DATES FOR TERM ONE 2014

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<td>Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala</td>
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<td>Tues 1st and Wed 2nd April</td>
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St Agnes Catholic High School
A Years 7 – 10 co-educational school

Information Evening
Monday 3rd March 2014
6.00 to 7.30 pm

- Information for Year 6 students and their families
- Come and meet the staff and students
- View student work and displays
- Guided tours of the school conducted by students
- Information session commences at 6.30 pm
- 2015 enrolment information and packages available
- Other Year group enquiries welcome

Now enrolling for 2015
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It was heartening to see so many parents attend the ‘meet the teacher’ meetings this week. These meetings have once again proven to be a positive way to start the year by enabling parents and teachers to build a professional relationship. The parent teacher interviews will be held in the second half of the year will be more focussed on the children’s learning and the results of the half yearly student reports.

The students from years three to six were involved in an ‘anti bullying’ workshop with Penrith Panthers during the week. We were visited by Ben Harden and three of the players who spent about an hour with the students discussing the issue of bullying and some strategies with which to deal with instances when bullying occurs. Thank you to the Panthers for sharing their time with our students and for the prizes that were given as incentives for accurate responses.

Catholic Schools Week commences on Sunday 9th March with a special Mass at 10.30am. All schools in the Parramatta Diocese will celebrate the great learning and teaching that is taking place in our schools. St Aidan’s will be holding ‘Open Classrooms’ for family and friends on Thursday 13th March from 1:50-2:40pm. All parents and friends are welcome to visit the classrooms and observe the children as they learn.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.
REFLECTION
When studying Matthew’s Gospel it is important to understand what was happening in the Jewish community, at that time. Around 70AD traditional Judaism had ended and a new Judaism began. The temple was destroyed. The Jewish Priesthood was as it was known died out, as did the ritual of sacrificing animals at the altar. Christian communities gathered in small groups to learn and pray 'TORAH' (the five books of the Old Testament). For these communities Jesus became more than ‘Torah’. Many Jewish families split because those who followed Jesus were banned from the Synagogue (85-90 AD).

Writing for a Jewish Christian audience, Matthew wrote his account of Jesus’ life linking it to Moses. Moses was extremely important to the Jewish people, for it was he who had brought them out of slavery. Jesus became the new Moses. An example of this is the parallel we notice between Jesus giving the ‘Sermon on the Mount’ (Mat. 5) and Moses receiving the Ten Commandments from God on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19) - both bringing the Law of God to fruition.

Mrs Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator.

MEDICATION POLICY
Parents of students requiring medication in school hours must inform the secretaries in the school office. Parents MUST request the administration of medication in writing. There are forms available at the school office. The following MUST be provided in writing:

- date
- parent/guardian signature
- name of medication and details of dosage
- time to be administered
- duration of the medication
- acceptance of full responsibility in delegating the administration of the medication to the school.

The medication is sent to school in a re-sealable plastic bag with the child’s name and class on the bag. If needed, a spoon or measuring cup is supplied with the medication. Students who are asthmatic or who are anaphylaxis will require an action plan from their doctor. If you have a concern please ask at the office.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

LITERACY MATTERS
Reading
Reading should be enjoyable for you and your child. If your child becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later. All children, regardless of age, like to be read to. Make a special time whenever possible for reading with your child away from interruptions.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Lead Literacy Teacher.

NUMERACY NEWS
Last week Dr. Rickets and I attended an EMU Leaders Course where Dr Ann Gervasoni gave valuable insights into the teaching of Mathematics, both in the classroom and at home.

One main point that came from the two days was for teachers and parents to notice, discuss and explore the Mathematics around them with their children.

Notice the Mathematics by finding big and small numbers on number plates or in recipes. Look at how objects are packed or positioned into rows or groups consider eggs in egg cartons, windows on a building, wheels on cars and trucks.

Discuss the Mathematics by asking questions to challenge their thinking.
- Where else could you have seen this?
- What number is 1 more? 5 less? 100 more?
- Why are they packed or positioned this way?
- How many wheels would there be on 3 trucks? 5 cars?

Explore the Mathematics by allowing your child to recreate or find different rows or groups, to write the biggest and smallest numbers from different places.

This is a great opportunity for you to interact with your child and share a love for Mathematics. It will challenge your child to think differently and encourage them to explain their thinking.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

BABY NEWS
Congratulations to Chenae Cruise 5P and Shyla Cruise KC and their family on the birth of a baby boy, Brock James.