

# Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day Thursday November 12, 2015

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

# 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.

## 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.

# OLMC Parramatta Mercy Scholarships

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is now accepting applications for Mercy Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Music Excellence. Girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2017 are invited to apply. Visit the College website <u>www.olmc.nsw.edu.au</u> for further information.

#### SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT REFLECTION DAY

CatholicCare Social Services are being funded by the Diocese to hold a Day of Reflection for those who have suffered and grieve the loss of their loved one who took his/her own life. All family members or friends are welcome to attend this day which is being held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. at St Joseph's Centre, 64 MacKillop Dr, Baulkham Hills, commencing at 10.00am and concluding at 4.00pm.

The day will include time for sharing, prayer and quiet reflection, input and celebration of the Eucharist. Lunch provided. For registration phone (02) 99330222 or email enquiries@ccss.org.au.

# WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

Thank you to all the families who brought in sticker cards and stickers for Earn and Learn.

We collected **33,833 stickers** which have been converted to buy science and mathematics resources.

These resources for the students should arrive early in 2016.

# MEAL DEAL DAY—JURASSIC PARK TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2015 \*\$5.00PAYMENT BY THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER\*

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SAUCE (please choose one)
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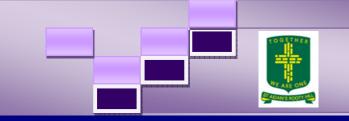
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JURASSIC PARK



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# From the Principal

## **WONDERFUL** Dear Parents,

**TEACHER** With a special gift for learning and with a heart that deeply cares, you add a lot of love to everything you share.

And even though you mean a lot, you'll never know how much, for you helped to change the world through every life you touched.

You sparked the creativity in the students whom you taught, and helped them strive for goals that could not be bought.

You are such a special teacher that no words can truly tell however much you're valued for the work you do so

well. (Author unknown)



When we celebrate teacher's day we not only think of the teachers who teach formally but we are also reminded of the many people in our lives who teach us in so many ways. Parents are the first and without a doubt the most important teachers in each of our lives. This teaching commences the moment we are born and remains with us throughout our lives. Jesus was known as the greatest teacher. He taught through parables and people came in their hundreds to hear him speak and learn from him. If his commandment to 'love one another, as I have loved you' were lived out by all people there would be no discord in our world. The art and craft of teaching is as old as life itself. Teaching is one of the noblest professions because as teachers we have the responsibility for shaping the minds of our students. It is a privilege indeed to be called 'teacher'. As we celebrate 'teachers' today, we at St Aidan's give thanks for each member of staff and show our appreciation for the wonderfully dedicated and enthusiastic people they are.

Thank you parents for supporting the recent disco. \$1,645.00 was raised. This money will be used to assist Catholic Missions and the Parramatta Diocesan World Youth Day Appeal. You may not know that the young people going to Poland for WYD in 2016 will travel via the Philippines to assist with construction in some of the poorer communities. This donation from St Aidan's will go towards necessary equipment needed in the construction work.

Last week a flyer was sent to each family regarding the St Aidan's Christmas Appeal for this year. Thank you to the families who have already responded with donations. Please ensure that your donations are sent to school by next Friday 6th November so that staff can prepare the gift packs for distribution to St Vincent de Paul.

Students are preparing for a 'talent quest' to be held in the coming weeks. This event is being organised by the Student Leaders and consists of:

- class finals
- grade finals
- grand final

All children are encouraged to take part. Items are to be prepared at home or during recess/lunch breaks. Class teachers will judge the class and grade finals. The grand final will be held on Thursday 10th December. Please talk to your children about this event as it is meant to be 'fun' learning to end the year. Items may include singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, drama, reciting poetry, juggling, magic or anything entertaining!! Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr Elizabeth Ricketts Principal.

# 30TH OCTOBER 2015

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

Today, people all around the world are celebrating 'World Teacher's Day'.

Special events are celebrated at different times during each year: mother's day; father's day; daffodil day; wattle day; Anzac Day and so the list goes on.

### SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

**Catholic Missions 175th Anniversary Mass** 

In 1822, Pauline Jaricot was a young French woman with a vision. Pauline's work laid the foundations for what would eventually become the world's largest mission agency. What began as collecting loose change from those who could spare it became a coordinated effort that today raises millions of dollars for missions all around the world.

Today, Catholic Mission operates in 160 countries worldwide, reaching out and giving life to those in need in 1,100 dioceses across Africa, Asia, South America, the Pacific islands and Australia. Catholic Mission receives support from thousands of generous donors in every state and territory. The money they raise goes directly to support the most vulnerable in our society.

On 16th October, our school leaders Christina Abi Chemouni and Lee Dariani along with Mrs Leahy and myself joined other diocesan schools at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta to celebrate the remarkable achievements of Catholic Missions. (We saw first hand how the lives of innocent children in Madagascar were changed forever. They were now able to access safe drinking water.)

The generous donations raised from the recent school disco will continue to improve many lives across the world.

Mrs Miray Khoury, Religious Education Coordinator.

#### LITERACY MATTERS Encouraging children to write (continued)

- Talk to your child about why an author or filmmaker might create a book, play or film in a particular way. What points of view are presented? What is the author's purpose?
- Read and talk about the writing that your child brings home from school.

Mrs Christine Leahv Assistant Principal.

# **ENCOURAGING THE BEHAVIOUR YOU** WANT IN YOUR CHILD

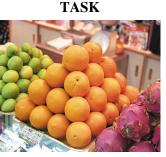
#### Show your child how you feel.

Tell your child honestly how their behaviour affects you. This will help the child see their own feelings in yours, like a mirror. This is called empathy. By the age of three, children can show real empathy. So you might say, "I'm getting upset because there is so much noise I can't talk on the phone." when you start the sentence with 'I', it gives your child the chance to see things from your perspective.

Mrs Christine Leahy Assistant Principal.

# **NUMERACY NEWS**

#### STACKING ORANGES Infants:





stack?

laver?

oranges in each layer.

numbers of oranges in the bottom laver.

How many layers would there be and how many oranges in each

Can you show your thinking using pictures, numbers and words?

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.

### **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION**

- Morning supervision begins at 8:15am
- Morning bell 8:40am (children should be at school before this time)
- Dismissal 2:55pm
- Afternoon supervision concludes at 3:25pm (please pick up your children on time)

#### SAFE DRIVING AND PARKING

 $\rightarrow$  Please be extremely careful especially when driving around the school. A parent was almost hit be a car doing U-turn across the double line in Adelaide Street.



#### 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	

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS								
KB	Isabella Vigliarolo	Aidan Nand	КН	Sera Aung	Alfred Ramos			
1C	Chloe Favor	Sofia Fragomeli	1M	Khairallah Gafour	Shelbilise Teuma-Manaog			
2D	Annabella Wisam Nissan	Kiara Marcelo	2U	Micho Bonete	Tania Thomas			
3B	Agazio Fragomeli	Jimmy Johnson	3Q	Angelo David	Megan Fuimaono			
4D	Ruiz Bernardo	Amarra Bumactao	4K	Viliami Vunipola	Saphenatta Fuimaono			
5P	Nipulma Attanayake	Ricardo White	5W	Ayvah Brillante Lareza	Jhon Mateo			
6B	Ida-Laura Ioane	Vince Malinao	6C	Marta Abicic	Jonathan Tandoc			

# **TUCKSHOP COLOURING IN COMPETITION WINNERS 2015**

Congratulations to the following students who received a bag of goodies for their prize:

- Joanna Villanueva KB (Infants)

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the 2016 resource fee of \$142 and an excursion fee (cost to be advised) will appear on the first fee statement sent to parents in February 2016.

# **DATES FOR TERM FOUR 2015**

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Tuesday 17th November	Meal deal day			
Wednesday 25th November	9:15am Kinde			
Tuesday 1st December	Meal deal day			
Wednesday 9th December	Student Repo			
Thursday 10th December	11:15am scho (parents of fir			
Monday 14th December	* 8:40am KL * 5:00pm Yea			
Tuesday 15th December	* 8:40am KL * Year six dis			
Wednesday 16th December	9:15am Than			
Thursday 17th December	Staff Develop			
Friday 18th December	Staff Develop			



# How many oranges are in the How many oranges can you see?

How many are hidden? What if there were one more

### Middle and Upper Primary:

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stack?

# How many jars of Vegemite?

# Fame

#### Together we are one

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