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## Newsletter

### Term 1 Week 7

## WHY??

*"Every four-year-old asks a series of incessant 'why' questions: Why is there rain? Because of condensation. Why is there condensation? Because of changing temperature conditions. Why are there changing temperature conditions? Et cetera.*

*We have this beaten out of us early on by worn-down parents and teachers.*

***But this why mode is the key to all critical thinking. Think like a four-year old. Ask 'why' and 'how.' Ask them often."***

Daniel J. Levitin

***WHY do we tend to lose this sense of wonder and curiosity as we get older?***

While seeking answers is good, children must also learn to question and challenge perceptions.



# Critical Thinking

**Critical thinking is a crucial skill for today's modern world and we should be encouraging a child's wonder, awe and imagination.**

Get them asking questions... ask questions of them.... Challenge and ignite the curiosity and creativity that seems to dim as they get older.

***Inquiry learning*** at St Aidan's stimulates a search for new knowledge and skills. It needs to be consistent and ongoing and is a crucial skill for their future!

## **School Fees**

**No student should ever leave a Catholic School because of financial pressures. If you would like to discuss payment options, the school has a variety of ways to help out.**

**If your family are experiencing financial difficulties and need support, please contact Ted Langford.**

# Why My Child's Teacher Was Not In Class Today?

Occasionally, teachers are away .... There are many reasons for this including work entitlements, such as sick days, long service leave or carers days, etc. Sometimes teachers attend Professional Learning courses to assist students with their learning needs or are possibly attending Professional Learning opportunities on the school site.

Maybe the teachers are on site but not in class because they are collecting data about your child, through Maths interviews, running records of their reading or assessments to diagnose their letter or number knowledge in the infants classes. Occasionally, teachers might be asked to attend sporting carnivals and supervise teams.

However, the child's learning program continues as normal since programs are written collaboratively and relief teachers





# HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY







**Wishing You and Your  
Family a  
Happy St Patrick's Day  
Tomorrow**



# Dates

**Sat 17/3 St Patrick's Day**

**Sun 25/3 Palm Sunday and  
the start of Holy Week**

**Staff Professional Learning day-  
First day of Term 2**

**Monday April 30th (no classes)**

**Students return T2 on Tuesday May 1st**

## **NAPLAN coming up**

Early next term, year 5 & 3 students are involved in this nation wide standardised assessment.

**Tues May 15: Language Conventions and Writing**

**Wed May 16: Reading**

**Thur May 17: Numeracy**

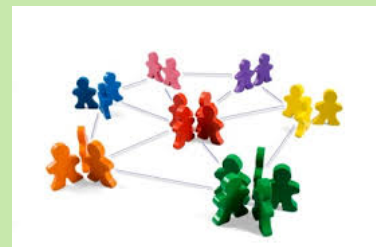
## **Leadership Camps**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we needed to change our dates for these Yr 5 & 6 camps.

Dates and Venues:

**Yr 6 April 11-13 (Wed/Thurs/Fri) - Wedderburn**

**Yr 5 May 7-8 ( Mon/Tues) - Teen Ranch**



# Have You Changed Your Contact details???

**We always need up to date information in case of emergency or other safety reasons.**

Have you changed:

Phone numbers? Email address? Home address? Emergency contacts?

**Please let the school office know asap so we can update family records.**

## Blacktown Council Tree Giveaway

Each year Blacktown Council gives 2 free plants to people who receive Council rates from Blacktown Council. If you wish to donate your 2 free trees to the school please complete the form below and send it to the school office as soon as possible.



I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name) (address including suburb)

have **NOT** collected my 2 free plants from Blacktown Council this financial year and would like to donate them to St Aidan's Primary School, Rooty Hill for planting on school grounds.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signed) (signed)

## Information regarding Leave from School.

Leave from school for holiday/overseas trips in school time is not encouraged and any extended leave must be explained in writing.

A leave form ("Application for Extended Leave") must be completed at least **4 weeks in advance for any leave**. The form is available at the school office. In NSW school attendance is compulsory for children over the age of six years until the minimum school leaving age of 17 years.





It's that time of year again where we are asking that each child donates an Easter egg, boxes of chocolates, chocolate bunnies, cartons of chocolate eggs, mini Easter eggs etc. The more donations we have the more prizes we have.

All proceeds will go towards the Project Compassion Campaign, a catholic charity that supports millions of people around the world. Please leave all donations in the classroom.

Tickets are on sale every morning before school, at recess and lunch as well as after school. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. **The raffle will be draw on Tuesday morning 3rd April after the Easter liturgy.**

*Thanking you in advance for this worthy cause.*



# Numeracy News

What can you do at home to support your child at home?

## COUNT WITH YOUR CHILD EVERY NIGHT!

It is very important that your child counts every night. Maths goals went home on Monday which show what they are working on in class.

Your child may be working on counting forwards and backwards, skip counting by 2s, 5s, 10s or counting money as an example.

Research suggests that for students to learn a new skill they need 200 hits- 200 opportunities to practice this skill. So get counting!

## Maths words of the week

**Collection:** A group of objects that students count or manipulate.

**More and Less:** Instead of using the language "the number before and after" we use the language "more and less".

For example

What is the number 1 more than 10?

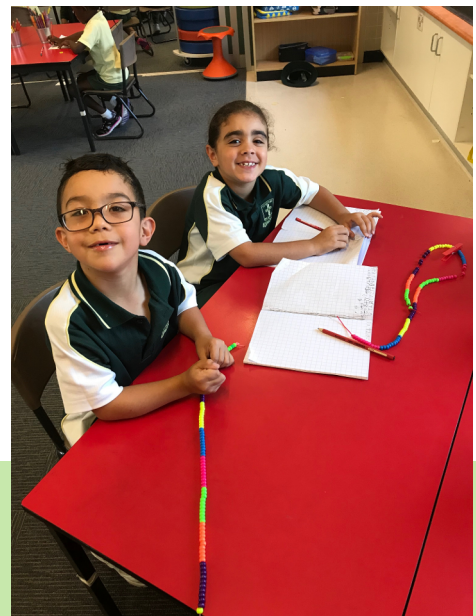
What is the number 1 less than 93?

What is the number 10 more than 70?

What is the number 10 less than 34?

What is the number 10 less than 308?

What is the number 100 more than 3454?



# Technology News

## ARE YOU CONNECTED TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS ON SEESAW?

If not make sure you speak to your child's teacher about how to join.



APP OF THE WEEK!

Chatterpix



Chatterpix is an app that can make anything talk! Take a photo of a picture, of a book character, of yourself. Draw a line to create a mouth and record your voice.

At St Aidan's students use this app to:

- retell the story they are reading.
- pretend they are a character from a story and give their point of view on different events in the book.



# BOOK FAIR CARNIVAL

Your Ticket to Read!



We are hosting a **CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR**.

Each class will be invited to preview the books on the Wednesday prior to the Book Fair. The preview sessions are an ideal opportunity for children to share and discuss the books with their teachers and peers.

The selection of books at our Book Fair will include a wide range of quality books from the best Australian and overseas authors & illustrators.

All books are discounted.

**Every single purchase from the Book Fair earns FREE books and resources for our school.**

**Our Book Fair selling times will be:**

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> of April 8.00 – 9.00am  
2.30 – 3.30pm

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> of April 8.00am until lunchtime

You, your family and friends are most welcome to share in the magic of matching children and books.

Credit Card facilities are available. No AMEX please.



# BRIGHT FUTURES

## School holiday program at UTS

Bright Futures is for primary and early secondary students who are curious about the world, passionate about learning and starting to think about the paths they will take in the years ahead. The program offers a unique combination of eye-opening experiences based around subjects studied at UTS. All workshops are open to Year 4 - 8 students.

16 – 19 April 2018

	Bright Futures workshops	Date	Year group	Fee	Venue
5	Puppeteering workshop: Socks, rocks and other talking objects	Monday 16 April	Years 4 - 8	\$100	University of Technology Sydney, Broadway Campus
6	Communication workshop: Inside outside	Tuesday 17 April			
7	Engineering workshop: RocketLab	Wednesday 18 April			
8	Architecture workshop: Designing, creating and constructing	Thursday 19 April			

UTS staff have exclusive 5% discount. Please request the promotion code via [ircyf@uts.edu.au](mailto:ircyf@uts.edu.au).

Full program and registration:  
[www.bit.do/brightfutures18](http://www.bit.do/brightfutures18)



St Aidan's School is proud to announce that the following classes had 100% attendance during the week 12th to 15th March

*(This does not include students on leave)*



K Blue had four days with 100% attendance



1 Blue, 3 Blue, 3 Red, 4 Blue and 4 Red, had three days with 100% attendance

K Red, 2 Blue, 5 Red and 6 Red had two days with 100%

ATTENDANCE   
MATTERS

1 Red, 5 Blue and 6 blue had one day with 100% attendance

**EVERY**  
SCHOOL DAY  
**COUNTS**





# St Aidan's Kinder 2019 now enrolling!!!

If you or your relatives, neighbours etc have a child who will be turning 5 years of age before 31st July 2019 then it is time to enroll them in Kinder at St Aidan's!

*The office is open from 8:30am until 3:00pm to pick up a form.*





# MEAL DEALS



ONLY  
**\$5.00**

## MEAL DEAL ONE

EGG & LETTUCE ROLL  
JUICE POPPER  
FRESH POPCORN

## MEAL DEAL TWO

MEATBALL SUB ROLL  
JUICE POPPER  
FROZEN CORDIAL CUP

AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2018

Order your child's lunch  
online before 9am!

Register at -  
[flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au)

PLEASE ENSURE YOU CHECK THE 2018  
CANTEEN PRICE LIST FOR THE LATEST  
PRICES AND THIS YEAR'S MENU.

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