



St. Aidan's Primary School

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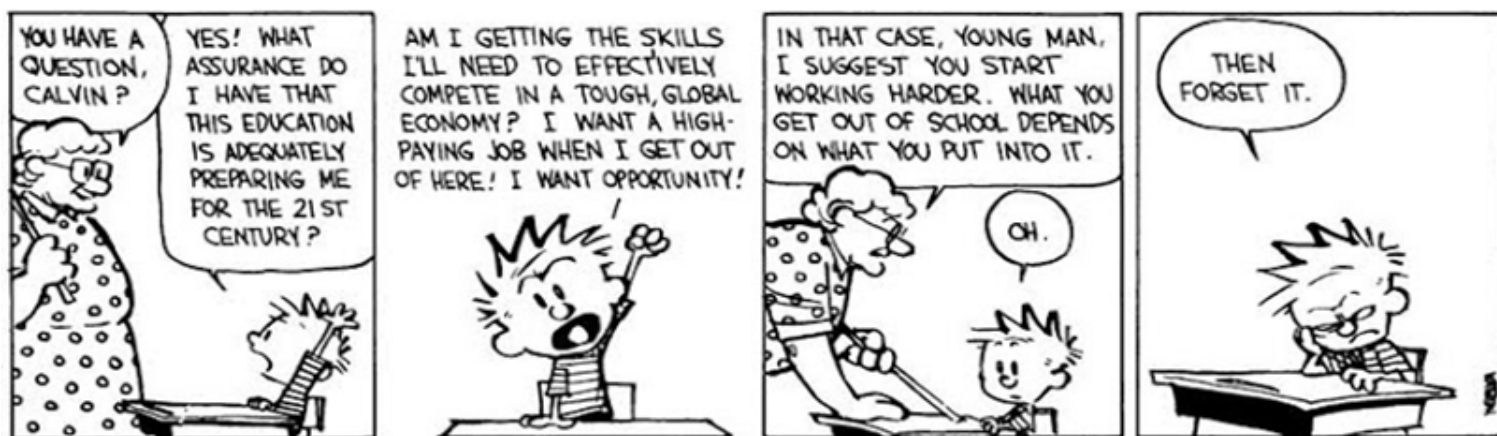
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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6



Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class?

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices for learning. Imagine doctors not keeping updated on new developments in their area of expertise...

Over the weeks ahead, teachers have been asked to assess every K-6 student with Maths while K-2 have end of year literacy assessments. Time is provided to allow this process to happen.

Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class? (cont'd)

Also, from time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum or new methods of teaching & learning.

These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or during the school holidays.

Teachers also have entitlements such as long service leave, maternity leave, family leave, sick leave, bereavement leave, jury duty, etc. Consequently there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom.

On these days, the teacher's learning programs are followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together and this allows the grade partner to liaise with the relief teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept.

We thank you for your support and hope this gives an understanding about a teacher's work day.

Transition for 2018 Kindergarten #7

Wednesday 22nd November

Parents are welcome to stay, have a cuppa and meet with the Principal to discuss any last concerns or queries. This is our last transition gathering although the students will be back for their MAIs (Mathematical Assessment Interviews) in the following weeks.

Our Vision statement proclaims that at St Aidan's, we strive to:

"Creating faith filled, curious, excited, confident and self motivated learners who are meeting the challenges of being creative contributors to society and innovative problem solvers"

We hope these little ones are now well on the way to being *faith filled, curious, excited, confident and self motivated learners* and are well prepared for launching their formal schooling on Tuesday, Jan 30th 2018.

Infants Sports Uniforms

The new style of uniforms for Kindergarten should be available at Lowes. Kinder were being introduced to the uniform and other grades will be transitioned over the next 2 years. It is quite OK to wear the 'normal' sports gear also.



Dates coming up...

Week 7

Mon 20/11 BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE

Wed 22/11

- ▶ Kinders 2018 Transition # 7
- ▶ 2:00pm Year 6 PBL showcase

Fri 24/11

Year 2 walking excursion in the local area

Sun 26/11

Father Renato's Golden anniversary Mass 3:00pm

Friday 8th December 7pm Christmas Concert 'on the green'



Longer term dates...



Last day of the school year - Friday 15th December 2017

First day of 2018 school year - Tuesday 30th January



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 as others are seeking to enrol at St Aidan's.

It is important that the school has your current email address. **ALL RECEIPTS** are now sent to your email address. No paper receipts issued.

Also please ensure the school has your correct: home address; mobile numbers; home and work numbers.

End Of Year dates

Wk 9 Fri 8/12

7pm Christmas Concert 'on the green'



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

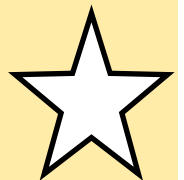
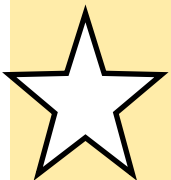
Meet Your Teacher for 2018

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.

(Again our thanks to St Agnes school for supplying the buses and activities)



Technology Update for Parents

Dear Parents

At the Parent Forum in Week 5, we announced the changes that were to take place as part of the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) rollover of the updated ICT Network.

As part of the rollover a number of devices will no longer work on the new network. A list of devices can be found at the end of this article. To ensure a smooth rollover, a letter will be going home to any of the students, who have their own device and are affected by this change.

I have included a list of devices that you might like to consider purchasing instead. There is NO expectation that you must replace the device. Students will still have access to school devices. The school is working diligently to minimise the effect on school resources.

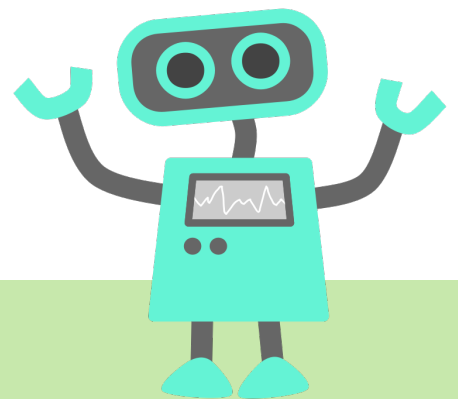
CEDP has set up a portal in which you can buy a suitable device. I will give you details of this portal in future newsletters as it is not yet ready.

If you have any issues you would like to discuss about the BYOLT program please contact the office and ask to speak to me.

Yours truly,

Janet Colusso


Learning Technologies




DEVICES ACCEPTED ON THE NETWORK

Minimum Device Requirements:


Apple iPad:

	iPad Models Supported:	iPad Air (2013) iPad Air 2 (2014) iPad 5th Generation (2017) iPad Pro (2015 - 2017)
	Operating System	IOS 10.0 or higher
	Screen size	9.7" minimum
	Storage & RAM	32GB Storage & 1GB RAM


Chromebook:

	Chromebook Models Supported:	Must be manufactured in 2013 and above
	Operating System	Latest Chrome OS available
	Screen size	9" minimum
	Storage & RAM	16GB Storage & 1GB RAM
NOTE: A license fee applies to enrol into the Google Management Console. This is provided by the school once approximately \$40 is paid by the family.		

Apple Mac:

	Laptop Models Supported:	Macbook Pro (2012-2017) Macbook Air (2012-2017) Macbook (2017)
	Operating System	Mac OS X 10.10 (Yosemite) or higher
	Screen size	11" minimum (13" Preferred)
	Storage & RAM	128GB Storage & 4GB RAM

Microsoft Windows:

	Laptop Models Supported:	Lenovo, Microsoft, HP
	Operating System	Windows 10 Professional or Education edition
	Screen size	11" minimum (13" Preferred)
	Storage & RAM	128GB Storage & 4GB RAM

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hampers

You can help St Vincent de Paul spread Christmas cheer this year by donating items for our Christmas Appeal Hampers. Hampers are distributed through our local conference members to needy families. Please place your donations into re-usable shopping bags (eg Aldi, Woolworths and Coles canvas bags).

In addition, please ensure that all food items are in date with several months until expiry.

Kindergarten – Tins of shoulder ham and Christmas cakes or puddings & canvas bags

Year 1 – Tins of fruit, vegemite, jam and honey jars & canvas bags

Year 2 – Coffee, tea and long-life milk & canvas bags

Year 3 – Pasta, pasta sauces & canvas bags

Year 4 – Rice, tins of vegetables (eg carrots, peas and corn) & canvas bags

Year 5 – Bottles of soft drink, fruit juice and cordial & canvas bags

Year 6 – Corn chips, salsa jars and bags of lollies & canvas bags

As always, the St Aidan's Christmas community spirit is out of this world and we thank you in advance for your generosity.



Technology Update for Parents

DEVICES NO LONGER ACCEPTED ON THE NETWORK AS OF 1/12/17

Apple

- ▶ iPad 1(2010)
- ▶ iPad 2 (2011)
- ▶ iPad Gen 3 (2012)
- ▶ iPad Gen 4 (2012)
- ▶ iPad Mini (all)
- ▶ White Macbook's (2008)



Windows 8.1 and below

Chromebook's - 2012 and below

Considerations:

- A Tough, sturdy cover/case in the event the device is dropped.
- Light enough for the student to carry.
- Device Insurance
- Extra warranty to reduce possible repair costs.

General Requirements (All Devices):

	Wireless Connectivity:	Device must support: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Wireless frequencies (2.4 GHz & 5Ghz)-802.11 "a", "g", "n" and/or "ac" standards-WPA2 enterprise security
	Hardware Features:	Camera and Microphone
	Battery Life:	6 Hrs minimum battery life

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.





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%

Week 6 attendance level is 79.9%

Attendance level target for all

Diocesan schools is 90%

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



St Aidan's Primary

School based fees 2018

Please find below the school based fees. These amounts will be included on the statements together with Diocesan fees and levies sent home to families during the first three terms in 2018.

Flexible Payments options are available at the start of the year. Directions for this type of payment will accompany the first fee statement.

St Aidan's Primary School based fees for 2018	Annual fee per student	Fee Per Instalment (terms 1,2,3)
Resource fee for Kinder (<i>enrolment fee of \$55 has been paid upon acceptance</i>) *Includes SeeSaw App	\$159	\$52 is billed in first two instalments
Resource fee (per student Yr 1-5) *Includes SeeSaw App	\$159	\$53
Resource fee (per student 6) * Includes Year 6 T/shirt, SeeSaw App	\$216	\$72
Activity Fee (per student Yr K-4) * Includes Excursions, Dance Fever, Athletics	\$90	\$30
Activity Fee (per student 5-6) *Includes Dance Fever, Athletics	\$51	\$17
Year 5 camp * Includes meals \$30	\$150	Billed in instalment 1
Year 6 camp * Includes meals \$45	\$225	Billed in instalment 1

CANTEEN NEWS



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

Meal Deals begin on Monday 20th November

Meal Deal 1 - \$5.00



*** Toasted Ham & Cheese sandwich**

*** Pop top juice**

*** Fruit salad cup**



Meal Deal 2 - \$5.00



*** Sweet chili chicken wrap**

*** Bottle of water**

*** Zooper Dooper**



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