
STACKING ORANGES TASK

Infants:
How many oranges are in the stack?
How many oranges can you see?
How many are hidden?
What if there were one more layer?

Middle and Upper Primaries:
Find a general rule for how many oranges in each layer.
Explore this stack using different numbers of oranges in the bottom layer.
How many layers would there be and how many oranges in each stack?
Can you show your thinking using pictures, numbers and words?

How many jars of Vegemite?

We are looking forward to seeing your child’s hard thinking!
What mathematics will you notice, discuss and explore with your child this week?
Miss Prudence Hall.
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

* Morning supervision begins at 8:15am
* Morning bell 8:40am (children should be at school before this time)
* Dismissal 2:55pm
* Afternoon supervision concludes at 3:25pm (please pick up your children on time)

SAFE DRIVING AND PARKING

⇒ Please be extremely careful especially when driving around the school.
A parent was almost hit by a car doing U-turn across the double line in Adelaide Street.

LITERACY MATTERS
Encouraging children to write (continued)
* Talk to your child about why an author or filmmaker might create a book, play or film in a particular way. What points of view are presented? What is the author’s purpose?
* Read and talk about the writing that your child brings home from school.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

ENCOURAGING THE BEHAVIOUR YOU WANT IN YOUR CHILD

Show your child how you feel.
Tell your child honestly how their behaviour affects you. This will help the child see their own feelings in yours, like a mirror.
This is called empathy. By the age of three, children can show real empathy. So you might say, “I’m getting upset because there is so much noise I can’t talk on the phone.” when you start the sentence with “I”, it gives your child the chance to see things from your perspective.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

STUDENT DATA VALIDATION

Catholic Education Office (CEO) will be sending out Student Data Validation forms mid-November. Please complete this and return it to CEO in the self-addressed envelope provided.