TERM FOUR 2013

Tuesday 26th November
Year three excursion to Australiana Pioneer Village

Wednesday 27th November
9:15am year two lead Infants Mass

Thursday 28th November
4:30pm Swimming Trials

Friday 13th December
Reports to parents

Mon 16th and Tues 17th December
KLA Awards (Kindergarten to Year five)

Monday 16th December
5:30-7:00pm Year six Graduation and Awards

Tuesday 17th December
Year six disco and farewell

Wednesday 18th December
♦ 9:15am Thanksgiving Mass
♦ 2.55pm students finish

Thursday 19th December
Staff Development Day (no classes)

Friday 20th December
Staff Development Day (no classes)

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the St Aidan’s School community I extend my sincere sympathy to those of you who have lost family and friends in the recent typhoon disaster in the Philippines.

The students and staff have been praying each day for all those affected by this dreadful situation.

As you are aware, the school held a ‘muffin’ day today in order to raise funds to send to the Philippines for those in need. Thank you to students, parents and staff who gave generously to this worthy cause. An amount of $1,750 was donated and will be forwarded next week to Caritas Australia for distribution in the Philippines.

I was notified earlier this week that one of St Aidan’s ex-students, Jay Jueco passed away on 17th November. Jay was a long term sufferer of Crohn’s disease. To Jay’s family and friends I offer my condolences during this very sad and difficult time.

Last Wednesday was the final Orientation session for children commencing Kindergarten in 2014. All students came together for this final session and engaged in some exciting activities with each other and their teachers.

While the children were in the learning spaces, their parents attended an information session with me and Mrs Leahy (Assistant Principal).

Congratulations to some of the year four students and their teacher Ms Bronwyn McColl who entertained the parents with some excellent violin playing.

As you know each student in year four as part of the Parramatta Diocesan ‘Captive’ program, participates in the ‘strings’ program on a weekly basis.

Thank you also to student leaders, Kristina Bonic, Ashley Galea, Gianni Fragomeli and Maddison Ticchio who assisted at the Orientation. Kristina and Ashley confidently addressed the parents and spoke about the highlights of their years and some of their learnings at St Aidan’s while Gianni and Maddison took some terrific photographs of the new Kindergartens and their parents.

I was very proud of these student leaders and thrilled to hear them articulate their thoughts so clearly and witness the great images they captured.

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is undertaking a survey of parents and staff in its Catholic schools. St Aidan’s is supporting this project. The survey is to be completed online and there are some great prizes. Please see the information included in this newsletter and follow the links to the survey. If you would like to do the survey and don’t have internet access, you are welcome to visit the school library any morning/afternoon in order to do so. The results of this survey will help improve communication between schools and families so I encourage you to take part.

There are some important events coming up in the next few weeks so be sure to keep note of relevant dates. Some of these include:

- Student reports going home to parents 13th December
- Annual presentation of KLA awards 16th and 17th December
- Year six graduation Mass and awards ceremony. 5pm 16th December
- Year six Disco 17th December
- Mass of Thanksgiving for the whole school. 9:15am 18th December
- School closes for Christmas holidays. 18th December.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them, bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

St John 15.5

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**REFLECTION**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Christmas Appeal. This organisation provides an excellent service by caring for and assisting those less fortunate than ourselves in the St. Aidan’s Community. Throughout the year the St. Vincent de Paul society assists people with food parcels; provisions of furniture; payment of bills and visits to the sick and lonely.

As part of the school’s Social Justice program, the families of St Aidan’s support the St. Vincent de Paul each Christmas by donations of food and gifts. You are invited to send your donations (no nut products please) to this worthy cause from Monday 25th November through to Thursday 5th December 2013.

What better way to prepare for the coming of the Lord, than by sharing with those less fortunate than we are.

Thank you for your continued generosity. It will be much appreciated by many.

_Mrs Silvana Murphy_
Religious Education Coordinator.

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**EXPLANATION OF SYLLABUS DOCUMENTS FOR PARENTS**

School Sport

Every student in the school participates in one hour of weekly sport with their grade. The Diocese of Parramatta offers a range of gala day sporting activities for schools in the primary grades. Schools may nominate to enter the gala days if they wish. When our school is successful entering a team into the gala day competitions, students are informed that selection trials will take place. The selection trials are an opportunity to choose our best teams. The popular sports such as soccer and basketball are hotly contested. These gala days are hosted during school time and give our students a great opportunity to mix with other schools and students.

_Mrs Christine Leahy_
Assistant Principal.

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**LITERACY MATTERS**

Helping your child with talking and listening:

If you are used to speaking a language other than English at home, it is important that you continue to support your child maintaining the home language(s).

Listen to your child as he or she tells you about events that did not involve you. This helps children clarify their ideas and prepares them for writing.

_Mrs Lisa Hurst_
Lead Literacy Teacher & Coordinator.

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**NUMERACY NEWS**

MAKE THE MOST OF IT

Getting Ready

- Remove kings and jacks from the deck. Ace is one and Queen is zero.
- Playing the Game
- Players take turns drawing one card at a time, trying to create the largest 5 digit number possible.
- As each card is drawn it is placed (and cannot be moved) into the ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, or ten-thousands place. When the sixth card is drawn, the player can choose one of the cards on the table to discard and replace it with the sixth card. Largest five digit number wins.
- Make this game easier or harder by varying the number of digits.

_Mrs Jodie Donlan_
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

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**STUDENT DATA VALIDATION**

Please return the Student Data Validation form to school by Monday 25th November. These are required each year for the Auditors. Please inform the school office if you need a new form.

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**RESOURCE FEES FOR 2014**

Thank you to those families who have paid $130 per students for the 2014 Resource fee. This fee is now overdue so please finalize it as soon as possible so that all students receive their books and supplies at the beginning of 2014.

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**CEO ONLINE SURVEY**

Complete our Catholic Education online survey on school communication & your school can win 5 new iPads

PLUS YOU COULD WIN ONE OF:

- 10 x $50 Visa Gift Cards
- 10 x $50 iTunes Gift Cards
- 20 x Double passes to Hoyts

See terms and conditions.


Closes 6th December 2013

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**BABY NEWS**

_Congratulations to Gabrielle Romero, 2F and her family on the birth of a baby girl, Alexandra._

_Congratulations to Jayden Tayag, KH and his family on the birth of a baby boy._

_Congratulations to Koko Adriano, 1G and her family on the birth of a baby boy, Nixon._

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**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

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**KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2014**

Images by Gianni Fragomeli & Maddison Ticchio