Dear Parents,

Life at St Aidan’s has been extremely busy during the past two weeks. Year six presented a very entertaining and informative assembly last week. Thank you year six students and teachers. Kindergarten loved the skits that were performed.

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Next week the Kindergarten teachers are holding a reading workshop for parents of children in kindergarten. Teachers are planning to discuss the ‘teaching’ of reading, give some helpful hints to parents and address any concerns or questions that parents may have. This workshop will be held next Tuesday 12th May at 2pm in the school library. It is hoped that parents will come along to find out how they can better assist with their children’s reading.

On Tuesday 26th May we are holding a Parent Information Night for all parents. The focus of this meeting is to share information about numeracy and involve parents in a variety of numeracy activities. A similar evening was held last year and parents requested that we hold another numeracy meeting this year. Please try to come along and support the kindergarten teachers in the great work they are doing with learning and teaching.

I wish all mothers a very happy mother’s day and trust that you will be dutifully pampered on this special occasion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.
NUMERACY NEWS
By the end of year two children should be able to count by 2’s 5’s and 10’s from different non zero starting points.

What can you do at home to support your child?
♦ Use different materials to practise counting a collection of objects.
♦ Play board games like Snakes and Ladders, which require children to move and count forwards and backwards.
♦ Count from 0 by 2’s first, before counting by 10’s and 5’s.
♦ Count forwards and backwards everyday from different starting points.
♦ Use “Number Rack” an interactive bead string app to assist with counting. (Free iPad app).

In the next newsletter I will address counting in the middle years (Year 3-4).

What mathematics will you notice, discuss and explore with your child this week?
Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

BABY NEWS
Congratulations to Rita El-Ghossein 5W and Paula El-Ghossein 3B and their family on the birth of a baby girl, Clara.

ST AIDAN’S PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS
Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are now being accepted.
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.

St Aidan’s Staff and Students wish all Mothers a Happy Mother’s Day for Sunday 10th May

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF TOMORROW COMPETITION
Last term we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. As part of the celebrations, the Catholic Education Office ran a competition for all the schools in NSW and the ACT. The theme of the competition was “What will your Catholic School of Tomorrow look like?” Individual students or groups were required to produce a 30 second video clip showing what education would look like in the future.

A group of students from year six entered the competition and produced an outstanding clip. Congratulations to the following students for all the hard work: Christina Abi Chemouni; Marta Abicic; Stephanie Derjani; Lee Darjani and Bianca Fragomeli.

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSMENT?
The purpose of assessment is to guide the learning of the student. Assessment has always determined the next step in the learning sequence for the student.

Assessment of student work will always be part of how we cater for the needs of each individual student. Therefore, assessment will always be part of the teaching and learning process.

The purpose of assessment is also to make adjustments to the learning to improve outcomes.
Mrs Christine Leahy
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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KB
Gabrielle Bernadino
Yagnasree Reddapani

KH
Angelica Cabalhin
Ethan D’Cruz

1C
Marko Knzevic
Aryan Singh

1M
Anne Warwick-Smith
Hayden Bell

2I
Ann Sherin
Caleb Montenegro

2U
Raylene D’Cruz
Angelica Danial

3B
Wayne Conopio
Acy Dimapilis

3Q
Angeli Sharma
Beminet Habte

4D
Clara Michael
Rafael Velasco

4K
Elissa Elbacha
Benedict Macapagal

5P
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Angeli Hate

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Nicole Cabalhin
Miriam Warwick-Smith

Jaira-Lynn De Vera
Tiffany Wu
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Angelica Patterson
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Michael Piliae
Mason Polidano

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Edwin Liberty
Ricardo White
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