

**DATES FOR TERM FOUR 2015**

Tuesday 17th November	Meal deal day—Jurassic Park
Wednesday 25th November	9:15am Kindergarten leading infants Mass
Tuesday 1st December	Meal deal day—turning Japanese
Wednesday 9th December	Student Reports go home to parents
Thursday 10th December	11:15am school Talent Quest final (parents of finalists may attend)
Monday 14th December	* 8:40am KLA Awards kindergarten to year five * 5:00pm Year six Graduation Mass and Awards
Tuesday 15th December	* 8:40am KLA Awards kindergarten to year five * Year six disco
Wednesday 16th December	9:15am Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday 17th December	Staff Development Day (no classes)
Friday 18th December	Staff Development Day (no classes)

### OLMC Parramatta OPEN MORNING TOUR

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on November 16, 2015 the last tour of the year.

Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2017.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.

### St Agnes Information Evening

Mr Peter Brogan would like to invite St Aidan's Year 6 students and their families to the Year 7 2016 Information Evening on **Monday, 16th November 2015 at 7.00 pm at St Agnes Catholic High School, Rooty Hill.**

Year six students are reminded of their Orientation Day at St Agnes on **Wednesday, 25 November 2015.**

### MEAL DEAL DAY—TURNING JAPANESE TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2015

**\*\$5.00 PAYMENT BY TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER\***

#### SUSHI

- ☐ TUNA OR  
☐ CALIFORNIAN

#### SAUCE

- ☐ SOY SAUCE

#### JUST JUICE

- ☐ APPLE OR  
☐ ORANGE

Child's name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Class/es \_\_\_\_\_



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## St Aidan's Primary School Rooty Hill Sharing News & Views

### From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Earlier this term several students from year six took part in a writing competition to coincide with the Australian Conference of the Sister Cities project. This year the conference was hosted by Blacktown City Council and included delegates from Korea, China, New Zealand, The Philippines and many other countries involved in the project.

Entries in the competition were submitted by hundreds of year six students from the Blacktown area. Ten prizes were awarded and two of them were won by Disha Prasad and Ayak Tong from St Aidan's.

Last Sunday evening Disha, Ayak, their families along with Mrs Colusso and myself attended a wonderful cultural experience at the Colebee Centre. During the ceremony the girls received their awards and enjoyed a delicious supper and fabulous entertainment performed by a variety of representatives from the participating countries.

Congratulations Disha and Ayak. Your school community salutes you!

Further to the information provided earlier this term about the traffic arrangements in Adelaide Street I have received the following communication from Blacktown City Council.

***'Residents of Adelaide Street were consulted about parking restrictions and were not in favour of any changes to the current arrangement.***

***Council is liaising with the Roads and Marine Services and residents of Adelaide Street to develop a parking scheme that satisfies both the school and residents.***

***Once the scheme has been completed it will be forwarded to the school and residents for comment.***

***The scheme was expected to have been presented at the meeting of the Local Traffic Committee last Tuesday, 10th November.***

***Mt Druitt police has advised that they will continue to enforce the current parking restrictions.'***

A number of parents continue to drive dangerously around the surrounding streets. In the interests of safety I urge parents to take extreme care when approaching the school at pick up and drop off times.

As the year draws to a close no doubt some of you are planning holidays over Christmas and into next year.

Parents need to be aware that learning is seriously interrupted when children are absent from school for extended periods. For this reason you are encouraged to take family holidays during the school holidays.

All leave must be approved by the Principal.

- Any leave over ten days must be submitted on the 'application for extended leave' form. (school office; school app or website).
- Leave under ten days must also be approved. Please put your request in writing (a letter will suffice) to the Principal before the leave commences.

On behalf of the St Aidan's community, I welcome Mr Stephen Hoile to our school. Mr Hoile has been appointed as the school's groundsman. I am sure he will do a fine job maintaining our beautiful school.

Teachers are completing student reports ready to be sent to parents in week ten. While we do not conduct formal parent/teacher interviews at this time, any parents wishing to meet with teachers are invited to contact the school office in order to make an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to enhance the learning for your children

Yours sincerely

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Dr Elizabeth Ricketts  
Principal.



## SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

### Remembrance Day – A special day for all Australians

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month achieved a special significance in the post-war years. This was the moment when conflicts ceased on the Western Front. This year 11<sup>th</sup> November marks the 97th anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

This week's mass lead by Year 4 was in honour of all those brave men and women who sacrificed their lives in order to preserve our freedom. We are extremely fortunate to live in an open-minded nation that embraces all nationalities. Marking Remembrance Day will provide our students with an opportunity to be reminded about what it is to be truly Australian.



Mrs Miray Khoury,  
Religious Education Coordinator.

## LITERACY MATTERS

### Encouraging children to write (continued)

- ◆ Praise your child for using neat and legible handwriting
- ◆ In order to develop spelling and vocabulary, play word games such as I Spy, Scrabble, Boggle, Scattergories and crosswords.

Mrs Christine Leahy  
Assistant Principal.

## ENCOURAGING THE BEHAVIOUR YOU WANT IN YOUR CHILD

### Catch your child being 'good'.

This simply means that when your child is behaving in a way you like, you can give your child some positive feedback. For example, 'Wow, you are playing so nicely. I really like the way you are keeping all the blocks on the table'. This works better than waiting for the blocks to come crashing to the floor before you notice and bark, 'Hey, stop that'. This positive feedback is sometimes called 'descriptive praise'.

Try to say six positive comments (praise and encouragement) for every negative comment (criticisms and reprimands). The 6-1 ratio peeps things in balance. Remember that if children only have a choice between no attention or negative attention, they will seek out negative attention.

Mrs Christine Leahy  
Assistant Principal.

## NUMERACY NEWS

### Packing Jellybeans task



#### Infants:

If there were 24 jellybeans in the box, how could these jellybeans be packaged?

#### Middle and Upper Primary:

Look at the photo and determine how many jellybeans in the container. Jelly beans are sold in 40 flavours. Can you design a container that could hold all 40 flavours? Consider the shape of the container (equilateral triangle, regular polygon) How many flavours and beans could each container hold?

We are looking forward to seeing your child's hard thinking!

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

Miss Prudence Hall.  
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE TICKETS

WYD raffle tickets were sent out to all families earlier this year. Please send back the ticket stubs with the correct money as soon as possible.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile endeavour.

## BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Sean Bernardo, KB and his family on the birth of a baby girl, Victoria Louise.



## STUDENT DATA VALIDATION

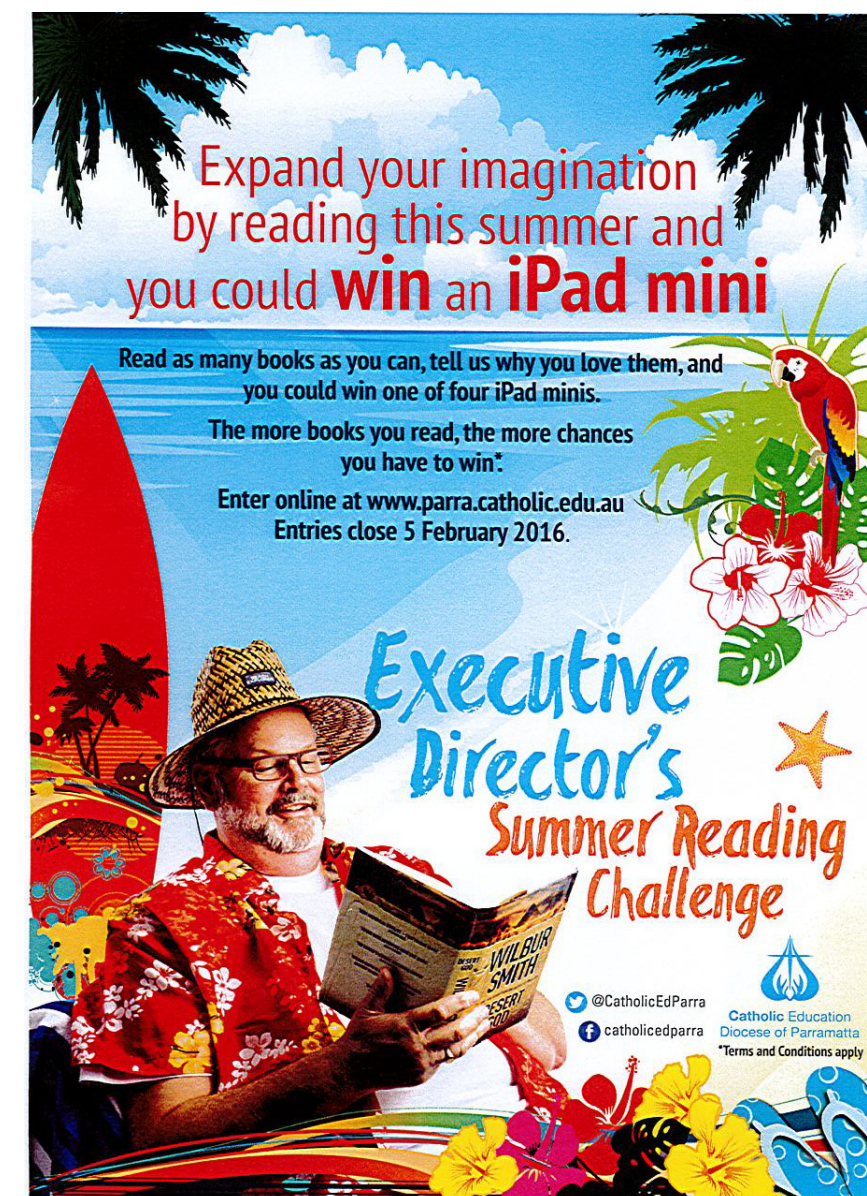
Catholic Education Office (CEO) will be sending out Student Data Validation forms mid-November. Please complete this and return it to CEO in the self-addressed envelope provided.

## Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the following who have been listed in the *Hall of Fame* this fortnight.

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KB	Alexa Hipolito	Sean Bernardo	KH	Bryson Smith	Arich Awac
1C	Alyxa Badato	Monique Mallouk	1M	Jake Bernaldo	Cassandra Vunipola
2D	Alexis Makedonas	Eric Meilak	2U	Raphael Limpiado	William Nau
3B	Ethan Garcia	Joseph Manaia	3Q	Marcus Brewty	Jonathan Michael
4D	Girgis Moawad	Tong Wol	4K	Raimely Bojo	Saphenatta Fuimaono
5P	Jdyn Espino	Aaron Vicedas	5W	Uriel Allarey	Theresa Maksymowicz
6B	Mikko Martin	Gian Montecillo	6C	Marta Abicic	Rhuvon Del Rosario



### Director's Summer Reading Challenge 2015

The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge has begun for this year. Entries close 5th February 2016. The prize for the most books read by the closing date is an iPad mini. Register online for the challenge at:

[www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)