



OUR PLACE ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 3 Friday 10th February 2017

2017 SCHOOL GOALS

This year, we will be focusing on the 3 goals outlined below in **Mission, Literacy and Numeracy**.

2017 LITERACY Goal:

All St Aidan's students to achieve expected benchmarks or above in reading comprehension

2017 MISSION Goal:

By the end of 2017, St Aidan's students will demonstrate a deeper understanding of Scripture and its connection to Catholic teaching, practice and tradition

2017 NUMERACY Goal:

All St Aidan's students will
solve challenging problems in
Multiplication and Division using
reasoning



Every family, every organisation and every community are being impacted by enormous change. It is accelerating, chaotic and rapid. It creates a culture of uncertainty and upheaval. Our family life, social life and work life are constantly under pressure and EDUCATION is no different. AND IT WILL NOT GO AWAY.....IT IS HERE TO STAY!

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

They are growing up in this new world where nothing is permanent, technology will drive their lives and their future work life is unknown. The old systems and ways of doing things are under extreme pressure



Schools are evolving into more complex and diverse spaces. The kids are not used to doing without, they are immersed in technology and life is forever changing.



The St Aidan's students will finish Primary, Secondary and Tertiary education over 17 years or so.

The technology they will be using then hasn't yet been invented! Work in 2 decades time will most likely be very different and their options for leisure, education, communications, health support or even medicines will be dramatically changed also.

They will need to develop skills and work habits which will suit this constantly changing world

They will need to have

- **teamworking skills,**
- **quality communication and interpersonal skills, creative and critical thinking skills,**
- **deep literacy and numeracy,**
- **collaboration and problem solving skills,**
- **along with strong character and good citizenship.**

At St Aidan's, these skills underpin all of our learning activities.

PARENT FORUM- WEDNESDAY FEB 22nd
CHANGED STARTING TIME: now 6:30pm

Our parish sacramental program has a parent meeting starting at 7:30pm on this same night so an earlier start allows any of our school families to attend both meetings.

PARENT/ TEACHER MEETINGS
Wednesday February 15TH
5:30PM ONWARDS

Please keep the date free!

We will be presenting a series of meetings to inform parents about the upcoming events and expectations while answering any of your questions of interest.

5:30- 6:00pm All grades

6:10- 6:50pm Repeated for all grades

7:00- 7:30pm Repeated for all grades

Each grade presents the same agenda 3 times on the night. If you have 3 children, you are able to attend the P/T meetings for all three. Other parents with fewer children have a choice as to which timeslot suits the family.

Topics might include homework, attendance, NAPLAN, special needs support, class priorities, camps/excursions, technology and so on.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FRIDAY, MARCH 3 PUPIL FREE DAY

On this day, staff will be addressing the **THREE** school goals outlined in this newsletter.

Each goal is very challenging and staff will work with others to ensure the resourcing, processes, strategies and processes are in place to achieve success.

We have meetings every term with diocesan leaders to analyse our data and work samples so as to assess how we are going in achieving the goals.

Apologies for the inconvenience in finding child care on the day.



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:

Week 2 attendance level 77.8%

Week 3 attendance level is 75.9%

Attendance level goal for all Diocesan schools is 90%

Our school needs your help to improve this level. Please remember to plan holidays in the school holidays not during the school term.

Incentives for 100% attendance will start soon.



Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A" reads
20 minutes
each day
3600 minutes in a
school year
1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B" reads
5 minutes
each day
900 minutes in a
school year
282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C" reads
1 minute
each day
180 minutes in a
school year
8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade, Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

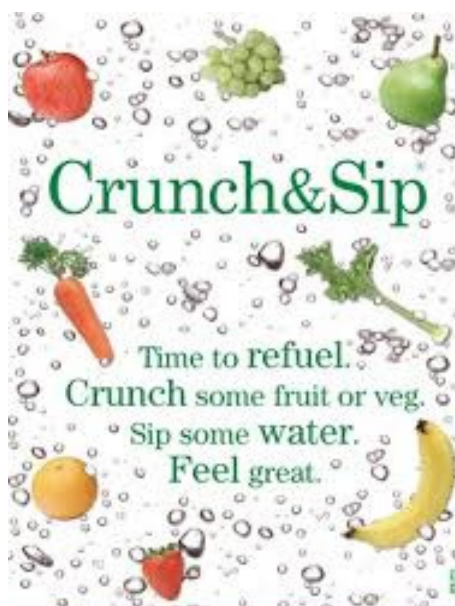


St Aidan's will be a part of the Crunch & Sip program starting in Week Four. This program involves the students eating fruit or vegetables and drinking water during the morning block, between 8:45 to 10:45am. These foods will provide your children with the energy to help them get through the school day. This program is excellent as it encourages healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle!

Crunch & Sip does not have to be limited to school days. Encourage your children to crunch on fruit & vegetables and drink plenty of water over the weekend and during holidays. Don't forget to join in! Be a positive role model by enjoying Crunch & Sip with your kids as you set them up for a lifetime of healthy eating habits.



Involve your child in choosing the fruit & veg that you buy at the supermarket. Remind them that they need to choose fruit & veg that can be eaten easily and eaten raw. Use this as an opportunity to discuss different types of fruit & vegetables and encourage them to try unfamiliar ones.



Choose fresh fruits & vegetables over dried and tinned varieties for Crunch & Sip. Dried & tinned fruits contain more sugar than fresh fruits so only have those occasionally. Muesli bars, roll ups and fruit leathers have far too much sugar and not enough actual fruit so they are not allowed for Crunch & Sip.

Crunch & Sip is a good opportunity for children to stay hydrated as they lose fluid running around and being active, especially over the summer months. Over the warmer months, a cold drink bottle is ideal for hydration but also keeps lunchbox food items cool.

YEARS 5 & 6 LEADERSHIP CAMPS

This year, our senior students will be attending leadership camps and will experience a range of activities linked to their Personal Health and Wellbeing.

Years 6 go to Wedderburn Christian camp at Wedderburn (near Campbelltown) while Year 5 attend Teen Ranch (Cobbity). Both have excellent facilities and professional staff who supervise all activities.

Year 5 (one night stay) are preparing for longer separation from families coming up in year 6 (two nights) and year 7 (up to one week).

This wonderful experience builds student confidence and leadership while deepening student/teacher relationships.

Year 6: Term 1 -March 20-22 (Mon-Wed)

Year 5: Term 2 – May 25-26 (Thurs/Fri)



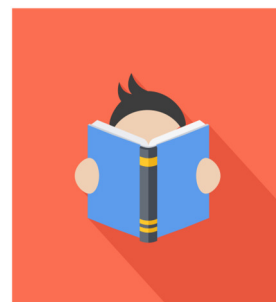
Resources for parents

BOSTES has produced a number of very popular and useful guides to help parents understand and be active participants in their child's schooling. These are available from BOSTES Shop Online shop.bos.nsw.edu.au

Helping your child learn to read:

A guide for parents

Reading is one of the most important skills that we use every day. Parents can help their children learn to read by showing them how we use reading to make sense of the modern world.



This guide is designed to assist parents in teaching their children, from birth through the primary school years, about reading in the home. It includes a section on helping children who are having trouble learning to read, and offers a range of useful hints and tips to build your child's skills and confidence.



The St Aidan's Cross Country will be held at Kimberly Park on Friday, 24th February. The carnival will begin at 9am and finish at approximately 1:15pm. I invite all parents to come and support their children.

Order of events:

1. 8 and 9 year old boys
2. 8 and 9 year old girls
3. 10 year old boys
4. 10 year old girls
5. 11 year old boys
6. 11 year old girls
7. 12 year old boys
8. 12 year old girls



Please ensure that your children bring their hat and water bottle on the day. If the carnival needs to be postponed due to weather, a notification will be sent on the school app.

If there are any parents who are available from 9am to 1:45pm, and would like to help me on the day, please email me by Friday, 17th February.

I hope to see you there!

Miss Jessica Chetcuti jchetcuti2@parra.catholic.edu.au



Congratulations to Rafael Velasco (Year 6Red) for being nominated as a finalist for Acrobatic Gymnastics Intermediate Levels Group of the Year, in recognition of his achievements throughout year. Rafael won the State Championships and the National Clubs Carnival in 2016 for his level.



Dates Coming Up:

- Mon 13/2 Launch of 'Crunch & Sip'
- Tues 14/2 St Valentine's day
- Wed 15/2 Parent/Teacher meetings
5:30- 7:30pm



Wed 22/2
Parent Forum 6:30pm

Fri 24/2
St Aidan's Cross Country Carnival

Fri 3rd March
Staff Professional Learning day

Fri April 7th
Grandparents day (last day of term 1)

Dates for Sacramental Programs 2017

Confession

<u>PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:</u>	Wednesday, 15th February, 2017 7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall
<u>REGISTRATION:</u>	18th-19th February, 2017 <i>SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses</i>
<u>PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING:</u>	Wednesday, 22nd February, 2017 7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall
<u>CHILDREN'S SESSIONS:</u>	Sunday mornings 8.30am, Mary MacKillop Hall 26th February, 2017, 5th March, 2017 12th March, 2017, 19th March, 2017
<u>PRACTICE SESSIONS:</u>	Monday 20th March, 2017 & Thursday 23rd March, 2017 7.30pm In The CHURCH
<u>SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED:</u>	Monday 27th MARCH, 2017 7.30pm in CHURCH Thursday 30th MARCH, 2017 7.30pm in CHURCH

Confirmation

<u>PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:</u>	Wednesday, 10th May, 2017 7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall
<u>REGISTRATION:</u>	13th-14th May, 2017 <i>SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses</i>
<u>PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING:</u>	Wednesday, 17th May, 2017 7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall
<u>CHILDREN'S SESSIONS:</u>	Sunday mornings 8.30am Mary MacKillop Hall 21st May, 2017 26th May, 2017 4th June, 2017 11th June, 2017 18th June, 2017
<u>PRACTICE SESSIONS:</u>	Monday, 19th June, 2017 & Thursday 22nd June, 2017 7.30pm In The CHURCH <i>Confessions will be available during practice sessions</i>
<u>SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED:</u>	Wednesday, 27th JUNE, 2017 7.00pm Church Thursday, 29th JUNE, 2017 7.00pm Church

Communion

<u>PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:</u>	Wednesday, 26th July, 2017 7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall
<u>REGISTRATION:</u>	29th-30th July, 2017 <i>SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses</i>
<u>PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING:</u>	Wednesday, 2nd August, 2017 7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall
<u>CHILDREN'S SESSIONS:</u>	Sunday mornings 8.30am Mary MacKillop Hall 13th August, 2017 20th August, 2017 27th August, 2017 3rd September, 2017 10th September, 2017
<u>PRACTICE SESSIONS:</u>	Monday, 11th September, 2017 & Thursday 14th September, 2017 7.30pm In The CHURCH <i>Confessions will be available during practice sessions</i>
<u>SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED:</u>	Sunday, 17th September, 2017 12.00 Noon Sunday, 17th September, 2017 3.00pm

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Every child in Year 3 who has not received their god, every child in year 2

CONFIRMATION

Every child in Year 6



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

Eat Fresh: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind!

Every Day Hot Food

Chicken Nuggets	each \$0.70
Chicken Nuggets	6 for \$4.00
Party Pie	\$1.00
Corn on the Cob	\$1.00
Hash Browns (3)	\$1.50
Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Hot Dog with Sauce	\$3.00
Chicken Fingers (5)	\$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
Memo 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	\$3.50
Chicken Teriyaki	
Tuna & Cucumber	

Sandwiches

AVAILABLE IN WHITE OR MULTIGRAIN WRAP OR ROLL ADD 0.50c TO SANDWICH PRICE

Vegetable, Jam, Devon	\$2.00
Tomato, Cheese	\$2.50
Tuna or Egg	\$3.00
Leg Ham, Chicken or Salmon	\$3.50
Salad Sandwich	\$3.50
Lettuce Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot	\$3.90
Salad with Devon or Cheese	\$4.20
Salad with Tuna or Ham	\$4.50
Salad with Chicken or Salmon	\$4.50
EXTRAS – Including Toasting	\$0.40

Salad

Fresh Fruit Salad	\$2.50
Garden Salad	\$3.00
With Ham or Tuna	\$3.50
With Salmon or Chicken	\$4.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$4.50
Pasta Salad	\$3.00

Canteen Benko Box

1/2 Sandwich, Chicken Wing, Cheese and Crackers, Kiwi Fruit, Strawberries & 2 Mini Muffins	\$5.00
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Pick & Mix Box (select 5 items)

2 bread triangles, chicken, ham, tuna, cucumber, cheese, tomato, egg, carrot, beetroot, orange wedge	\$4.00
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Snacks

Piece of Fruit	\$1.00
Cookies, Delights, Popcorn, Jumpy's	\$1.00
Assorted Chips	\$1.30
Gingerbread Man 97% Fat Free	\$1.60
Screw Top Yoghurt	\$2.00
Fruit Yoghurt Cup	\$2.00
Banana Bread – Slice	\$3.00

Drinks

Juice - Poppers	\$1.60
Plain Milk 300ml	\$1.60
with Sipsh Straw	\$2.20
Pop Top Juice	\$2.00
Bottled Water 600ml	\$2.00
Flavoured Milk Lite 300ml	\$2.30
Sparkling Water 500ml	\$2.50
Natural, Lime or Berry	
Iced Tea NO SUGAR 500ml	\$3.00
Sparkling Flavoured Water 600ml	\$3.00
Green Apple or Wild Raspberry	

Ice Blocks

Zoooper Dooper	\$0.80
Frozen Juice Cup/ Toy Monkey	\$1.00
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup	\$1.20
Paddle Pop	\$1.60
Slushie Cup	\$2.00
Streets Paddle Pop Cup	\$2.20

Visit the Canteen for ice block specials

PLEASE NOTE

* Receipt 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.

Order Your Lunch Online
Orders can be placed before 9:00am
www.flexischools.com.au



Meal Deal \$5.00



Meal Deal 1

- Salad Roll
- Bottle of Water
- Frozen Juice Cup



Meal Deal 2

- Chicken Fingers
- Juice Popper
- Icy Mony



Available from Monday 30th January – Friday 18th February



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