**ST AIDAN’S CHURCH  HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2014**

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<td>Mass includes the washing of the feet and adoration till 12 midnight</td>
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<td>Good Friday 18th April</td>
<td>10:00am</td>
<td>Stations of the Cross</td>
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<td>3:00pm</td>
<td>Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday</td>
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<td>Holy Saturday 19th April</td>
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<td>begins outside with the lighting of the fire &amp; Paschal Candle</td>
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<td>Easter Sunday 20th April</td>
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<td>Easter Monday 21st April</td>
<td>9:15am</td>
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**Commonwealth Bank**
Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.
Plus make friends with the dolphins at Sea World.
The Dollarmites have found sunken treasure in the Lost City of Savings. For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits at school during Term Two and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

**Major prize**
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros, Movie World and Wet’nWild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel gift card to get you there.

**Runner up prizes**
130 Toys ‘R’ Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys. Plus there will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory.

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**From the Principal**
10th April 2014
St Aidan’s Primary School
Rooty Hill
Sharing News & Views

**Dear Parents**
As you know school closes for the autumn holidays tomorrow 11th April, 2014.
This term has been long and very busy; however it is wonderful to witness the children having made such positive progress with their learning.

All students are expected to take part in the Première’s Reading Challenge and the upcoming school holidays present a great opportunity for each child to do some serious reading. Some information about this challenge can be found over the page. Parents are strongly encouraged to support their children in reading each day.

Further to the Première’s Reading Challenge, the students in years five and six will be participating in the Young Journalist’s Writing Award. The students will be required to write 350 words about a person in the community who they respect and admire.

Each student at St Aidan’s completes one hour of writing each day. This writing is closely linked with the teaching of grammar, spelling and handwriting.

Any competition or occasion to write provides students with further learning opportunities and must be encouraged.

Thank you to the parents who supported the Easter raffle. $1,593.50 was raised towards Mathematics resources for the children. This was a disappointing response; however, hopefully the next school fundraiser to be held in term three will be enthusiastically supported by more families.

In preparation for Holy Week and the feast of Easter, each class has had the opportunity to take part in the ‘stations of the cross’. The times of the Easter ceremonies at St Aidan’s Parish are included over the page. Please take your children to the ceremonies especially Mass on Easter Sunday.

A variety of excursions has been planned for next term. Excursions provide students with excellent opportunities for learning so it is expected that each student will attend the appropriate excursion for their grade. Teachers endeavour to keep the costs to a minimum therefore all excursions except for years five and six will be under $30 per child.

The winter uniform for St Aidan’s boys and girls is included further in this newsletter. With the inconsistent weather experienced of late it is difficult to choose a date for changeover, however, all children are expected to be wearing the complete winter uniform by Monday 19th May 2014. This means that if they are feeling the cold, children may change to winter uniform before the 19th May 2014.

As is the custom at St Aidan’s there will be Mass and Morning Tea for Mothers on Thursday 8th May. An invitation will be sent to each mother when school reopens.

On behalf of the staff I wish each of you a very happy Easter and Anzac Day (25th April).
I thank you for your interest and support this term and look forward to working with each of you after the holidays. School re opens on Tuesday 29th April.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.
**REFLECTION**
Lent will soon be complete and the celebrations of Holy Week will begin. It is a time of renewal of faith, a solemn time to be with Christ.

Holy Week is the high point of the Church’s year. It is the ideal time to walk with Christ to Calvary, to die with him and to be reborn into a stronger faith. It is a time for commitment and strengthening of one’s faith.

In Holy Week, Christ gave Catholics the celebration of the Eucharist. He showed how much God was prepared to sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin. His death and resurrection gave all the chance to enter the Kingdom and to reach eternal happiness with God.

*Mrs Silvana Murphy*
Religious Education Coordinator.

Students’ Project Compassion boxes are to be returned to the school by Friday 11th April.

(Not the Church).

**COMPLAINTS HANDLING POLICY**
This policy provides a process for those employed by the Catholic Education Office (CEO) and those receiving services from the Catholic Education System to raise a complaint. This includes students, employees, parents, pastors and members of the wider community.

Complaints may relate to any practice or policy of a school or CEO related to the treatment of or education of students. The appropriate procedure for lodging a complaint is to speak to the secretaries in the office who will pass on a complaint to the Principal.

*Mrs Christine Leahy*
Assistant Principal.

**LITERACY MATTERS**
How can you help your child to write at home?

* Make writing experiences at home fun for you and your child.
* Make sure your child sees you writing and discuss your writing with them.
* Talk about the different purposes and audiences for writing.
* Encourage your child to use pens, pencils, crayons, chalk and textas for writing.
* Praise your child for ‘having a go’ at writing words that are new to them.
* Encourage your child to write messages for you and other family members.

*Mrs Christine Leahy*
Lead Literacy Teacher.

**NUMERACY NEWS**
Reflection time is the final and most important component of the numeracy block at St Aidan’s.

It is the main teaching time of the numeracy block, as research supports that children learn more deeply when the mathematical experiences come first.

The focus of reflection time is on the deep mathematical understanding rather than mathematical procedures. This deep mathematical understanding is developed through the use of powerful questioning from the teacher and peers.

During this time there is a balance of teacher talk, student talk, partner talk and self-reflection. The opportunity for reflection and use of powerful questioning will assist students to become better at reflecting and goal setting.

In term two I will explore how the school and home environment can develop deep mathematical understanding.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

**WINTER UNIFORM**
Boys
Long grey wool blend school pants (not cords)
Long/short sleeve lemon shirt
Bottle green jumper with school crest
Grey socks
Black shoes
Bottle green hat with school crest
St Aidan’s School bag

Girls
School tartan uniform or bottle green slacks
Long sleeve lemon blouse with Peter Pan collar
Tab tie (sold separately)
Black socks (not anklets) or black tights
Black shoes
Bottle green jumper with school crest
Bottle green hat with school crest
St Aidan’s school bag

Sports Uniform
Bottle green shorts
Lemon polo shirt
White socks (not anklets)
Mainly white joggers
Bottle green tracksuit with school crest
Bottle green hat with school crest
St Aidan’s school bag

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**EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS**

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<td>Gabrielle Cabantog</td>
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<td>Justin Mallouk</td>
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Monday 28th April is a Staff Development Day
(no classes for students)

* Term two begins Tuesday 29th April at 8:45am