

St Clare's Catholic High School

A Catholic school of excellence and improvement

YEAR 7 2016 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS Saturday 2nd May 2015 . 9:00 am – 3:00pm



St Clare's Catholic High School will conduct enrolment interviews of applicants for Year 7 2016 on Saturday 2nd May 2015. Enrolment positions are still available. Applications are available from the school office (7:30 am – 3:30 pm) or may be downloaded from our website.



Catholic education is affordable for every family. If you have concerns regarding fees, please contact the Principal, Mr Robert Muscat. For all enquiries, please contact the school office.

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\$5.00



CHOOK, CHOOK, CHOOK MEAL DEAL DAY

TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2015

\$5.00 PAYMENT BY THURSDAY 30TH APRIL

CHICKEN TENDER WRAP with LETTUCE AND SAUCE

SAUCE

- Sweet Chilli
- Sweet & Sour
- Tomato
- BBQ

JUST JUICE

- Apple Juice **OR**
- Orange Juice

Child's name _____ Class _____



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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term two. I trust that each of you and your families enjoyed the break and had a very happy Easter. The students and staff have returned refreshed after a very welcome holiday and are most certainly ready for another challenging term. I take this opportunity of welcoming Mrs Erin Ball who will be teaching Kindergarten for the remainder of 2015. Mrs Ball has been a regular 'relief' teacher at St Aidan's for the past few years and as such is very familiar with our school. It is lovely to have Mrs Woolcock (year five teacher) back at school after her surgery.

During the holidays I delivered the *Occasional Address* at the University of Western Sydney's School of Education Graduation. I was honoured to be invited to speak at this important event and took great pleasure in sharing aspects of my learning journey and my beliefs about the 'art and craft of teaching'.

Some of the points I made included:

- parents as our first and most important teachers
- those teachers who impacted me during my schooling
- what makes a 'great' teacher?
- the role of teacher as facilitator of thinking
- the responsibility that each of us has to affect our world and make a difference
- 'education is the key to life'
- 'we teach who we are'

It is absolutely critical that teachers are passionate about their craft, want to come to work each day and keep the students at the centre of everything they do.

How blessed are we at St Aidan's that our teachers are so dedicated and passionate about their teaching? Your children are indeed in very good hands.

At the end of last term, several students from years four, five and six entered a writing competition named 'Writing 4 fun'. This event was organised by Miss Dellenty (year 4 teacher) and the quality of writing entries was extremely good. We now await in anticipation for the results. Regardless of whether students win or not, the learning that occurred during the writing process was exceptional. Well done children.

Thank you to Mrs Bear and Mr Julius for training the 'touch football' team last term. Your generosity in giving up your own time for the students was much appreciated.

As you will note in the calendar of events included in this newsletter, school assemblies will commence in week two and will be held each fortnight in terms two and three. Each assembly is organised by a particular grade. Due to limited space in the MacKillop Hall, only parents of the students presenting assembly and parents of students receiving awards are able to be accommodated.

Parents may take photos and video, however due to privacy restrictions, parents are requested not to publish other student's photos or names to Facebook, Instagram or other social media sites.

The fortnightly awards will be presented at these assemblies. Names of recipients will be published in the school's newsletter the previous week to enable parents of recipients to attend the appropriate assembly.

School photos are being taken next Tuesday 28th April. A letter was sent to parents yesterday stating that all students will be expected to wear their **FULL SUMMER UNIFORM**. It is important that all students are correctly attired for their photographs as they are a lovely reminder for the children and their families.

From time to time parents tell us that they do not receive the fortnightly newsletter. I remind each of you that the newsletter can be accessed online at <http://www.staidansrootyhill.catholic.edu.au> or on the school app 'Skoolbag.' Just search the app for St Aidan's and download it to your mobile device. Alerts are regularly available to parents via the Skoolbag app.

To ensure you are familiar with what is happening at school, please take note of the term's events listed in the calendar over the page.

I look forward to working with each of you again this term.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
Principal.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

We have just celebrated the highpoint of the Christian liturgical year. We are now in the season of Easter. Easter is a joyous time where we can celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Alleluia! The students are learning the meaning and significance of this remarkable event. Jesus' death and resurrection was the beginning of New Life, that is, New Life in the risen Lord for all of us.

Thank you to all the families who were able to support the Project Compassion's 'Food for Life' Campaign. We were able to raise \$950, which will be forwarded to Caritas on the school's behalf.

Mrs Miray Khoury,
Religious Education Coordinator.

NUMERACY NEWS

The Multiplication and Division domain of the MAI allowed the teachers to evaluate strategies students used to solve problems.



Throughout the interview students completed tasks which encouraged them to group and share efficiently. As students progressed through the interview they were asked to use mental and written strategies to solve problems.

Growth points were assigned to each student based on their responses during their interview. The multiplication and division growth points are listed below.

- ◆ 0-Not yet able to create and count small groups.
- ◆ 1-Can group and share one by one.
- ◆ 2-Can use objects to model grouping and sharing.
- ◆ 3-Can solve multiplication and division problems where they can't see all the objects.
- ◆ 4-Can solve multiplication and division problems where they can't see any of the objects.
- ◆ 5-Can solve multiplication problems using known facts and commutativity (3x4=4x3).
- ◆ 6-Can solve division problems using fact families and building up from known facts.
- ◆ 7-Can solve multi digit multiplication and division problems using appropriate strategies.
- ◆ 8-Can solve multiplication and division problems involving fractions and decimals.

In the next newsletter I will address counting in the early years (K-2).
What mathematics will you **notice, discuss and explore** with your child this week?

Miss Prudence Hall
Lead Numeracy Teacher.

ST AIDAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are now being accepted.
A child who will turn 5 years of age before 31st July 2016 is eligible to begin school.
Forms may be picked up from the school office Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 3:00pm.

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH CONFIRMATION 2015

PARENT INSTRUCTION WILL NOW BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 30TH APRIL
(not as previously advertised)

If parents missed the Information Night you may still register your child if they are in year six.

Parents **MUST** go to the Parish Office if you wish to register your child. For full details please contact the Parish Office 9625 8404.



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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

KC	Alisha Prasad	Diing Akol	KH	Joshua Espino	Maketalena Kautai
1C	Shyla Cruise	Joel Habte	1M	John Elbacha	Reya Jaison
2I	Savanna Muscat	Reuel Velasco	2U	Agul Khon	Tania Thomas
3B	Angelo Espino	Lizelle Liwanag	3Q	Kacey Alvarado	Izabella Bartley
4D	Simone Ramos	Miriam Warwick-Smith	4K	Norbert Alcala	Prince Gonzales
5P	Nicole Cabalhin	Jeremy Rahman	5W	Markeisha Bolano	Lorenzo Pangan
6B	Kc De Leon	Bianca Fragomeli	6C	Leduina Piliae	Jonas Mendoza

WRITING COMPETITION 2015

The following students have entered their stories and poems into the 'Writing 4 Fun' competition.

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	Aleksandra Favor
Angeline San Pedro	Khushi Kansal	Marta Abicic	Ida-Laura Ioane
Sophia Evangelista	Clara Michael	Jasmine Cardines	

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH—RECONCILIATION 2015

Congratulations to the following students who recently received First Reconciliation.

Derron Adviento	Amory Albanese	Russell Alpas	David Badato
Isabella Bartley	Jaiden Bartley	Olivia Bottom	Alyssa Cacho
Breindel Capili	Kaila Cenidoza	Keane Conopio	Wayne Conopio
Raylene D'Cruz	Angelo David	Chelsea Hernandez Dimaguila	Paula El-Ghossein
Brooke Elson-Gill	Matthew Ereira	Hannah Faustino	Maxine Galang
Ethan Garcia	Isabella Gatmaitan	Rodel Juco	Katrina Knezevic
Francesca Lagana	Stefanie Lagana	Raphael Limpiado	Nicholas Limpiado
Kiara Marcelo	Katherin Maroki	Elisha Matta	Kynan McPherson
Caterina Mifsud	Savanna Muscat	Nigel Nuque	Dominique Penarubia
Angelica Prasad	Ralph Quibuyen	Ridge Ramas	Lance Regala
Denise Remo	Denver Remo	Kiara Sansano	Krizzie Santos
Ryan Shrestha	Byron Skarski	Heleana Soriano	Jonathan Tandoc
Jacon Tandoc	Zak Tanedo	Jayden Tayag	Ethan Timbol
Jon Rhys Timbol	Marcus Torralba	Marian Unay	Reuel Velasco
Miriam Warwick-Smith	Peter Warwick-Smith		