



OUR PLACE

ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 2 Friday 5th May 2017

We are truly blessed at this school to have such a wonderful community of children, parents and staff. Last term our school was fortunate to have a book fair followed by Grandparents day with morning tea and mass. What a wonderful way of concluding our busy term.

I would like to thank those children, parents and staff who either organised or helped out with these events. We are lucky to have such hardworking and generous people that can assist at such events throughout the year. As a result of the book fair our school was able to purchase \$928.00 worth of books for the library. Thank you to Mrs Michelle Provest who organised the book fair. *(See a few photographs later in this newsletter.)*

Congratulations to those children who represented our school at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday of this week. All children performed extremely well and Miss Chetcuti will have more in her report in the newsletter. I would like to acknowledge one of our children, Hayden Bell from 3R who came 8th and so therefore goes to the next round of Cross Country. What a great achievement.



Next week is a very busy week at St Aidan's. We start our week with the Mother's Day stall on Monday as well as Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is NAPLAN testing for years 3 and 5. We conclude the week with Mother's day mass and morning tea. The mass starts at 9.15am and the morning tea will start after mass near the canteen/tuckshop. Children will join their parents at 10.30 on the playground.

Pastoral Care and Student Management

Our policy promotes a climate of respect and justice for all, by nurturing the self-worth and dignity of each individual. We are committed to and responsible for living out the Gospel Values of justice, respect, dignity and tolerance within the network of relationships, which make up our school community.

We value our School / Parish partnership which contributes to the total care of students, families and staff.

Student Management is one aspect of the total care of every person in our school and is based on our belief in Gospel Values and our understanding that all human behaviour is purposeful, as we attempt to satisfy one or more of our needs.

Our policy is also based on the principles of **procedural fairness**. Procedural fairness is a basic right of all when dealing with authorities. Procedural fairness refers to what are sometimes described as the 'hearing rule' and the 'right to an unbiased decision.'



Literacy

In line with our school goal, this year the teachers at St Aidan's are focusing on the development of comprehension skills in our students. Along with

decoding, making meaning is an important part of the reading process. Often children have very good decoding skills, that is, they can read the words on the page easily, however, when you ask them to recall what they have read, some students cannot retell the story with details.

To help the students develop their comprehension skills you may notice that we are **NOT CHANGING** their books everyday. We are encouraging them to read **FAMILIAR BOOKS**, books that they have already read and are not struggling with decoding, more often to develop their vocabulary, understanding of the story and fluency.

How can parents help?

Besides reading with your child it is also important for them to talk about what they have read to broaden their vocabulary and understand how words can be used in different ways. Reading fluently or reading like they are talking, pausing only for the appropriate punctuation, assists students with reading for meaning.



Morning Supervision

Just a reminder parents that teacher supervision of children does not commence until 8:15am. The gates will be opened in the mornings at 7:30am. Children who arrive before teacher supervision begins are reminded to sit quietly on the seats outside the meeting room and not play with any equipment until supervision begins. If there is any emergency or anything you would like to discuss with us please contact the office for further information.

Dates coming up...

Monday 8th May Mother's Day Stall (any remaining gifts will be sold on Wed 10th & Thurs 11th May)

Tuesday 9th – Thursday 11th May – NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5

Friday 12th May Mother's Day Mass 9:15am followed by morning tea

Sunday 14th May Mother's Day



BOOK FAIR 2017





Being on Time

Attendance is not just about being at school but also about being on time. Being late 5 minutes a day equals 25 minutes over a week, 250 minutes a term or 4 hours per term, or the equivalent of 3 ¼ days per year and over the schooling years is equivalent to one whole term of missed learning time. When a student arrives late they have often missed the introduction to a lesson and they've missed time socialising with their peers.

EVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY is our school slogan for 2017. It is our combined responsibility **to have our children at school every day and on time.**

Attendance is a major focus for St Aidan's this year.

Week 1 attendance level is 84.9 (A NEW PB!!!)

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Attendance level target for all

Diocesan schools is 90%

COME ON ST AIDAN'S WE CAN GET TO 90%!



Calling all writers in Years 5 and 6

2017 NSW Storytelling Competition for students in Years 5 & 6

DO YOUR STUDENTS LIKE TELLING STORIES? CAN THEY CAPTURE AND ENTERTAIN AN AUDIENCE? IF THE ANSWER IS YES, THEN ENTER THEM IN THE AUSTRALIAN STORYTELLING COMPETITION FOR THEIR CHANCE TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES!

This is the 8th year the competition is being hosted by the Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW) Inc www.storytellersnsw.org.au.

Over this time they have viewed entries of high quality from State and Independent schools that showcase young people's love of language and literature. This is an opportunity for:

- students to develop arts literacy skills, self esteem and win wonderful prizes.
- the school to encourage children to participate in an educational activity that is fun and supports development in skills across a number of Key Learning Areas.

2017 Storytelling Competition for students in Yrs 5 & 6

Hosted by Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW)



CLOSING DATE FRIDAY MAY 19TH 2017

FREE ENTRY

What to submit.

A video storytelling performance of a **published** or well crafted **original story** that takes between 2 and 6 minutes to tell.

Students are encouraged to tell the story in their own words to capture the essence of the story rather than learn the story word for word. For this competition we are not accepting poetry or rhymed stories.

Conditions of entry

- Storytellers may be filmed performing either in front of a live audience or directly to the camera
- Filming should show the performer in a full body or half body shot so that the arms and hands are visible
- Stories are to be told, not read
- The story is to be no longer than 6 minutes
- Consideration should be given to pace and tone of voice, expression and gesture
- Please send your video file on a USB stick to The Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW)

Deadline All entries must be postmarked by Friday 19th May 2017 or earlier

Judging The quality of the performance will be judged, not the quality of the video or filming technique

- Finalists will be notified by 2nd June 2017
- Finalists will be invited to present their story at the Sydney Storytelling Conference family concert June 17th 2017
- All participants will receive a certificate of participation via email.

Prizes for the competition: 1st place \$150, 2nd place \$100, 3rd place \$50



To improve literacy amongst our students we encourage them to read every night. One way is through the Premier's Reading Challenge in which St Aidan's is participating. The Reading Challenge promoted by the NSW Premier, began on March 6th and closes August 25th. It is open to students from K-9. Children in K-2 are encouraged to read 30 books over the 5 months. 25 books to be chosen from the reading lists and 5 books that are free choice. Children in yrs 3-9 are encouraged to read 20 books over the 5 months. 15 books to be chosen from the reading lists and 5 books that are free choice.

In the coming weeks kinder students will come home with their login. For those children who have previously participated in the Challenge their login will be the same. If they don't remember their login please advise their teacher. They can log their reading books at home or at school.

We have now started the process of enrolling for Kinder 2018. Interviews are underway with various parent meetings coming up in terms 3 & 4.

Please call in at the office and pick up an enrolment form or tell your family and friends. The school office is open from 8:15am to 3:15pm for enrolments.

Numeracy News

Three in a line in Year 1.

Aim:

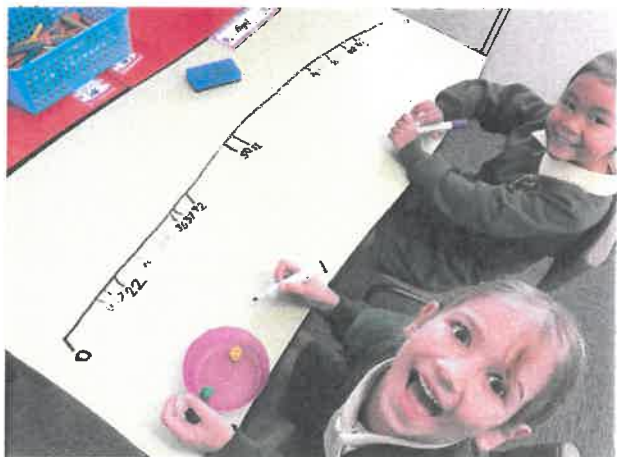
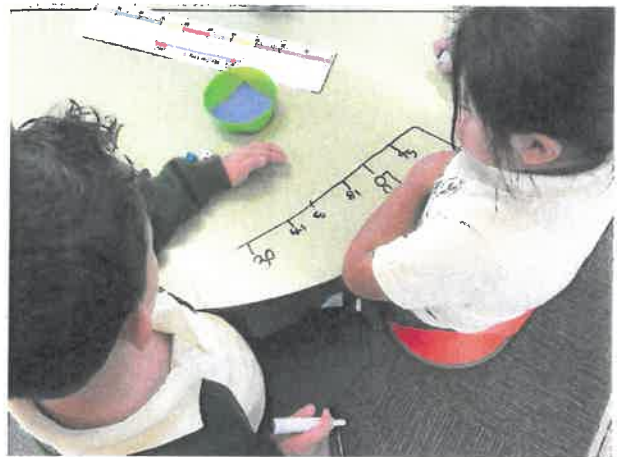
To place numbers in order and in the correct place on a number line.

Materials:

- Empty number line
- Two or three 0-9 dice
- Two different colour whiteboard markers or pencils

Rules:

- Player one rolls dice and create either a 2- or 3-digit number.
- Player one then writes the number onto the number line where they think it belongs and explains their thinking.
- Player two rolls the dice again and writes their number onto the number line using a different colour.
- The winner is the first player to place three number in a row without an opponent's number in between.



If you would like to know further information about the teaching of Mathematics at St Aidan's or you would like me to address a particular area of Mathematics you can contact me through my school email address plance@parra.catholic.edu.au

Third Sunday of Easter

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.



Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Living the Gospel – Living the journey (a reflection by Greg Sunter, Liturgyhelp)

The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. The breaking open and interpretation of scripture is essential to making sense of our life experiences and through the celebration of Eucharist and table fellowship we are nourished to not only continue the journey but to share the good news with others. Where do you find yourself in the events of this story?

All are welcome next week to our Mother's Day mass on Friday 12th May at 9.15am followed by morning tea in the school playground.

**CONFIRMATION PARENT INFORMATION
NIGHT- Wednesday 10th May @7.30pm in the hall**



Confirmation at St Aidan's Church

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| Parent information evening: | Wednesday 10 th May 7:30pm Mary MacKillop Hall |
| Registration: | Sat 13 th -Sun 14 th May 2017 Sacristy in the Church after all Masses |
| Parent instruction evening: | Wednesday 17 th May 7:30pm Mary MacKillop Hall |
| Children's sessions: | Sunday mornings 8:30am Mary MacKillop Hall 21 st May, 28 th May, 4 th June, 11 th June, 18 th June |
| Practice sessions: | Monday 19 th June 2017 & Thursday 22 nd June 2017 7:30pm in the CHURCH (Confessions will be available during practice sessions) |
| Sacrament administered: | Wednesday 27 th June 7:00pm in Church Thursday 29 th June 2017 7:00pm in Church |

For further details please contact the Parish on (02) 9625 8404.

Cross Country

This Tuesday, 31 talented athletes went to Eastern Creek Raceway to represent St Aidan's at the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Carnival. It was an excellent day, with each student showing excellent sportsmanship and school pride.

We had a number of students perform amazingly on the day, including **Hayden Bell** who came 8th in the 8 and 9 year old boy's race. He will be representing the **Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCPSCCC Cross Country Championships on Friday 16th June.**

A big thanks to Mrs Brown and Mrs Skarski who helped on the day. Also, thank you to all the families who gave up their time to come and support the St Aidan's team. The day wouldn't have been the same without you!





PEANUT ALLERGY ALERT!

This year we have a number of children enrolled in our school, who are at risk of suffering a severe allergic reaction (Anaphylactic Shock) if exposed to nuts, especially **PEANUTS, PEANUT BUTTER and NUTELLA**. This has necessitated the formation of a policy for staff to manage such a reaction if it occurs at school.

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction that occurs soon after exposure to a trigger, either ingesting or by touching. In this case the trigger is nuts, especially **PEANUTS, PEANUT BUTTER and NUTELLA**.

The child suffering an anaphylactic attack will show symptoms such as welts, itchy palms, faintness, tingling in the mouth, throat or chest, discomfort and breathing difficulties.

As the reaction progresses breathing difficulty increases due to swelling of the child's airways. If adrenaline is not administered and an intensive care ambulance sought to take the child to hospital, there is danger that the child may become unconscious and die.

In order to help the school manage such allergies and to ensure that we provide our best duty of care, we are requesting your assistance. Whilst we do not encourage the sharing of food, we would appreciate your cooperation in not sending **peanut butter** and **nut products** to school.

We acknowledge that this may present some difficulties and it is not easy to enforce, however we appeal for your help in this matter so that we can provide a safer environment for children who suffer from severe allergies.

We aim to make our school a **"PEANUT FREE ZONE"** FOR THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE AN ALLERGY TO PEANUTS.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

No changes to the Canteen Price List at the moment – we will notify parents of any alterations.



St Aidan's Primary School – Term 1 – Summer 2017

Eat Fresh: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind!

| Every Day Hot Food | | |
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| Chicken Nuggets | each \$0.70 | |
| Chicken Nuggets Party Pie | 6 for \$4.00 | |
| Corn on the Cob | \$1.00 | |
| Hash Browns (3) | \$1.50 | |
| Garlic Bread | \$2.00 | |
| Sausage Roll | \$3.00 | |
| Hot Dog with Sauce | \$3.50 | |
| Chicken Fingers (6) | \$3.50 | |
| Pancakes (2) | \$3.50 | |
| Traveller Pie | \$3.50 | |
| Burgers | | |
| Chicken Burger | \$4.00 | |
| Beef Burger | \$4.00 | |
| Veggie Burger | \$4.00 | |
| Add cheese to any burger for | \$0.50 | |
| All Burgers include salad | | |
| Wraps | | |
| Salsa Wrap | \$4.50 | |
| Chicken Caesar Wrap | \$4.50 | |
| Sweet Chili Chicken Wrap | \$4.50 | |
| Nemo Wrap | \$4.50 | |
| Lamb Kebab Wrap | \$4.50 | |
| Pasta & Rice (Homemade) | | |
| Butter Chicken & Rice | \$4.00 | |
| Pasta Bolognese | \$4.00 | |
| Lasagne | \$4.00 | |
| Fried Rice & Chicken Wings (2) | \$5.00 | |
| Sushi Roll (Available Tues, Wed, Thur) Chicken & Cucumber Chicken Teriyaki Tuna & Cucumber | | |
| | \$3.50 | |
| Sandwiches AVAILABLE IN WHITE OR MULTIGRAIN WRAP OR ROLL ADD 0.50c TO SANDWICH PRICE Vegemite, Jam, Devon Tomato, Cheese Tuna or Egg Leg Ham, Chicken or Salmon Salad Sandwich Lettuce Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot Salad with Devon or Cheese Salad with Tuna or Ham Salad with Chicken or Salmon EXTRAS – Including Toasting | | |
| Salad | | |
| Fresh Fruit Salad | Bowl \$2.50 | Box \$4.00 |
| Garden Salad | \$3.00 | \$4.00 |
| With Ham or Tuna | \$3.50 | \$4.50 |
| With Salmon or Chicken | \$4.00 | \$5.00 |
| Chicken Caesar Salad | \$4.50 | \$5.50 |
| Pasta Salad | \$3.00 | \$4.00 |
| Canteen Benko Box ½ Sandwich, Chicken Wing, Cheese and Crackers, Kiwi Fruit, Strawberries & 2 Mini Muffins | | |
| | \$5.00 | |
| Pick & Mix Box (select 5 items) 2 bread triangles, chicken, ham, tuna, cucumber, cheese, tomato, egg, carrot, beetroot, orange wedge | | |
| | \$4.00 | |
| Snacks Piece of Fruit Cookies, Delights, Popcorn, Jumpy's Assorted Chips Gingerbread Man 97% Fat Free Screw Top Yoghurt Fruit Yoghurt Cup Banana Bread—Slice | | |
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| Drinks Juice - Poppers Plain Milk 300ml with Sippah Straw Pop Top Juice Bottled Water 600ml Flavoured Milk Lite 300ml Sparkling Water 500ml Natural, Lime or Berry Iced Tea NO SUGAR 500ml Sparkling Flavoured Water 600ml Green Apple or Wild Raspberry | | |
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| Ice Blocks Zoooper Dooper Frozen Juice Cup/ Icy Mony Vanilla Ice Cream Cup Paddle Pop Slushie Cup Streets Paddle Pop Cup | | |
| | | \$0.80 |
| | | \$1.00 |
| | | \$1.20 |
| | | \$1.60 |
| | | \$2.00 |
| | | \$2.20 |

Visit the Canteen for Ice block specials

PLEASE NOTE

Recess orders are to be PICKED UP FROM THE CANTEEN.

All ICE CREAMS ordered with lunch are given out when the LUNCH BAG IS RETURNED TO THE CANTEEN.

Check with the Canteen for the current Meal Deals \$5.00

Order Your Lunch Online
Orders can be placed before 9:100am
www.flexischools.com.au



Meal Deal \$5.00

Meal Deal 1

- Egg & Lettuce Roll
- Juice Popper
- Milk Pop Ice Block

Meal Deal 2

- Butter Chicken & Rice
- Juice Popper
- Juice Cup

CLASS
ROOM
ALTERNATIVE



Available 9th May – 21st May 2017



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