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Newsletter

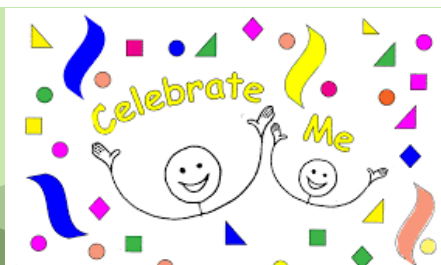
Term 2 Week 8

Approaching the halfway mark!!

Our Kinder students have now been at school for nearly two terms while our year 6 students will soon only have 2 terms to go with their primary schooling..... Time flies!

With family conferences starting up next week, parents will get a progress report **today** on their child's learning performance. Students are invited to participate in the family discussion with their teachers so they are aware of what is being said about their learning efforts.

There is always something to praise and celebrate on the **report**.... give your child a hug and congratulate themand we know there will always be more learning challenges to deal with each day..... no student (or person) knows everything....





Thanks especially to our wonderful teachers who work tirelessly for your children. They have an enormous workload which is never seen by either students or families. The complexities and accountabilities they deal with nowadays makes it a challenging vocation yet one which is very rewarding.

You as a parent might have 3 children for example- all with very different **personalities, talents, abilities and potential.** Teachers have 25 or so individuals every day.... all very different.... and they constantly cater for their unique needs.... a challenge with such a diversity of learners !






Yet the ongoing and generous commitment, passion for learning and dedication to each child by our teachers makes our school VERY BLESSED to have people like these working at St Aidan's.



E-A Standards-Based Reporting

To put the E-A Standards-Based Reporting Scale into perspective, it is helpful to look at the analogy below for driving a car. **Your child's grading of "C" is exactly where they need to be at this stage of their learning.**

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E-A Standards-Based Reporting Scale					
Years 1-6	E	D	C	B	A
Formal Terms	Limited achievement	Basic achievement	Sound achievement	High achievement	Outstanding achievement
St Aidan's Descriptions	Experienced difficulty	Did OK	Celebrate this work	Beyond expectations	Amazing achievement
Looking at this like a driving licence.	<p>A person on their <u>L plates</u> must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.</p> 	<p>A person on their <u>P plates</u> drives independently but is still learning and developing their skills.</p> 	<p>A person who has their full <u>driver's licence</u> is independent to drive on their own without restrictions.</p> 	<p>An <u>advanced driver</u> can navigate through many obstacles and has extra skills.</p> 	<p>A <u>Formula One driver</u> strives for excellence - conquering one challenge and then moving on to the next and even bigger challenge.</p> 

It's The Last Day



Dear Parents,

Family Conferences will be held from **Wednesday 27th June- Thursday 5th July**.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 9625 3181

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **xxrhk**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best

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When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect. **DO NOT DELETE** the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by Friday 22nd June.



If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

Your child (K-6) will be required to attend the conference with you so that they can share their learning with you and negotiate their next goals for semester 2.



STEAM- Athon

Thursday 28th-Friday 29th of June

Come on St Aidan's! Please fill your sponsorship sheets! Donations need to be collected and back to school by Wednesday 27th June.

For every \$5 you raise you will get a ticket into the draw to win some major prizes, so get collecting!



All money will go towards purchasing robotic equipment for the students to use at St Aidan's.



Blue Bots



Ozobots



Sphero

There are over 50 prizes to be won!

The student who raises the most amount of money will win a

Sphero MINI robotic ball.



**NEXT
WEEK**

STEAM- Athon

Come Join the Fun!



Parents are invited to attend the
STEAM-Athon on

Friday 29th June from 11:00am.

If there any parents who would like to
HELP on Thursday 28th or Friday 29th
please let the ladies at the office know!

Looking forward to **two**
***FANTASTIC DAYS OF
LEARNING AND FUN!!!***



SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING
ARTS MATHEMATICS

Conversation is the Comprehension Connection

Conversation helps individuals make sense of their world. It helps to build empathy, understanding, respect for different opinions, and ownership of the learning process. It helps students sort out their ideas of the world and begin to understand how they fit into it. Used as a connection to cognitive strategies, conversation fosters comprehension acquisition. Ketch (2005)



What does research tell us?

- *By giving our students practice in talking with others we give them “frames for thinking on their own” (Vygotsky;Calkins)*
- *Discourse doesn’t make thought visible, rather thought is internalized discourse(John Bruer)*
- Purposeful Talk is focused collaborative talk ; it is a social process that requires students to actively engage with ideas, think out loud together and work towards the co-construction of ideas. (Maria Nichols 2009:12)
- Resnick (1999) refers to it as “accountable talk”. She suggests such talk is fundamental to learning and “clearly linked to depth of understanding students are able to achieve.”

Comprehension
Through
Conversation

Make a Difference! **DONATE**



Dear parents,

At St Aidan's, we strive to equip all of our students with the solid foundation they need to be successful in school and in life. Knowing that many of our students come to school without any fruit each day, we are asking for donations of fruit to offer students during crunch and sip.

As a school community that does our best to foster a strong and supportive learning environment, we want to ensure that hunger is not a barrier to our student's success. Studies indicate that a healthy breakfast and fruit snack positively influences student health and academic achievement. When students don't eat a balanced diet their energy levels, problem solving skills, creativity, concentration and behaviour are negatively impacted.

The **Crunch and Sip** initiative introduces students to new fruits and vegetables and promotes the development of lifelong healthy living habits. The benefits from this vital meal are felt in the classroom, at home, and ultimately, in our communities.

The success of **Crunch and Sip** depends on support from parents who provide their children with a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks but better yet, encourage your children to prepare their own fruit snacks as a way of developing healthy eating habits.

Currently we are in need of donations of fruit and contacting friends and families who are greengrocers that could donate a box or two of fruit for our students. Any contribution that you can provide would be greatly appreciated. All donations can be left at the office. By working together, we will make a real and lasting difference in students' lives and ensure that every student receives their first bite to success!





IMPORTANT DATES



- * Fri 22nd June - Student Reports go home TODAY
- * Wed 27th June to Thurs 5th July - Family Conferences
- * Thurs 28th & Fri 29th June - STEAM-Athon Fundraiser
- * Fri 6th July - last day Term 2
- * Mon 23rd July - Staff Professional Learning Day (NO CLASSES)
- * Tues 24th July - First day of Term 3
- * for students 8:40am *

School Fees are now due. If you have already paid, thank you.

If you are having any difficulties please contact Mrs Wakeling on (02) 8886 9800.

KINDER 2019

Enrolments for 2019 are NOW being interviewed.

Looking forward to meeting your child, your neighbour's child or your friend's child !

Just let them know. *Thanks.*



Staff Professional Learning day

First day of next term

Monday July 23rd

Students start Tuesday 24/7

HOLIDAY FUN AT BLACKTOWN LIBRARY

BRICKBUILT BY SYDLUG

Come and see this amazing exhibition
and meet the experts who build with toy bricks.
Displays are created by adult fans of LEGO®.

Monday	9 July - Friday 13 July	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	14 July	10 am - 2 pm
Monday	16 July - Friday 20 July	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	21 July	10 am - 2 pm

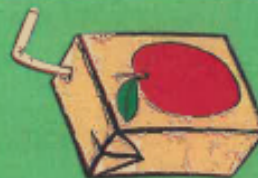
Max Webber Library Function Centre, Cnr. Flushcombe Rd & Alpha St, Blacktown.
Check out our website for more school holiday activities.



Meal Deal \$5.00

Meal Deal 2

- Chicken Burger
- Juice Popper
- Frozen Ice Cup



Meal Deal 1

- Fillo Spiral Pastry.
- Juice Popper
- Cheese Stick



Available from Monday 11th June, 2018 – Friday 29th June, 2018

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