KIDS CAMPS

Choose from over 30 exhilarating camps at ten locations across NSW these school holidays. Our Sport and Recreation Centres offer over 40 activities for kids aged 5 to 16 years. Try your hand at fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, crafts, cooking or flying fox. You’re sure to find a camp the kids will love.

Kids’ Camps from $45 per day

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C.A.R.E.S.
The C.A.R.E.S. team are proud to announce that we are holding an Open Day at our Prospect location on Wednesday 24th September 2014. We are situated at Auto Place, Prospect (back of Eastern Creek). Anyone young or old who are interested in attending may come along and enjoy the day.

Date: Wednesday 24th September
Time: 10am-3pm
Bring your own helmet & bike
Road safety information
Safety checks & skills course
NSWP Push Bike Squad
Cake stall & sausage sizzle
Face painting
Participant show bag
Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Just a few reminders:

♦ Please make sure ALL orders are in by 9:30am.
♦ No foreign coins will be accepted. No credit.
♦ Please write your child’s name, class, food/drink order and amount enclosed CLEARLY on a brown/white paper bag.
♦ Please do not use pencil. Texta/pen with large writing.
♦ Please do not sticky tape/staple the whole bag as it tears when trying to retrieve the money.
♦ You may use a small plastic bag inside the paper bag so that coins are kept together.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. The tuckshop is open Monday to Friday during each term for your children. Thank you for your support.

DATES FOR TERM THREE 2014

Wednesday 17th September 9:15am Primary Mass lead by Year three
Friday 19th September 2:35pm term three concludes

DATES FOR TERM FOUR 2014

Monday 6th October LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7th October 8:45am term four begins for students
Friday 10th October Touch Football Gala
Tuesday 14th October Basketball Gala Day
Friday 17th October School Disco K-6

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of term three we have much to give thanks for. It has been an incredibly busy term with the Creative Arts Expo; Visiting teachers from Queensland; soccer and netball gala days; Blacktown zone athletics carnival; Spellathon; Book week activities; World of Maths; Father’s Day stall; Father’s Day Mass and morning tea; Voice of Youth competition; writing competitions; knitting club; Diocesan Religious Literacy Assessments (years 4&6) and Naplan results. All of these except the RLA and Naplan were ’extra-curricular’ activities.

In spite of these extra-curricular learning activities, excellent learning and teaching continued. After all, your children come to school first of all to learn; and learn they did.

We are absolutely thrilled that for the first time in many years the results of the Naplan tests have been above the National average in every aspect of the tests. This is a tremendous achievement for St Aidan’s and credit must go to the whole staff and each student involved and to you their parents for the effort expended and the continued interest and enthusiasm shared by all stakeholders. There is nothing like ‘good news’ to lift the spirits of a community. St Aidan’s community ‘take a bow’.

The Father’s Day stall held last week raised $1,585 toward school resources. Thank you once again for your support. I especially thank Mrs Abicic and Mrs Saric for the initiative and for preparing the gifts and additionally to Mrs Gagliardi, Mrs Norton and Mrs Fegurado who came along on the Friday to assist with sales. I trust all the dads enjoyed their day, as the children certainly enjoyed their shopping experience.

It was lovely to see so many fathers at Mass and morning tea last week. I’m so glad that you were able to get time from work to join us in celebration. I commend the year five students, their teachers Mrs Poole and Mrs Woolcock and I suspect many year five mums on the delicious morning tea provided. It was a veritable feast and the children were thrilled that they were able to share in what was left over!

Forty students from years two, three and four received their First Holy Communion last Sunday. I am sure these children remembered to pray for their families and friends as they received Jesus for the first time.

Recently a group of students from years five and six took part in the ‘Young Journalist Award’ writing competition. I am thrilled to announce that two of our students Christina Abi Chemouni and Lee Darjani from year five received ‘Highly Commended’ status. Congratulations Christina and Lee. Your school salutes you!

The proceeds from the recent Spellathon have reached $11,935 as of today. This money will be used to upgrade sporting equipment and Mathematics resources in the school. Thank you parents for your support in this our major fundraiser.

The school closes for spring holidays next Friday 19th September. Parents are reminded that children return to school on Tuesday 7th October and will wear their summer uniform.

Please check the school App for any alerts, updates or student absence requirements. This is a very effective way of keeping in touch with what is happening at St Aidan’s.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.

From the Principal

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May the spirit of the Sacred Heart animate you.

St Mary MacKillop
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**NUMERACY NEWS**

As we have explored this term, measurement needs to be taught in a variety of practical situations for children to deeply understand.

Children learn about time by being exposed to the language of Jesus called on Peter to lead and take charge of the mission of the kingdom of heaven. (Mt 16:18-19)

The Pope is the successor of Peter, who was given the authority to preach, lead and to forgive sins. Jesus also told Peter and the others that greatness did not come in being served, but in serving others.

In order to keep alive the faith of his Christian-Jews, Matthew wrote of the end of the Temple, the end of the world, and the divine judgment on the last day. The end of the Temple meant the severance of Jewish ties between Christians and Jews.

In the next newsletter I will look at the importance of mental computation and the new Mathematics Curriculum to be implemented in 2015.

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

**STAFF INFORMATION**

Mrs Rose Corpus (kindergarten) will be on long service leave during next week and week one term four. Mrs Blaga Wakeling (office) will be on long service leave.

**SUMMER UNIFORM**

**BOYS—St Aidan’s school bag**

- Grey school shorts
- Lemon short sleeve shirt
- Short grey socks (not ankleks)
- Black shoes (leather not canvas)
- Bottle green jumper with school crest
- Bottle green hat with school crest

**GIRLS—St Aidan’s school bag**

- Green check dress with attached tab tie
- Short lemon socks
- (Girls’ socks must be lemon not white and must be turned over ankle socks not ankleks)
- Black shoes (leather not canvas)
- Bottle green jumper with school crest
- Bottle green hat with school crest

**SUMMER SPORTS UNIFORM—St Aidan’s school bag**

- Bottle green shorts (not cargo shorts)
- Lemon polo top
- White socks (not ankleks)
- Joggers (mainly white)
- Bottle green tracksuit with school crest
- Bottle green hat with school crest

**EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS**

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**BabY NEWS**

Congratulations to Mary Pandes 4M and Tricia Pandes 2Q and their family on the birth of a baby girl, Giana.

**LITERACY MATTERS**

Part of reading for each student is home reading each night. Teachers send home readers that students have read before they go home. This may mean they are what we call an ‘easy’ or ‘familiar’ read. The purpose is to get your child confident and reading fluently or as the children will say “reading like we are talking.”

Reading and writing requires constant practice in order to improve. Parents can help by encouraging their child to practice these every day. Therefore, the experience with reading and writing needs to be positive. Set aside time where you can talk to your child about their reading and writing. Ask them what they read was about and what the characters did in the story. Ask them to write about the book.

School fees are now due. If you are not up to date with your fees please contact Mrs Wakeling 9625 3181.