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24th April 2015

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term two. I trust that each of you and your families enjoyed the break and had a very happy Easter.

The students and staff have returned refreshed after a very welcome holiday and are most certainly ready for another challenging term.

I take this opportunity of welcoming Mrs Erin Ball who will be teaching Kindergarten for the remainder of 2015. Mrs Ball has been a regular ‘relief’ teacher at St Aidan’s for the past few years and as such is very familiar with our school. It is lovely to have Mrs Woolcock (year five teacher) back at school after her surgery.

During the holidays I delivered the Occasional Address at the University of Western Sydney’s School of Education Graduation. I was honoured to be invited to speak at this important event and took great pleasure in sharing aspects of my learning journey and my beliefs about the ‘art and craft of teaching’.

Some of the points I made included:

• parents as our first and most important teachers
• those teachers who impacted me during my schooling
• what makes a ‘great’ teacher?
• the role of teacher as facilitator of thinking
• the responsibility that each of us has to affect our world and make a difference
• ‘education is the key to life’
• ‘we teach who we are’

It is absolutely critical that teachers are passionate about their craft, want to come to work each day and keep the students at the centre of everything they do.

How blessed are we at St Aidan’s that our teachers are so dedicated and passionate about their teaching? Your children are indeed in very good hands.

At the end of last term, several students from years four, five and six entered a writing competition named ‘Writing 4 fun’. This event was organised by Miss Delmont (year 4 teacher) and the quality of writing entries was extremely good. We now await in anticipation for the results. Regardless of whether students win or not, the learning that occurred during the writing process was exceptional. Well done children.

Thank you to Mrs Bear and Mr Julius for training the ‘touch football’ team last term. Your generosity in giving up your own time for the students was much appreciated.

As you will note in the calendar of events included in this newsletter, school assemblies will commence in week two and will be held each fortnight in terms two and three. Each assembly is organised by a particular grade. Due to limited space in the MacKillop Hall, only parents of the students presenting assembly and parents of students receiving awards are able to be accommodated.

Parents may take photos and video, however due to privacy restrictions, parents are requested not to publish other student’s photos or names to Facebook, Instagram or other social media sites.

The fortnightly awards will be presented at these assemblies. Names of recipients will be published in the school’s newsletter the previous week to enable parents of recipients to attend the appropriate assembly.

School photos are being taken next Tuesday 28th April. A letter was sent to parents yesterday stating that all students will be expected to wear their FULL SUMMER UNIFORM. It is important that all students are correctly attired for their photographs as they are a lovely reminder for the children and their families.

From time to time parents tell us that they do not receive the fortnightly newsletter. I remind each of you that the newsletter can be accessed online at http://www.staidansrootyhill.catholic.edu.au or on the school app ‘Skoolbag.’ Just search the app for St Aidan’s and download it to your mobile device. Alerts are regularly available to parents via the Skoolbag app.

To ensure you are familiar with what is happening at school, please take note of the term’s events listed in the calendar over the page.

I look forward to working with each of you again this term.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.
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SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

We have just celebrated the highpoint of the Christian liturgical year. We are now in the season of Easter. Easter is a joyous time where we can celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Alleluia! The students are learning the meaning and significance of this remarkable event. Jesus’ death and resurrection was the beginning of New Life, that is, New Life in the risen Lord for all of us.

Thank you to all the families who were able to support the Project Compassion’s ‘Food for Life’ Campaign. We were able to raise $950, which will be forwarded to Caritas on the school’s behalf.

Mrs Miray Khoury,
Religious Education Coordinator.

GROOMING

St Aidan’s grooming policy can be found in the Information Booklet for Parents given to new families of our school. The Information Booklet is also on the school website. The policy is clear and states haircuts that are acceptable and haircuts that are inappropriate.

- **Clipped hair** is to be no shorter than a number two.
- Undercuts, tuts, mohawks, mullets or any other hairstyle that is out of the ordinary is not permitted including the latest comb over.

When students have an inappropriate haircut a phone call to the parents is then made. It is expected that parents will support the school’s policies. This is a timely reminder as we have school photos next week.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

LITERACY MATTERS

This term the focus in English will be on improvement of writing. Encourage your child to write everyday even when you hear them say, “I don’t know what to write about.” Share experiences with your child so your child will have something to write about. Your child will learn to write for different purposes and audiences.

In writing, your child will also learn about the structure and grammar of written language as well as learning about handwriting and spelling.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

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.

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NUMERACY NEWS

The Multiplication and Division domain of the MAI allowed the teachers to evaluate strategies students used to solve problems.

Throughout the interview students completed tasks which encouraged them to group and share efficiently. As students progressed through the interview they were asked to use mental and written strategies to solve problems.

Growth points were assigned to each student based on their responses during their interview. The multiplication and division growth points are listed below.

- 0- Not yet able to create and count small groups.
- 1- Can group and share one by one.
- 2- Can use objects to model grouping and sharing.
- 3- Can solve multiplication and division problems where they can’t see all the objects.
- 4- Can solve multiplication and division problems where they can’t see any of the objects.
- 5- Can solve multiplication problems using known facts and commutativity (3x4=4x3).
- 6- Can solve division problems using fact families and building up from known facts.
- 7- Can solve multi digit multiplication and division problems using appropriate strategies.
- 8- Can solve multiplication and division problems involving fractions and decimals.

In the next newsletter I will address counting in the early years (K-2). What mathematics will you notice, discuss and explore with your child this week?

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

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WRITING COMPETITION 2015

The following students have entered their stories and poems into the ‘Writing 4 Fun’ competition.

Dora Abicic
Lee Darjani
Mary Pandles
Kayla Montenegro
Kyle Poldano
Kyra Barcelon
Beatrice Favor
Rita El-Ghosein
Maricelina Al-Najar
Carlos Danial
Chnee Cruse
Latisa Brewty
Jaira-Lynn De Vera
Arabelle Remorozo
Krute Prasad
Byron Skarski
Nicole Cabahin
Disha Prasad
Emilo Seguban
Aleksandra Favor
Angeline San Pedro
Khushi Kansal
Marta Abicic
Ila-Laura Ioane
Sophia Evangelista
Clara Michael
Jasmine Cardines

ST AIDAN’S CHURCH—RECONCILIATION 2015

Congratulations to the following students who recently received First Reconciliation.

Derron Adviento
Amory Albanese
Russel Alpas
David Badato
Isabella Bartley
Jaiden Bartley
Olivia Bottom
Alyssa Cacho
Breindel Capili
Kaila Cenidzoa
Keane Conopio
Wayne Conopio
Raylene D’Cruz
Angelo David
Chelsea Hernandez Dimagulla
Paula El-Ghosein
Brooke Ellison-Gill
Matthew Ereira
Hannah Faustino
Maxine Galang
Ethan Garcia
Isabella Gatmaitan
Rodel Jueco
Katrina Knezevic
Francesca Lagana
Stefanie Lagana
Raphael Limpiado
Nicholas Limpiado
Kiara Marcelo
Katherin Maroki
Elisha Matta
Kyan McPherson
Caterina Mifsud
Savanna Muscat
Nigel Nuque
Dominique Penarubia
Angelica Prasad
Ralph Quibuyen
Ridge Ramas
Lance Regala
Denise Remo
Denver Remo
Kiara Sansano
Krizzle Santos
Ryan Shrestha
Byron Skarski
Helena Soriano
Jonathan Tandoc
Jacon Tandoc
Zak Tunedo
Jayden Tuyag
Ethan Timbol
Jon Rhys Timbol
Marcus Torralba
Marian Unay
Reuel Velasco
Miriam Warwick-Smith
Peter Warwick-Smith

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Assistant Principal.

SCHOOL PHOTOS—28TH APRIL

School photos envelopes have been sent to all families. Please ask at the office for a special envelope if you want Sibling Photographs. Please complete the envelope/s and send back to school on the day of photography i.e. TUESDAY 28TH APRIL.

Students wear full SUMMER UNIFORM.