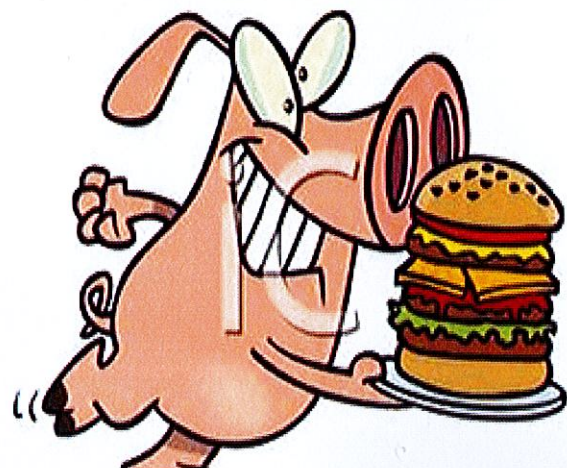


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Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many parents at the opening school Mass last Wednesday and to be able to have some time afterwards to chat over tea/coffee.
Once again congratulations to the students who have been elected to leadership positions for 2016.

School Captains

Kyra Barcelon and Kyle Polidano.

Sports Leaders

RED

Hannah-Rae Corcoran
Lyndon Romana

BLUE

Nicole Cabalhin
Nipulma Attanayake

GREEN

Kayla Montenegro
Phil El-Rab

GOLD

Latasha Brewty
Samuel Meilak

Liturgy Assistants

Akon Anei
Abigail Asuncion
Chloe Bazina
Jdyn Espino

Ayvah Brillante Lareza
Mary Pandes
Rodney Patterson
Thomas Putrus

Library Assistants (from year five)

Dora Abicic
Gabiella Lopus
Girgis Moawad

Ella Capili
Bella Teuma-Manaog
Christian Ramos

Jemaine Darjani
Clara Michael
Byron Skarski

Sophia Evangelista
Damian Mifsud
Miriam Warwick-Smith

*May the
spirit of
the Sacred
Heart
animate
you.*

Saint Mary
of the
Cross
MacKillop
1906

I expect that each of these students will fulfil their leadership roles with enthusiasm and pride in their school remembering at all times our school motto 'together we are one'.

As you are aware World Youth Day is being held in Poland and will take place in July 2016. Last year, each family was sent a book of raffle tickets to sell with the monies raised to be used towards assisting the many delegates who will be representing the Parramatta Diocese. You are asked to send the money for these tickets to the school as soon as possible and to also return any unsold tickets.

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Miray Khoury (Religious Education Coordinator St Aidan's) will be representing our school community at World Youth Day. Further information about WYD will be shared in future newsletters.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.



Year six meditation on the Jubilee Year of Mercy

How can we be forgiven?

In year six we have reflected on St Luke's gospel about how Jesus highlights the need to forgive others. We read the parable about *The Prodigal Son*. During our reflection we understood that the father was led by Jesus' example and forgave his son. You must be sincere about your apology in order to be truly forgiven.

In the parable, Jesus explains to us that, **"There will be more jubilation in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine worthy people who do not need to repent."**

During this season of lent we should take greater notice of the messages in these parables, for they teach us how to forgive and be merciful like Jesus.

By Kyra Barcelon and Kayla Montenegro.

Last week the first of three parent meditations was held. This is an ideal opportunity to come together as a school community and pray and share in the teachings of St Luke's gospel.

The second prayer session will be on Thursday 3rd March. I would really like to see many more parents, grandparents and carers take the initiative to join our parent prayer group.

Mrs Miray Khoury

Religious Education Coordinator.

School Attendance

St Aidan's follows the Parramatta Diocesan guidelines in regards to attendance. School attendance is compulsory for every school age student.

If your child is away a note explaining the absence is required. Skoolbag Ap 'eforms' provides an absentee form for parents to complete and submit via the Ap. There is also provision on our school website www.staidansrotyhill.catholic.edu.au for absentee notes to be completed and then emailed to the school.

The following information from the Catholic Education Office Parramatta also gives some key facts of why attendance every day is so important to student learning. If you have any questions about student attendance please contact the school.

Key Facts About School Attendance

- Attendance affects academic achievement. Every day of attendance contributes towards a child's learning and enhances academic achievement.
- Attendance has a strong relationship with student outcomes as measured by NAPLAN scores. Each percentage point increase in attendance is related to higher student outcomes by an average of 2-3 NAPLAN scale score points in numeracy, reading, spelling, writing and grammar & punctuation.



- Absence from school is associated with academic achievement in the current year as well as future years
- If children do not attend school regularly they miss out on the chance to build a good attendance habit
- Being absent for one day of school each fortnight (two days a month) adds up to missing more than a year of learning over 10 years. This is called school absenteeism
- Sporadic absences affect academic achievement as much as consecutive days
- School attendance patterns are established early in kindergarten and year one.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal

Numeracy News

The numeracy block at St Aidan's consists of a sixty minute lesson each day. This lesson is broken into three parts: warm up, rich open-ended task and reflection.

WARM UP 10-15 minutes: Students engage in games or activities involving number concepts (counting, place value, addition and subtraction or multiplication and division).

RICH OPEN-ENDED TASK 30-40 minutes: Students are presented with a mathematical task that is rich, real and relevant. The task can involve multiple answers and allows the students to use materials and mental strategies to solve the problem.

REFLECTION 10-15 minutes: Students share their mathematical thinking with the teacher and their peers, reflect on their own learning, ask questions and set goals for the next lesson.

More information about the numeracy block will be addressed in future newsletters and parent meetings.

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

Miss Prudence Hall

Lead Numeracy Teacher

School Fees

Due to changes with Australia Post's delivery times, there have been delays in some parents receiving their term one statements. It could take an extra 1-3 business days in most cases. School fees for term one are due by **Monday 7th March**.

Direct debit option forms are to be sent directly to the Catholic Education Office in the envelope provided with the statement.

Please contact me if you need any further information on (02) 9625 3181.

Mrs Blaga Wakeling
Office Manager.



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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KH	Marcus Bolano	Gabriela Tenefrancia	KQ	Sage Phillips	Mia Torralba
1M	Malaika Capili	Juliana Ioane	1S	Joshua Espino	Maribelle Moawad
2D	Anay Prakash	Shelbilise Teuma-Manaog	2U	Kobe Aquino	Terence Maglalang
3C	Keane Conopio	Ethan Dinh Vu	3D	Patelesio Mafi	Andrea Santos
4B	David Angelo	Peter Warwick-Smith	4P	Paula El-Ghossein	Marcus Torralba
5B	Norbert Alcala	Stela Kaway	5P	Shanice Caster	Odeesh Mansour
6C	Nipulma Attanayake	Tristan Payuran	6K	Akon Anei	Marc Gabarda

Congratulations to the following students who will receive a Certificate of Participation for the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge.

Dora Abicic	Mario Al-Najar
Alexi Bonete	Veniz Brillante
Jasmine Cardines	Paula El-Ghossein
Rita El-Ghossein	Brooke Elson-Gill
Hannah Faustino	Ryan Galman
Stela Kaway	Sosefo Mafi
Leduina Piliae	Alisha Prasad
Angelica Prasad	Denise Remo
Sarisha Sant	Heleana Soriano
Ethan Timbol	Tiffany Wu



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TUNE IN TO St Aidan's 97.5fm

St Aidan's has a radio station, that is led by a group of year 5 & 6 students & Ms Carlo-Stella. The group is known as the Radio Committee.

Every week there is a new and exciting broadcast that is great listening. The broadcast includes stories about the school, the world, technology, a book review & this year for the first time a tutorial on 'how to...'. There is also a summary of the current newsletter & upcoming school events. Stay tuned for a new competition that is about to begin.

The radio broadcast can be heard on 97.5fm between 8.15-9.45am & replayed at 2.30-3pm each weekday and can be accessed on the school website www.staidans.catholic.edu.au

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DATES FOR TERM ONE 2016

Tuesday 1st March	Meal Deal Day—Turning Japanese
Thursday 3rd March	9:00am Lenten reflection for parents
Sun 7th-Sat 13th March	Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday 9th March	9:15am Mass followed by open classrooms
Tuesday 15th March	Meal Deal Day—Beasty Burger
Thursday 17th March	9:00am Lenten reflection for parents
Thursday 24th March	Holy Thursday
Friday 25th March	Good Friday (no classes)
Monday 28th March	Easter Monday (no classes)
Tuesday 29th March	All students K-6 return following Easter break
Mon 4th—Thurs 7th April	Parent/teacher meetings
Friday 8th April	Term one concludes. School closes for Autumn holidays.