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## Newsletter

### Term 4 Week 5

## Parent Forum

Last Wednesday evening, parents gathered to discuss the contemporary learning happening at St Aidan's.

We discussed **TECHNOLOGY** issues at the school and how crucial this digital access is to the 21st century learning for students that we are promoting. We intend every K-6 student in 2018 to create an electronic portfolio of work samples that parents can access to gain an understanding of their child's progress and learning.

We also discussed **MATHS and Project Based learning (PBL)** through a house building activity. We investigated how maths concepts and understandings can be integrated creatively into tasks to fully engage students and assist their deeper learning.





# Parent Forum (cont'd)

Many other topics were touched on and clarified. We **NEED MORE PARENTS** to attend and discuss the learning at our school. The **VOICE OF PARENTS** is so important in the learning processes of the school.

We live streamed the meeting with viewers tuning in and this is another future avenue to keep parents well informed.







# Parent Forum (cont'd)



Remembrance  
Day 2017  
Lest We Forget.



# Remembrance Day Tomorrow

## Why is this day special to Australians?

At 11 am on 11 November, 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years.

The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in war.

This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead. An horrific event.

## Lest We Forget





# Dates coming up...

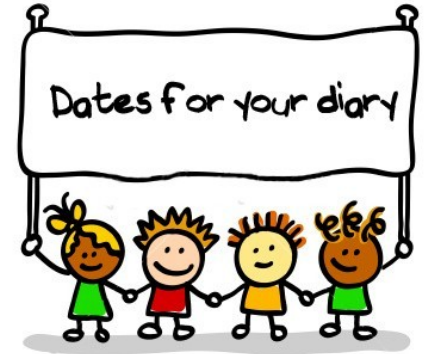
**Sat 11/11**

Remembrance Day

**Week 6**

**Mon 13/11**

Morning Assembly - Remembrance Day liturgy



**Wed 15/11**

- Kinders 2018 Transition # 6
- 9:15am Primary classes Mass led by year 5



**NOT AT ST AIDAN'S IN 2018?**

Please let the school office know if your family are moving elsewhere next year. We need to know ASAP if others are seeking to enrol at St Aidan's.



## Did you know???

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

Just a little bit late doesn't sound much but...

If he/she is just missing...

10 mins / day

20 mins / day

30 mins / day

1 hour / day

That equals...

50 mins / wk

1 hr 40 mins / wk

Half a day / wk

1 day / week

Which is...

Nearly 1.5 wks / year

Over 2.5 wks / year

4 wks / year

8 wks / year

and over 13 years of schooling thats...

Nearly half a year

Nearly one year

Nearly one & a half years

Over 2 and a half years

School fees are now due. If you have already paid, thank you. If you are having difficulties please contact Mrs Wakeling on (02) 8886 9800.



# **FUTURE SCHOOLS! FUTURE READY! WHERE TO NEXT?**



Monday, 13 November 2017

The Parent Representative Council Diocese of Parramatta  
welcomes

**Mr Mark Holyoake**

DIRECTOR OF ENTERPRISE – CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE PARRAMATTA

**Term 4 PRC Meeting**

Where: Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown NSW

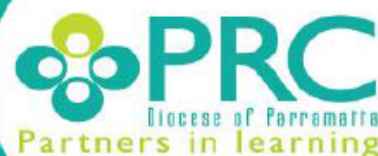
When: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start

( PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)

Register FREE at PRCParra on Facebook or at  
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# Remembrance Day

## LEST WE FORGET



In 2017, 11 November marks the 99th anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the

**First World War (1914–18)**. Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. St Aidan's will commemorate this important event on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November in the morning at Assembly**, where the year 6 captains will lead the school community in prayer.

### What is the meaning of Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day (sometimes known informally as Poppy Day) is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth of Nations member states since the end of the First World War to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty.

### Why is the poppy used as a symbol of Remembrance?

The reason poppies are used to remember those who have given their lives in battle is because they are the flowers that grew on the battlefields after World War One ended. This is described in the famous World War One poem *In Flanders Fields*, which you can read below.



**IN FLANDERS FIELDS POEM**  
***The World's Most Famous WAR MEMORIAL POEM***  
***By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae***

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the dead: Short days ago,  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved: and now we lie  
In Flanders fields!**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you, from failing hands, we throw  
The torch: be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields**



# NUMERACY NEWS

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS:

### Changes to MAI for 2018.

St Aidan's will be completing 2018 Mathematical Assessment Interviews (MAIs) at the end of 2017.

**These will be done during class time in Week 8 and 9 of Term 4 (27 of November- 6th December) and NOT at the start of the year as previously done.**

Teachers will be released during this time to complete the interviews.

Parents of children starting Kindergarten in 2018 will be required to make an appointment time for teachers to complete the interview. More information will be available at the next transition day on the 15th November.

If your child will be away on holidays during this time can you please let their homeroom teacher know so the interview can be completed before they leave.

If you have any questions or need further clarification please send Mrs Lance an email: [plance@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:plance@parra.catholic.edu.au).



# End Of Year dates

**Wk 9 Fri 8/12**

**Christmas Concert**(evening)



**Wk 10 Tues 12/12**

Year 5 students attend St Agnes High School for a **TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE** day of activities (**Our thanks to St Agnes school For supplying the buses and activities**)



**Wk 10 Wed 13/12**

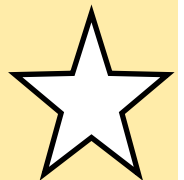
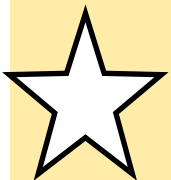
**Meet Your Teacher** for 2018

**Year 6 Farewell Liturgy and Social**(evening)

**Wk 10 Thurs 14/12**

Year 4 students attend St Agnes High School for a real life **NATIVITY PLAY** with real animals.

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## 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 3-4 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 have 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 2 attendance level is 78.8%**

**Week 3 attendance level is 80.4%**

**Week 4 attendance level is 78.9%**

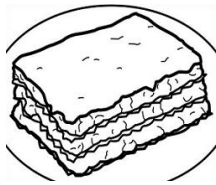
**Week 5 attendance level is 81.3%**

**Attendance level target for all  
Diocesan schools is 90%**

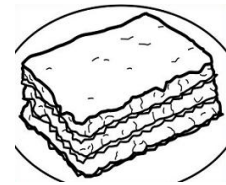
**COME ON ST AIDAN'S WE CAN GET TO 90%!**



## CANTEEN NEWS



**Vegetarian Lasagna is available  
at the Canteen for \$4.00 each!**



**Meal Deals \$5.00 from Mon 30th Oct to Fri 17th Nov**

### **Meal deal 1**



- \* Chicken & lettuce sandwich
- \* Juice popper
- \* Messy Monkey wholegrain bites



### **Meal Deal 2**



- \* Sausage Roll
- \* Juice popper
- \* Messy Monkey wholegrain bites

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