



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

**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 www.olmc.nsw.edu.au for further information.

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.

**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 14th 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.

**MEAL DEAL DAY—JURASSIC PARK
TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2015**

\$5.00 PAYMENT BY THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

- 4 x DINO SNACKS
- SAUCE (please choose one)
 - SWEET CHILLI
 - SOUR CREAM
 - TOMATO
 - BBQ

- JUST JUICE
 - APPLE **OR**
 - ORANGE

Child's name/s _____ Cass /es _____



**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.



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From the Principal

**WONDERFUL
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)



Dear Parents,

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.

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.

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 Darjani 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 Leahy
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 TASK



Infants:
How many oranges are in the stack?
How many oranges can you see?
How many are hidden?
What if there were one more layer?

Middle and Upper Primary:
Find a general rule for how many oranges in each layer.
Explore this stack using different numbers of oranges in the bottom layer.
How many layers would there be and how many oranges in each stack?
Can you show your thinking using pictures, numbers and words?
How many jars of Vegemite?

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

→ Please be extremely careful especially when driving around the school.
A parent was almost hit by 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 Fame

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KB	Isabella Vigliarolo	Aidan Nand	KH	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	Viliani 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)
- ◆ Disha Prasad 6B (Primary)

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

Tuesday 3rd November	Meal Deal Day—Couch Potato
Wednesday 11th November	* 9:15am Year four leading primary Mass * Remembrance Day
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)