

**DATES FOR TERM THREE 2014**

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| Wednesday 17th September | 9:15am Primary Mass lead by Year three |
| Friday 19th September    | 2:55pm term three concludes            |

**DATES FOR TERM FOUR 2014**

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| Monday 6th October   | LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY                   |
| Tuesday 7th October  | 8:45am term four begins for students |
| Friday 10th October  | Touch Football Gala                  |
| Tuesday 14th October | Basketball Gala Day                  |
| Friday 17th October  | School Disco K-6                     |

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Just a few reminders:

- ◆ Please make sure ALL orders are in by 9:30am.
- ◆ No foreign coins will be accepted. No credit.
- ◆ Please write your child's **name, class, food/drink order and amount enclosed CLEARLY** on a brown/white paper bag.
- ◆ Please do not use pencil. Texta/pen with large writing .
- ◆ Please do not sticky tape/staple the whole bag as it tears when trying to retrieve the money.
- ◆ You may use a small plastic bag inside the paper bag so that coins are kept together.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. The tuckshop is open Monday to Friday during each term for your children. Thank you for your support.

**KIDS CAMPS**

Choose from over 30 exhilarating camps at ten locations across NSW these school holidays. Our Sport and Recreation Centres offer over 40 activities for kids aged 5 to 16 years. Try your hand at fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, crafts, cooking or flying fox. You're sure to find a camp the kids will love.

Kids' Camps from **\$45 per day**

Fb.com/nswsportandrecreation  
 Www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps  
 Phone: 13 13 02

**C.A.R.E.S.**

The C.A.R.E.S. team are proud to announce that we are holding an Open Day at our Prospect location on Wednesday 24th September 2014. We are situated at Auto Place, Prospect (back of Eastern Creek). Anyone young or old who are interested in attending may come along and enjoy the day.

**Date: Wednesday 24th September**

**Time: 10am-3pm**

- Bring your own helmet & bike
- Road safety information
- Safety checks & skills course
- NSWP Push Bike Squad
- Cake stall & sausage sizzle
- Face painting
- Participant show bag

Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au



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**From the Principal**

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of term three we have much to give thanks for. It has been an incredibly busy term with the Creative Arts Expo; Visiting teachers from Queensland; soccer and netball gala days; Blacktown zone athletics carnival; Spellathon; Book week activities; World of Maths; Father's Day stall; Father's Day Mass and morning tea; Voice of Youth competition; writing competitions; knitting club; Diocesan Religious Literacy Assessments (years 4&6) and Naplan results. All of these except the RLA and Naplan were **'extra - curricular' activities.**

In spite of these extra-curricular learning activities, excellent learning and teaching continued. After all, your children come to school first of all to learn; and learn they did.

We are absolutely thrilled that for the first time in many years the results of the Naplan tests have been above the National average in every aspect of the tests. This is a tremendous achievement for St Aidan's and credit must go to the whole staff and each student involved and to you their parents for the effort expended and the continued interest and enthusiasm shared by all stakeholders. There is nothing like 'good news' to lift the spirits of a community. St Aidan's community 'take a bow'.

The Father's Day stall held last week raised \$1,585 toward school resources. Thank you once again for your support. I especially thank Mrs Abicic and Mrs Saric for the initiative and for preparing the gifts and additionally to Mrs Gagliardi, Mrs Norton and Mrs Fegradoe who came along on the Friday to assist with sales. I trust all the dads enjoyed their day, as the children certainly enjoyed their shopping experience.

It was lovely to see so many fathers at Mass and morning tea last week. I'm so glad that you were able to get time from work to join us in celebration. I commend the year five students, their teachers Mrs Poole and Mrs Woolcock and I suspect many year five mums on the delicious morning tea provided. It was a veritable feast and the children were thrilled that they were able to share in what was left over!

Forty students from years two, three and four received their First Holy Communion last Sunday. I am sure these children remembered to pray for their families and friends as they received Jesus for the first time.

Recently a group of students from years five and six took part in the 'Young Journalist Award' writing competition. I am thrilled to announce that two of our students Christina Abi Chemouni and Lee Darjani from year five received 'Highly Commended' status. Congratulations Christina and Lee. Your school salutes!

The proceeds from the recent Spellathon have reached \$11,935 as of today. This money will be used to upgrade sporting equipment and Mathematics resources in the school. Thank you parents for your support in this our major fundraiser.

The school closes for spring holidays next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Parents are reminded that children return to school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October and will wear their summer uniform.**

Please consult the school App for any alerts, updates or student absence requirements. This is a very effective way of keeping in touch with what is happening at St Aidan's.

Yours sincerely

*Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts*  
 Principal.

May the spirit of the Sacred Heart animate you.

*Saint Mary MacKillop*

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**REFLECTION**

The Fourth discourse dealt with the founding and instructing of ‘The Church’ by Jesus (chapter eighteen). Only in Matthew’s gospel was ‘Church’ mentioned.

Jesus called on Peter to lead and take charge of the mission of building the Church. Jesus said, “You are Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my church. . . I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt 16:18-19) The Pope is the successor of Peter, who was given the authority to preach, lead and to forgive sins. Jesus also told Peter and the others that greatness did not come in being served, but in serving others.

The Fifth discourse dealt with the final judgment- *Eschatology* (the end time). (Chapters twenty-four to twenty-five) Matthew wrote of the end of the Temple, the end of the world, and the divine judgment on the last day. The end of the Temple meant the severance of Jewish ties between Christians and Jews.

In order to keep alive the faith of his Christian-Jews, Matthew once again in his final chapters linked back to the Old Testament to *Daniel 7-8* with *apocalyptic* (revelation) language. He wrote of ongoing war between good and evil; God being in charge during times of trial and that his disciples should remain faithful and always be prepared for God’s return.

Mrs. Silvana Murphy  
Religious Education Coordinator.

**EXPLANATION OF SYLLABUS**

**History**

- ◆ Students investigate their personal, family and community history.
- ◆ They develop understanding of Australia’s Indigenous and colonial history and how Australia became a nation.
- ◆ Students learn about historical concepts, such as viewing an historical event from a different point of view, and historical skills, such as using historical sources for an investigation.

In addition to subject-based content, all syllabuses address important contemporary themes and general capabilities as students prepare to live and work successfully in the 21st century. These include Australian curriculum cross-curriculum priorities and general capabilities, and other learning across the curriculum areas identified by the Board of Studies.

Mrs. Christine Leahy  
Assistant Principal

**LITERACY MATTERS**

Part of reading for each student is home reading each night. Teachers send home readers that students have read before they go home. This may mean they are what we call an ‘easy’ or ‘familiar’ read. The purpose is to get your child confident and reading fluently or as the children will say “reading like we are talking.”

Reading and writing requires constant practice in order to improve. Parents can help by encouraging their child to practice these each day. Therefore, the experience with reading and writing needs to be positive. Set aside time where you can talk to your child about their reading and writing. Ask them what the book they read was about and what the characters did in the story. Ask them to write about the book.

Mrs Christine Leahy  
Assistant Principal.

School fees are now due. If you are not up to date with your fees please contact Mrs Wakeling 9625 3181.

**NUMERACY NEWS**

As we have explored this term, measurement needs to be taught in a variety of practical situations for children to deeply understand.

Children learn about time by being exposed to the language of time (yesterday, today) and by comparing the time it takes to complete different activities. Children then move to using both analog and digital clocks to help them tell the time.

What can you do at home to develop your child’s understanding of time?

- ◆ Look for different clocks around the house. Ask your child if they are analog or digital.
- ◆ Record special events on the calendar and talk about how many days, weeks or months until the event.
- ◆ Talk about events in terms of time. For example, it will take me two minutes to make toast.

When learning about time, children need to **notice**, **discuss** and **explore** the mathematics around them. This will challenge their thinking about time and develop their estimation skills.

In the next newsletter I will look at the important of mental computation and the new Mathematics Curriculum to be implemented in 2015.

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

Miss Prudence Hall  
Lead Numeracy Teacher.



**STAFF INFORMATION**

Mrs Rose Corpus (kindergarten) will be on long service leave during next week and week one term four.  
Mrs Blaga Wakeling (office) will be on long service leave week one term four.

**SUMMER UNIFORM**

**BOYS—St Aidan’s school bag**

- Grey school shorts
- Lemon short sleeve shirt
- Short grey socks (not anklets)
- Black shoes (leather not canvas)
- Bottle green jumper with school crest
- Bottle green hat with school crest

**GIRLS—St Aidan’s school bag**

- Green check dress with attached tab tie
- Short lemon socks
- (Girls’ socks must be lemon not white and must be turned over ankle socks not anklets)
- Black shoes (leather not canvas)
- Bottle green jumper with school crest
- Ribbons/scrunchies: bottle green or green check
- Bottle green hat with school crest

**SUMMER SPORTS UNIFORM—St Aidan’s school bag**

- Bottle green shorts (not cargo shorts)
- Lemon polo top
- White socks (not anklets)
- Joggers (mainly white)
- Bottle green tracksuit with school crest
- Bottle green hat with school crest

**Hall of Fame**

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

**EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS**

|    |                    |                  |
|----|--------------------|------------------|
| KC | Markaritte Derjani | Rafael Malinao   |
| KH | Chloe Favor        | Jacob Matta      |
| 1C | Ethan Timbol       | Breindel Capili  |
| 1T | Andrea Santos      | Matthew Ereira   |
| 2M | Koko Adriano       | Immanuel El-Rab  |
| 2Q | Wayne Conopio      | Charlize Santos  |
| 3B | Ella Capili        | Viliami Vunipola |
| 3U | Jon Timbol         | Clara Michael    |
| 4D | Rita El-Ghossein   | Khushi Kansal    |
| 4M | Sarah Pamatian     | Lorenzo Pangan   |
| 5P | Stephanie Derjani  | Marta Abicic     |
| 5W | Rhuvan Del Rosario | Aleksandra Favor |
| 6B | Shayne Cortes      | Myron Torralba   |
| 6C | Ramzel Liwanag     | Henry Wu         |



Many thanks to Mrs Abicic and Mrs Saric who organized this year’s Fathers Day Stall.

Thank you also to Mrs Norton, Mrs Fegradoe and Mrs Gagliardi who helped sell gifts to the students for their Dads/Grandpas.

**BABY NEWS**

Congratulations to Mary Pandes 4M and Tricia Pandes 2Q and their family on the birth of a baby girl, Giana.



Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Choir and took part in the Wizard of Oz at the Creative Arts Expo last month.

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| Bol Dak             | Dominic Arreza         | Kyle Polidano     | Ricardo White    |
| Arjae Quibuyen      | Uriel Allarey          | Marc Gabarda      | Jdyn Espino      |
| Gennlyn Santos      | Mary Pandes            | Nicole Cabalhin   | Khushi Kansal    |
| Jaira-Lynn De Vera  | Noelene Swin           | Rita El-Ghossein  | Latasha Brewty   |
| Abigail Asuncion    | Ayvah Brillante Lareza | Kayla Montenegro  | Markeisha Bolano |
| Hannah-Rae Corcoran | Tristan Payuran        | Arabelle Remorozo | Neil Swin        |
| Angeli Hate         |                        |                   |                  |



Congratulations to the following St Aidan’s students who received First Holy Communion on Sunday 7th September 2014.

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|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Dora Abicic            | Uriel Allarey     | Marianna Al-Najar   | Kenyon Aquino      |
| Abigail Asuncion       | Sarah Batula      | Ella Capili         | Jonas Capili       |
| Kc De Leon             | Rjay De Leon      | Eva Norton          | Sarah Pamatian     |
| Mary Pandes            | Tricia Pandes     | Mark-Jenand Pereira | Christian Ramos    |
| Simon Ramos            | Arabelle Remorozo | Lyndon Romana       | Gabrielle Romero   |
| Gennlyn Santos         | Montana Saric     | Lilly Schuster      | Bella Teuma-Manaog |
| Rafael Velasco         | Aaron Vicedas     | Dominic Arreza      | Chloe Bazina       |
| Aecy Dimapilis         | Beatrix Favor     | Marc Gabarda        | Sam Gabarda        |
| Prince Marcus Gonzales | Jordana Jacobs    | Lizelle Liwanag     | Benedict Macapagal |
| Jeremy Rahman          | Jordan Schembri   | Louise Sulit        | Neil Swin          |
| Noelene Swin           | Markeisha Bolano  | Latasha Brewty      |                    |



Monday 6th October is the Labour Day holiday.

Term four beings on Tuesday 7th October at 8:45am.