

DATES FOR TERM TWO 2015

Friday 19th June	Student Reports to Parents
Mon 22-Thurs 25th June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 24th June	Year 4 Assembly (see Skoolbag App for time)
Thursday 25th June	Stage II Boys Soccer Gala Day
Friday 26th June	2:55pm term two concludes

DATES FOR TERM THREE 2015

Monday 13th July	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS)
Tuesday 14th July	8:40am Students begin term three
Thursday 16th July	Kindergarten, years one, two and three attend <i>Snugglepote & Cuddlepie</i> performance
Tuesday 21st July	6:30pm Parent Meeting (year six parents) with Constable Sneasby re Cyber bullying

EARN & LEARN

The Woolworths/Modern Teaching Aids Earn & Learn program is back! Starting on **Wednesday 15th July**, anyone who shops at Woolworths can collect stickers. They will get one sticker for every \$10 they spend. Once they complete their sticker cards they can send the card/s to school. The program closes **Tuesday 8th September**. Depending on the number of stickers/points earned, the school will receive learning equipment and resources for use by the St Aidan's students! In the past St Aidan's School has received some wonderful learning equipment/resources from Woolworths/Modern Teaching Aids.

ST AIDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—FIRST COMMUNION
(every child in years two and three who have not made their First Communion)

Parent information evening	Wednesday 15th July 2015 at 7:30pm in Mary MacKillop Hall
Registration	18th/19th July 2015—Mary MacKillop Hall after all the weekend Masses
Parent instruction evening	Thursday 23rd July 7:30pm Mary MacKillop Hall
Children's sessions	Sunday mornings 8:30am Mary MacKillop Hall 26th July 2nd August 9th August 16th August 23rd August
Practice sessions	Monday 31st August and Thursday 3rd September 2015 at 7:30pm in the Church
Sacrament administered	Sunday 6th September at 12:00noon and 3:00pm in the Church For further details please contact Elizabeth at the parish on 9625 8404.



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St Aidan's Primary School
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Sharing News & Views

From the Principal

Be happy and thank God for your great and grand vocation.

St Mary MacKillop

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Dear Parents,

Last term twenty-seven students from years four, five and six took part in a writing competition, 'Write 4 fun'. (Names included in the 'hall of fame'). This is a national competition held annually. While our students did not win the competition they achieved excellent results.

We were notified by the organisers that ten of our students progressed past the initial judging, placing them in the top 10% of entries.

Further to this, one of the students Aleksandra Favor (year four) was awarded a certificate for **Excellence in Writing** and was placed in the top 5% of entries. This is a tremendous achievement considering the hundreds of entries submitted. Congratulations to Aleksandra and the other students for 'having a go' and for achieving such great results. Thanks also to Miss Dellenty for facilitating the competition for St Aidan's and for motivating our students to take part.

Year five student, Ricky White represented the Parramatta Diocese at the NSW Cross Country last week. Congratulations on a fine effort Ricky.

Congratulations to Mrs Janet Colusso (year six teacher) who last week graduated as a Numeracy Specialist Teacher. This is an additional teaching role for Mrs Colusso who for thirty minutes each morning teaches numeracy to selected students in year one as well as teaching year six.

Twelve boys from years three and four will take part in the Soccer Gala Day next week. On behalf of the community I wish the boys every success and trust they will have an enjoyable day of healthy competition. (The boys names can be found in the 'hall of fame')

Student reports have been sent home to parents today.

As you are aware, parent/teacher interviews will be held next week. There has been a very positive response from parents to these interviews. Please bring reports to the p/t interviews should you require further clarification.

Thank you parents for working closely with teachers in the education of your children.

Next Monday, all families will receive a brochure entitled 'Safety information for volunteers and visitors'. This has been prepared by Ms Carlo-Stella (teacher-librarian) who is the WHS coordinator for St Aidan's. The brochure includes information on the following

- ◆ School contact details
- ◆ School safety overview
 - o the need to comply with school safety policies, procedures and directions
 - o first aid
 - o bathroom facilities
 - o school times
 - o emergency procedures
 - o safety rules
 - o school site map

If required, additional brochures are available at the school office.

Thank you to Ms Carlo Stella for preparing this informative brochure for St Aidan's.

School closes for the winter vacation next Friday 26th June.

Thank you for your support this term. I trust that you will be able to spend some time enjoying your children's company during the holidays.

Yours sincerely

Dr Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Parable of the Mustard Seed. Mk 4:26-34

Last Sunday's gospel from Mark, was a wonderful example of Jesus' teaching style. It even tells us that *'he would not speak to them except in parables'*. Jesus tells us that the small mustard seed grew into a robust tree and produced a plentiful harvest. We know that if we feed, nurture and care for plants, the end result is a positive one.

It can be said that Jesus was comparing the mustard seed to us. The Kingdom of God is our harvest, our reward. If we as Christians feed and nurture our lives by living the gospel, then we too will achieve a plentiful harvest.

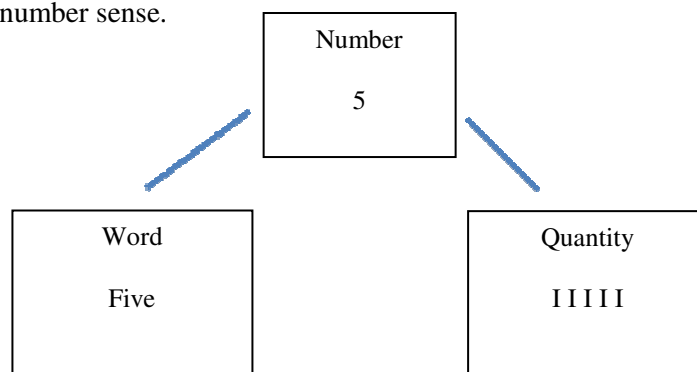
We need to embrace every opportunity to sow the seed of the gospel. It is in the sowing that we rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Mrs Miray Khoury,
Religious Education Coordinator.

NUMERACY NEWS

Number sense refers to how well children understand numbers and number relationships with different operations (addition and subtraction, multiplication and division). Number sense is developed at an early age and is used to help them solve different mathematical problems.

The number triad below is used in classrooms to help children to understand different numbers and develop number sense.



What can you do at home to support your child?

- ◆ Represent numbers using numbers, words and pictures/materials.
- ◆ Allow your child to *subitise* (Show your child a card of dots quickly for them to recall how many dots they saw).
- ◆ Encourage your child to use mental strategies to solve mathematical problems and verbalise their thinking.

In the next newsletter I will explore mathematics around us and provide examples of how you can support numeracy development at home.

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

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the following mothers and their families following the recent death of a close relative:

- Mrs El-Rab whose mother died
- Mrs Conopio whose father died
- Mrs Skarski whose father died

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now overdue. Please contact Mrs Wakeling in the school office on 9625 3181 if you are having any financial problems.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Please remember to use a brown paper bag when ordering. Food cannot be put into a plastic bag or envelope. Thank you.

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

EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS FOR TERM TWO 2015

KB	James Jacob	Frances Padilla	KH	Benji Reyes	Danika Robinson
1C	Benjamin Alcantara	Isabela Tenefrancia	1M	Hayden Bell	Reya Jaison
2I	Hannah Faustino	Kynan McPherson	2U	Matthew Ereira	Katrina Knezevic
3B	Paula El-Ghossein	Wayne Conopio	3Q	Kacey Alvarado	Anjali Sharma
4D	Miriam Warwick-Smith	Clara Michael	4K	Krutee Prasad	Prince Gonzales
5P	Nicole Cabalhin	Lyndon Romana	5W	Abigail Asuncion	Philopatir El-Rab
6B	Stacey Debulos	Tiffany Wu	6C	Marta Abicic	Alexi Bonete

STAGE II BOYS SOCCER GALA DAY

Amire Gorgise	Agazio Fragomeli	Mason Polidano	Krishiv Singh
Sione Vunipola	Tong Wol	Christian Ramos	Jemaine Darjani
Shaun Bernaldo	Aken Khon	Viliani Vunipola	Michael Piliae

WRITE 4 FUN COMPETITION 2015

Dora Abicic	Lee Darjani	Mary Pandes	Kayla Montenegro
Kyle Polidano	Kyra Barcelon	Beatrix Favor	Rita El-Ghossein
Marianna Al-Najar	Carlos Danial	Chenae Cruise	Latasha Brewty
Jaira-Lynn De Vera	Arabelle Remorozo	Krutee Prasad	Byron Skarski
Nicole Cabalhin	Disha Prasad	Emilio Seguban	Alecksandra Favor
Angeline San Pedro	Khushi Kansal	Marta Abicic	Ida-Laura Ioane
Sophia Evangelista	Clara Michael	Jasmine Cardines	

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Gorgise, Mrs Khan and Mr Torralba who assisted at the year three excursion last week

Thank you to Mrs Abicic, Mrs Manaog, Mrs Darjani, Mrs Saric and Mrs Alcalá who assisted at the year four excursion last week.

Thank you to Mrs Derjani, Mrs Fegradoe, Mrs Gatmaitan and Mr Maglalang who assisted at the year one excursion last week.

**Monday 13th July 2015 is a Staff Development Day
(no classes for students).**

Tuesday 14th July at 8:40am students begin term three.

THE USE OF A-E SCALE IN REPORTS

The grades A-E are allocated to each KLA based on assessment data collected over the half year.

A B C D E

The majority of students in Australia gain a C grading as this equates to the average.

The important thing to remember about assessments is not the end result but the **LEARNING GROWTH** achieved by your child.

Parents are encouraged to seek further clarity from teachers about student learning.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

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### LITERACY MATTERS

Students at St Aidan's write for an hour each day.

Why do we expect to write each day? Research suggests that writing each day improves the amount and quality of the writing.

A parent will often ask how they can support their child at home. Talk to your child about writing and write in front of them.

If you are concerned about your child's progress contact your child's teacher to discuss the concern.

A reminder about the **Premier's Reading Challenge** which closes on 22nd August 2015. The holidays are a perfect time for reading!

Mrs Christine Leahy  
Assistant Principal.

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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 RAFFLE

Please return your WYD raffle ticket stubs together with the money (\$20 per book) to school as soon as possible.