From the Principal

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CHINA TOWN MEAL DEAL DAY
TUESDAY 17TH MARCH
$5.00 PAYMENT BY THURSDAY 12TH MARCH

3 X SPRING ROLLS WITH FRIED RICE
SAUCE
• SWEET CHILLI
• SWEET & SOUR
• TOMATO
• BBQ
• BOTTLE OF WATER

Child’s name ___________________________ Class _______

Rooty Hill OOSH
Rooty Hill Outside of School Hours Care Centre Inc. sends a warm invitation to all parents, carers and families to attend the Annual General Meeting 2015 on Friday 27th March 2015 at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start.


Dear Parents
Each year Catholic schools in the Parramatta Diocese prepare an Implementation Plan that includes learning goals that give direction to teaching and learning for students and teachers as well as ways in which parents are able to be involved in the students’ learning.

For the past two years the St Aidan’s newsletter has featured fortnightly inclusions about Religious Education, numeracy and literacy. These inclusions have related directly to the school’s goals. Parents have found these to be informative and helpful in not only understanding the schools goals, but also as a way to assist their children with learning.

The school’s goals for 2015 are as follows:

Religious Education
• To deepen student, staff and parents’ relationships with Christ, through the study of the Gospel of Mark.

Literacy
• To use relevant data to improve each student’s writing (term one to term four) against an agreed criteria: audience; ideas; vocabulary; cohesion; and sentence structure.

Numeracy
• To use MAI (Mathematics Assessment Interview) data to improve the learning outcomes of each student by at least one growth point in counting (end of term two) and place value (end of term four).

These goals are included in the action plan each term and included in teachers’ programs to ensure the goals remain as a sharp focus for our learning and teaching during the year.

The parent/teacher interviews in week ten will have a numeracy focus. The interviews will be 15 minutes each and will include a three-way conversation between class teacher/parent and child focussing on the child’s results in the recent MAI.

Once again booking for interviews will be done online. A letter will be sent to each parent next Monday 2nd March outlining the process to be followed.

Congratulations to the four students (Bianca Fragomeli, Ricky White, Gennlyn Santos and Bella Teuma-Manaog) who participated in the Blacktown Zone swimming carnival last week. St Aidan’s is proud of your efforts. Well done.

I look forward to catching up with those of you who are coming along to ‘Coffee and a chat’ next Wednesday 4th March in the school library. If you haven’t already done so please RSVP to the school office.

Thank you once again for your continued support

Yours sincerely

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Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.
Together we are one

SPRITUAL REFLECTION

Last week, we came together as a community to celebrate the beginning of the penitential season of Lent.

This is the time when we begin the journey of reflection by preparing our hearts and minds to share in the passion of His death and resurrection of Jesus. Ash Wednesday and “Day of Ashes” is when ash is placed on one’s forehead in the sign of the cross as a symbol of your association with Jesus. Though the Bible does not specifically mention Ash Wednesday, the Books of Samuel, Esther, Job and Daniel in the Old Testament make reference to using dust and ashes as symbols of repentance and mourning. It is extremely relevant in our lives to keep in perspective the message of Jesus especially in the biblical sense.

He cautioned us against making a show of our fasting: “When you fast, do not look sombre as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen” (Matthew 6:16-18).

We must not allow spiritual discipline to become spiritual pride. Therefore we are encouraging the children to prepare our hearts and minds to share in the passion of His death and resurrection of Jesus between 1-110 and recall the number before and after a given number.

4- Can count from 0 by 2s, 5s, 10s.
5- Can count from a non-zero starting point by 2s, 5s and 10s.
6- Can count from a non-zero starting point by any single digit number.
7- Can count using fractions and decimals.

In the next newsletter I will explore the place value domain with a particular focus on the place value growth points.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

SPORTS NEWS

As an aspirational school we will be entering students to compete in the following gala days organised by the Diocese of Parramatta: Soccer, Touch Football, Netball and Basketball. We will also have selected students represent our school in the Diocesan Cross Country and selected students in the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival.

In addition, we have invited the following sporting organisations to conduct skills clinics at our school this year. These include: Cricket—Milo Cricket; Basketball—Waratbah League; Netball—NSW Swifts; NRL—Panthers; and AFL—GWS Giants.

We are looking forward to these clinics which will be conducted by qualified coaches in their sport. It will also allow our students to develop and to improve their skills in the different codes of sport.

Mr Anthony Julius
Sports Coordinator.

MEDIA CONSENT FORMS

Every child received a Media Consent Form this week. Please complete and sign the reverse of this form in pen (no pencils) and return it to your child’s class teacher by Friday 6th March 2015.

ST AIDAN’S PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 begin 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.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

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BLACKTOWN ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Bianca Fragomeni, Ricky White, Gentlyn Santos and Bella Teuma-Manaog for their participation.

STATE ELECTION 2015

DID YOU KNOW? The Federal Government contributes 57.5% of the cost of educating a child in a NSW Catholic school, and the NSW Government contributes 19.7%. The remaining 22.8% comes from parents and the parish community through school fees and private fundraising.

This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs—to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

STUDENT BANKING IS EVERY THURSDAY DURING SCHOOL TERMS

If your child would like to participate, please send your child’s Commonwealth Bank book with the money to be deposited on Thursdays. There are tokens to collect and rewards to redeem for deposits sent via student banking.

TRIPLE ZERO WEBSITE

The NSW government has recently released an Internet game which educates children on how to cope in an emergency and the appropriate use of Triple Zero, Australia’s emergency call service.

This game is designed for children of kindergarten and primary school age and consists of nine safety scenarios. It would be a good idea to sit and talk to your children about some of the scenarios seen in the game.

As we are well aware, emergencies can happen anywhere and at any time. Children have had to make phone calls before to triple zero, for a whole range of emergency situations. It is vital that our children know how to act if they are ever faced with an emergency and be confident in dealing with the situation. http://kids.triplezero.gov.au

Mrs Bianca Manton.

DATES FOR TERM ONE 2015

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<td>1:50pm Coffee and chat with the Principal</td>
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<td>9:15am Year six lead Catholic Schools Week Mass 10:00-10:45am Open classrooms</td>
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<td>Wednesday 18th March</td>
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<td>Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews Holy Week Stations of the Cross</td>
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BOOK CLUB ORDERS AND PAYMENT DUE BY TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2015.