PARENT FORUM MEETING
WED EVENING

Thanks to the large number of parents who were able to join us for a very productive gathering to discuss the students’ learning and to make some decisions on their behalf.

As with all of these meetings into the future, the first part was dedicated to a conversation about the school goals, processes and personalised learning approaches that we undertake with your child’s learning. MAIs were discussed and explained while also touching upon a wide range of topics of interest.

A decision was made to create a central committee that will then make some decisions about events, etc to occur later in the year. **We have 14 names of parents who will meet again soon as possible to get things underway.** Thanks to this group for volunteering to assist and provide opportunities to build our St Aidan’s community spirit.

Decisions about the uniforms were deferred to the above committee for further discussion and decisions. Ultimately, we will survey all families with a number of options that will then soon lead to a final decision being made one way or another. The timelines are fairly short if it is to start next year (for Kinders).

People appreciated the meeting to give a voice to parent issues and to have access to the school leadership. It was certainly a wonderful start for deeper parent participation in the life of the school. More updates asap after the next committee meeting.
STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY NEXT FRIDAY

Pupil free day next week Friday 3/3/17

Staff will be working on the school goals in Literacy/ Numeracy/ RE.

The NEXT staff PL day is on the first Monday next term (April 24th). Tuesday is a public holiday so it gives families an opportunity for a long weekend. Term 2 starts for students on Wed 26th April.

REMINDER:

Parents, when using the car pickup area in the afternoon please be careful of the after school care children that walk down to Rooty Hill Road North. We have anything up to 25 children that need to walk between the church and church lower carpark. For their safety could drivers please stay to the right when entering the school grounds. Your help in this matter is appreciated.
EVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY
and will be our school slogan for 2017. As parents it our responsibility to have our children at school every day and on time not late. Please help us to increase our student attendance level:

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Attendance level for all Diocesan schools is 90%

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COME ON ST AIDAN’S WE CAN GET TO THAT GOAL OF 90%!!
Markaritte Derjani (3 Blue) and Raimely Bojo (6 Blue) placed third at the 2016 Gymnastics State Championships. Congratulations girls!

If your child has any sports news they would like to share with the St Aidan’s community please email me.

Miss Jessica Chetcuti - jchetcuti2@parra.catholic.edu.au
VISIT FROM MR PETER BROGAN AND PAST STUDENTS

YEAR 6 students had some special visitors recently. Mr Brogan, Principal of St Agnes Secondary school spent half an hour with our students and highlighted the activities and experiences they can expect next year.

Since the majority of our Year 6 students go to St Agnes, it was a good induction into the school community.

Where did they go??

2016 YEAR 6:

STUDENT DESTINATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL IN 2017

ST AGNES- 35
McAULEY- 8
MARIST- 4
CAROLINE CHISHOLM- 1
ST DOM’S-1
ST CLARE, TAREE-1
Others 3 (Perth/ Sydney City/ Rouse Hill)
DATES COMING UP

Today 24/2
St Aidan’s Cross Country Carnival

Tues 28/2
SHROVE TUESDAY

Wed 1/3
ASH WEDNESDAY..... beginning the season of LENT.
Mass for primary students at 9:15am.
Infants classes will have a separate ceremony with Fr Alan after recess.

Thurs 2/2
1st sacramental meeting (Reconciliation) @ 3:30pm

Fri 3/3
Staff Professional Learning day. Student free day.

Sun 5/3
1st Sunday of Lent

Mon 6/3
START OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK @ St Aidan’s

Tues 7/3
Year1 morning mass 9:15am

Wed 8/3
Mass 9:15am - Kinder Red and Yr 6 Red buddies
Thurs 9/3
Mass 9:15am- Kinder Blue & Yr 6 Blue buddies

Fri 10/3
**Learning Showcase** to celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**.

Families will be invited into the classrooms (8:30-9:15am) on this Friday morning to observe some of the amazing learning activities that the students have been involved in since the start of the year. More details next week.

**Term Dates for 2017**

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Meals Deal $5.00

**Deal 1**
- Pick & Mix Box
- Bottle of Water

Select any 5 items: 2 bread triangles, chicken, ham, tuna, cucumber, cheese, tomato, egg, beetroot, orange wedge

**Deal 2**
- Sausage Roll
- Flavoured Milk
- Zooper Dooper

Available from Monday 20th February – Friday 10th March

CRUNCH & SIP DEAL FROM THE CANTEEN – 1 PIECE OF FRUIT & 1 BOTTLE OF WATER $2.00