



OUR PLACE ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 7

25/11/16

THANKING EVERYONE IN OUR ST AIDAN'S COMMUNITY

As the 2016 school year rapidly moves towards Christmas, we must take the opportunity to thank the many people in our community for their contribution to St Aidan's growing successes.

Today we thank the students....

Our students have been very successful on all fronts-

*academically we have had an outstanding year with continued growth in our students' learning performances.

*on the sporting field, again our students have been competitive and shown themselves to be wonderful ambassadors for this school.

Whether it is with their overall behaviour, their energy, classroom efforts with numeracy or literacy or reverence during liturgical celebrations **our St Aidan's students have really shown that they are delightful, well-mannered and responsible children.**

Casual teachers and other visitors often comment positively on our students which is a good sign of their respect for others, their enthusiasm to learn and their strong sense of responsibility.

St Aidan's is a lovely place because of the delightful children in our care!!

Thanks to OUR STUDENTS. Your effort, energy, friendliness, commitment to your learning and positive influence on our school community is outstanding.

Parents and teachers are very proud of you and we look forward to another amazing year in 2017. Best wishes to our Year 6 students who are soon heading off to our local Catholic Secondary Schools.



“Imagine life is a game in which you are juggling five balls.

The balls are called **work, family, health, friends, and integrity**. And you’re keeping all of them in the air.

But one day you finally come to understand that work is a **rubber** ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back.

The other four balls - **family, health, friends, integrity** – are made of **glass**.



If you drop one of these, it will be irrevocably scuffed, nicked, perhaps even shattered.

And once you truly understand the lesson of the five balls, you will have the beginnings of balance in your life.”
[James Patterson]

YEAR 6 LITURGY AND FAREWELL SOCIAL

Our Year 6 students are in the last days of their time in primary school. After seven years, they prepare for BIG school and beyond.

Our end of year ceremonies include:

Mass of Thanksgiving- Friday 9th Dec

At 9:15am. We will be farewelling Yr6 and any other students and teachers who are leaving St Aidan's while also thanking God for the many blessings we have received this year.

Yr6 Farewell- Liturgy & Social-Wed 14th Dec at 5:30pm

Families and teachers will gather in the church to pray for our students now moving onto High School. We thank God for the many blessings over the years.

At 6:30pm, students will move to the hall for a gathering to celebrate their successes and say farewell. This will conclude at 8:00pm.

On the morning of the 14th, the Yr6 students will be decorating the hall and undertaking some fun activities.

OUR PAST STUDENTS FROM ST AIDAN'S WHO ARE NOW AT ST AGNES CATHOLIC HIGH MADE THE FOLLOWING CARD TO SAY "THANK YOU!"



Focus On Your Studies!

+ Exams are hard
and stressful ☺

Mikho! Sup Man

+ Keep Staying
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Lit Fam
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Prince II ☺

Ruth ♡

Kobe
is a lit g

Holly - Anne ☺
Good luck
y'all! ♡

Levi ☺

Jenand
☺

Kc
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JAMES
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dash me

Hey Yr 6's & Teachers: at St-Aidan's ☺

- Here is some love from the current yr 7's
at St-Agnes! We miss you all & good luck
in Highschool! ☺

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hera ☆
2016

Martin

Bless ♡

check out my Insta!

~~scribble~~

- @bless.byme ☺
Just a
bidding!

Jake
☺

Angelica ☺

Stacey :) ☺

Alexi ☺
goodluck and miss you
all!!!!

Laszlo
☺

Sebastian
☺

Garard

Chende ♡

Hope your
having fun - Learning
its fun

Jedrick
☺

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The children at the Westmead
Hospital have a brighter

CHRISTMAS

By donating preloved items



PARENT HELPERS FOR 2017

A workshop for Parent Helpers
will be held early

Term 1 2017.

Good readers and writers are able to draw on many different reading experiences. Children need books from home and from school in order for this to happen. The school and local library are important sources of reading material and as such need to be used regularly. Each grade has the opportunity to borrow from the library each week. Please ensure your child borrows books from the library each week.



Encouraging the behaviour you want in your child

Children do as you do. Your child watches you to get clues on how to behave in the world. You are the role model, so use your own behaviour to guide your child. What you do is often much more important than what you say. If you want your child to say ‘please’, say it yourself. If you don’t want your child to raise their voice, speak quietly and gently yourself.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please be aware that borrowing from the school library finishes during week 8 i.e. **Monday 28th November until Thursday 1st December.**

During weeks 9 and 10, all books must be returned **BEFORE** the school holidays (especially year six students).

**AVOID THE DREADED HOLIDAY
READING SLUMP !**

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We all know the importance of reading for literacy development and the impact a prolonged break, like the Christmas holidays, can have on **READING** advancement, particularly for vulnerable readers.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
Summer Reading Challenge

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of **four iPad minis**

Enter online at www.parra.catholic.edu.au
Entries close 7 February 2017

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- ✓ Beginning of Advent - Sunday 27th November
- ✓ Year 7 2017 St Agnes Information night 7:00pm at St Agnes High Monday 28th November
- ✓ Year 7 2017 Orientation Day Monday 5th December 8:25am to 2:00pm
- ✓ Year 5 go to St Agnes High School for Technology Day Wednesday 7th December
- ✓ Year 4 go to St Agnes for **Road to Bethlehem** Thurs 8th December
- ✓ Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Thursday 8th December
- ✓ Thanksgiving Mass and Farewell to families, teachers and Year 6 students who are leaving St Aidan's Friday 9th December at 9:15am
- ✓ Reports go home to parents
- ✓ Christmas Concert - Monday 12th December @ 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- ✓ Year 6 Graduation Liturgy and Social - Wednesday 14th December @ 5:30 pm until 8:00pm
- ✓ Christmas Mufti & Student's last day- Friday 16th December.



St Agnes News

St Agnes is holding a few exciting events in the upcoming weeks that involve our St Aidan's students.

28 November - Yr 7 2017 Information Night from 7-9pm

5 December - Yr 7/2017 Orientation Day

Students are to arrive by 8.25am for an 8.30am start. The day will conclude at 2pm. Students are permitted to catch our school buses home with siblings.

Students are to provide their own recess food and water and wear their primary school uniform and hat.

They will be supplied a sausage sizzle for lunch

(food dietary requirements are to be relayed prior to the day).

7 December - Yr 5 students and teachers Technology Day for St Aidan's & Holy Family students.

Buses will pick students up at 9am and leave St Agnes at 2.15pm.

Students will be supplied a sausage sizzle for lunch

(food dietary requirements are to be relayed prior to the day).

8 December - Christmas Liturgy - A Road to Bethlehem for Year 4 students starting at 9.30am. St Agnes will provide buses to transport students to (at 9am) and from your school. Students should return to school at approx 11.00am.

2017:

23 January - Uniform Shop will open from 9am to 1pm for students to purchase last minute clothing items.

27 January - Year 7 should arrive by 8am in readiness for homeroom at 8.15am.

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.staidansrootyhill.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.

Canteen

Dear Parents,

Due to a large price increase, "Chicken Fingers" will now be **6 for \$3.50** effective from Monday 31st October. We do apologise for any inconvenience caused by this change.

A reminder: All lunch orders need to be given to the Canteen lady before Recess (by 10:30am).

Thank you for your support.

Classroom Catering.

Meal Deals

From Monday 21st November until Friday 9th December

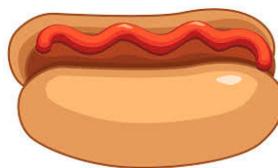
Meal Deal One - \$5.00

- **Salad roll**
- **Bottle of water**
- **Frozen juice cup**



Meal Deal Two - \$5.00

- **Hot dog and sauce**
- **Flavoured milk**
- **Lemonade ice block**



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Skoolbag App - St Aidan's App in iTunes (for all newsletters, alerts etc.)