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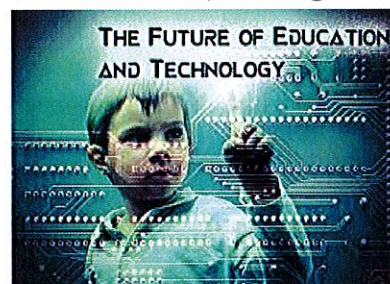
ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 9

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*The real issue with 20th century skills is that it has very little to do with technology and **everything to do with critical thinking, problem solving, decision-making, being able to work collaboratively, being able to work in teams, being able to learn in teams, being able to become independent learners.*** Ian Jukes

Change is now so rapid and absolute. It is different from the past where change was gentler and we were able to cope better with the transition. Now it is chaotic and accelerating.



However, your children... our students, are growing up in this fast moving world. Everything is changing, from how we learn... to technology to entertainment to work. Our kids are growing up in this **NEW** world and our present Kinders will complete their university **in the 2030s!!** These present day digital children are wired differently to past generations and we can't even imagine what they will be doing in 15 years time....

Gaining knowledge is pretty easy to access now with unlimited technology available. So try to imagine 2030.... The present schooling system and university education is very quickly becoming outdated and irrelevant. Who needs to memorise details for exams or do courses which are academic or theoretical? How many come out of uni with a degree and can't get a decent job in the field they studied??

The Future of Education Today



Work also is already evolving into something else. **Workers now need to be collaborative team workers, with creative and critical thinking skills. They need to be complex problem solvers and decision makers.** So education also needs to adapt and adopt new ways of doing and learning. However, at present, schooling is still

stuck in past ways of educating with memory retention of facts and content driven curriculums governing how we operate. Just ask the students doing the HSC trials next term. Something to think about...

Moving grades in Wk 10

To better align our K-6 learning across the school, we intend to move some grades and the library in the last week of this term.

Year 3 will be moving to the present library space while the library will be upstairs in the present Yr 1 space. This will then become a Resource Centre with learning areas, discovery workplaces, digital learning and teacher resources all together in the one area.

On ground level, Kinders will stay while Yr 1 move to the present Yr 2 space. Yr 2 will relocate to the empty Yr 3 space. All infants will then be at ground level while Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) and Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) are together in the other building.

Stage 3 will soon be refurbished after discussions about furniture to suit the learning.

Apple TVs soon to be installed in stage 3 with other spaces from Kinder to Yr 4 receiving these later in the year or early new year.

Hopefully this will better align our school for improved learning with significant learning impact.

Dates Coming Up

- **WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER YEAR SIX ASSEMBLY 12:45PM**
- **FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER - GRANDPARENTS DAY**
- **FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER TERM THREE FINISHES AT 2:55PM**
- **MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER TERM FOUR BEGINS AT 8:40AM**

Transition to Summer Uniform

Over the last week of school, depending on the weather, parents can decide which way they want to dress their children i.e. either full Summer or full Winter uniform. **Full Summer uniform will commence from the beginning of Term 4.**

SPRING CLEANING THESE HOLIDAYS??

Maybe under the bed or out in the garage you will find some pre loved Lego.

PRELOVED LEGO



We are looking at providing more learning activities for our students. Can you imagine a Lego wall and table full of colourful Lego bricks.....?

If you have some preloved Lego that is no longer used or needed, would you consider donating it to the students of St Aidan's? Maybe relatives or friends who have older children may consider donating unused Lego to the students.



Please ask others and send it to the school office.

It will go from preloved to much loved !

The Gift of Grandparents

Grandparents often speak of their grandchildren as gifts but sometimes forget in the joy of grandparenting that they are also gifts to their grandchildren. Increasingly, because of the challenges of our times, grandparents are becoming parents again. In some families significant “other” family members and friends have taken on the role of ‘grandparents’. Whatever the family circumstance grandparents and grandparent figures need to be supported and affirmed in the vital role they play.

Next Friday, 23rd September, St Aidan’s will recognise the importance of grandparents by hosting a Grandparent’s Day Liturgy. Grandparents, parents and carers are all invited to spend the morning engaging with their children in the classrooms. At 10 am, we will gather together to celebrate the many wonderful gifts that our grandparents provide us. Following the liturgy, there will be morning tea hosted by our school community. After morning tea, grandparents and parents are free to take their children home.

What our grandparents do for us:

- Providing many wonderful memories
- Seeing the inner beauty of their grandchildren
- Sacrificing their time
- Witnessing our faith and values
- Loving us unconditionally
- Willing to listen
- Reading stories to us
- Playing games with us

The Grandparents of our church:



STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE

Joachim and Anne were greatly honoured by God who gave them a daughter conceived without sin who was to become known as the Mother of God! It would seem that they performed their parenting responsibilities with great grace. Their feast day on July 26 is a day to honour them and all grandparents for their contribution to our lives.

FACT FILE

We know very few facts about Sts. Joachim and Anne, the only recorded stories of them are from an apocryphal gospel dating from the 4th Century AD called the Protoevangelium of James. The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, we can assume that Mary was raised in a Jewish family home faithful to God and to the religious traditions of her day such that she was led to respond wholeheartedly to God’s request with faith, “Let it be done to me as you will.”

(adapted from www.catholic.org/saints)

Grandparents Day Liturgy Invitation

Come Join Me For
Morning Tea



We invite you to celebrate with us . . . **The Gift of Grandparents**

A liturgy to celebrate Grandparents and significant others

When: On Friday 23 September, 2016 10am

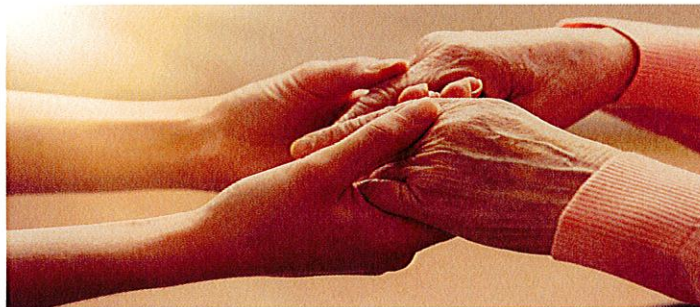
What: St Aidan's School Liturgy will be led by K-6 students

Firstly, there will be a brief visit with your grandchildren in their classrooms
from 9 am to 10 am then there will be the liturgy outdoors

Where: Followed by Morning Tea in front of the school canteen

**It would be wonderful if parents could donate a
plate of food for the morning tea.**

This may be left in the Year 6 classrooms prior to the liturgy



Mrs Miray Khoury

Religious Education Coordinator

RSVP to **"The Gift of Grandparents"** by Thursday 22nd September, 2016

Family Name: _____ No of Adults attending: _____

Sacrament of the Eucharist

This Sunday, 18th September at 12pm and 3pm, our school and parish students will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. The third of the three sacraments of initiation, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is the reception of Christ's Body and Blood. This sacrament is the source of great graces that sanctify us and help us grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

Catholics believe the Eucharist, or Communion, is both a sacrifice and a meal. We believe in the real presence of Jesus, who died for our sins. As we receive Christ's Body and Blood, we also are nourished spiritually and brought closer to God.

The sacrament of Eucharist helps us remember what Jesus did for us in his life, death and resurrection. We remember particularly the Last Supper, that final meal Jesus shared with his disciples. At that meal Jesus gave us the Eucharist so that we could remember him in a special way. When we receive Communion, we believe that we receive the person of Jesus into our very beings. We become one with him, and we become one with each other. As a community we become '**the body of Christ**'.

Please keep these students and their families in your prayers.

Mrs Miray Khoury

Religious Education Coordinator.

Congratulations to our year 6 student, Nipulma Attanayake, who competed in the diocesan Voice of Youth semi-final in public speaking last Tuesday. Well done, Nipulma!



Congratulations to Ibrahim Farage KH and his family on the birth of a baby boy, Noah.

Attendance

St Aidan's follows the Parramatta Diocesan guidelines in regards to attendance. School attendance is compulsory for every school age student.

If your child is away a note explaining the absence is required. There is also provision on our school website www.staidansrookyhill.catholic.edu.au for absentee notes to be completed and then emailed to the school.

Absenteeism	Attendance Rate	Educational Risk	Days absent per year	Long term absence (over 10 years)
Regular	90% or more	Low	20 days or less	1 year or less
Emerging	80%-89%	Medium	Between 20 and 40	1-2 years
Chronic	70%-79%	High	Between 40 and 60	2-3 years
Complex	69% or less	Severe	60 days or more	3 years plus

The Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Parramatta has required an attendance target of 93% or higher for every student.

If your child has had more than the expected number of days deemed acceptable then the following process will occur. The school office will contact you in regards to your child's absentee rate. This will be followed with a letter stating that you were contacted. If the attendance is still low you will be contacted for a student attendance meeting discussing how to improve your child's attendance at school.

This is a government driven initiative and must be taken seriously. Each case is different and some children suffer from sickness and also parents take children for extended holidays. Please be aware that this will also mean the process needs to be followed.

If you have any questions please phone the office for clarification.

Mrs. Christine Leahy,
Assistant Principal.

Reminder: School Fees are now due.

Thank you to all the families who have already paid.

Canteen News



Just a reminder that foreign currency cannot be accepted.

Road to Rio 2016 Term 3

The following Meal Deals **finish on Friday 23rd September.**

- Meal Deal 1 – \$5.00. Chicken & lettuce roll; bottle of water; banana.
- Meal Deal 2 - \$5.00. Homemade noodles in honey soy sauce; plain milk with Sippah straw; frozen juice cup.
- Extra Meal Deal – Chicken burger; plain milk with Sippah Straw; frozen juice cup.

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