



ST AIDAN'S COMMUNITY UPDATE

26th August 2016

HAVING LOTS OF FUN WHILE ACHIEVING GREAT LEARNING!!

Students are certainly enjoying their new play equipment and the variety of activities available here at St Aidan's!

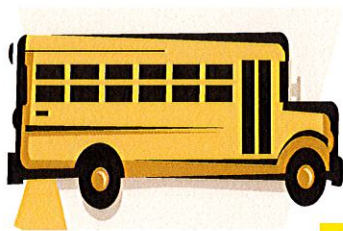
While some might think we are lessening the emphasis on the academic pursuits...it is actually the opposite.

Students are increasingly enjoying their classwork and teachers have commented on how much more engaged and committed they are with their studies. The students want to be here and they feel they belong. Everyone is participating in social activity on the playground and any social issues are now negligible.

This only increases their desire to learn and to feel part of this great school.

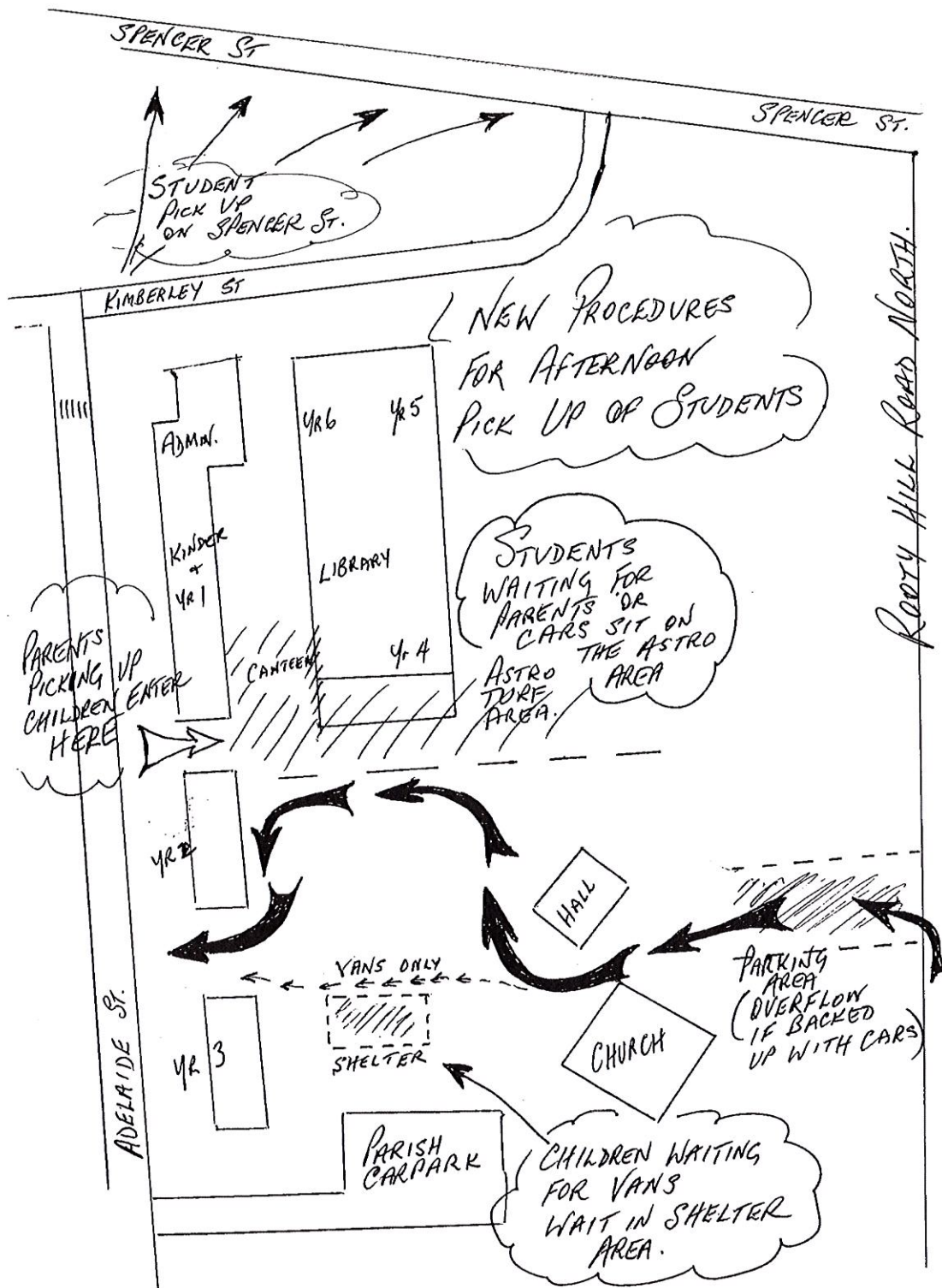
Dates Coming Up

- **Wednesday 31st August** – Father's Day Stall. Gifts will be available for students to buy at a cost of either \$5.00 or \$10.00.
- **Thursday 1st September** – 12:00noon Father's Day Mass followed by a picnic lunch.
- **Friday 2nd September** – K-2 Infants Tabloid Sports (weather permitting). K, 1 & 2 will wear their Sports Uniform as well as year 4.



URGENT NOTICE! The school has been advised that Busways drivers are having a Stop Work Meeting on Monday 29th August between 5:30am and 9:30am. If your child catches the bus in the morning you will need to make alternative arrangement for Monday 29th August.

Proposed Afternoon Dismissal Procedures.





Students wait for their parent's car on the **GREEN** area

Cars enter through the driveway between the church and hall.

Cars exit through the driveway between Yrs 3 & 2



VANS-
Please move straight to the shelter area in the picture.

Students will be waiting for vans in this area.

Parents walking into the school enter in the gate between Kinder & Yr2

Parents

The proposed changes to afternoon dismissal of students has been thoroughly discussed by groups of parents, teachers and others to see if it is safe, viable and a way of addressing the traffic issues in the area at 2:30pm to 3:15pm each afternoon.

We are aiming to start these procedures from Monday, September 12th onwards so that it will have a full 2 weeks before the holiday break to ensure it works safely.

Students will also be well informed and practised before and on the day of the 12th September.

PARENTS HAVE SEVERAL CHOICES-

1. Spencer Street and other parking areas will still operate with students escorted across crossings as normal
2. Parents may want to pick up their child(ren) in the playground. They will now enter through the gate used by students and families of a morning.
3. Vans now enter the site and drive straight to the shelter area outside Year 3 where students will be waiting.
4. Cars enter from Rooty Hill Road North also (left turn into the site). They move in the direction of the arrows on the diagram. Students will be waiting on the green turf areas. If congestion builds, there are plenty of parking spaces in the bottom area near the parish buildings.

OTHER POINTS-

- **Family names** will be displayed in the car windows to assist in the efficient movement of students to cars. The signs will be produced by the school office. We will need to know who intends using the school car park system of an afternoon. Please email the school email address on this newsletter.

- Gates open at 2:30 pm on Rooty Hill Road North to enable classes to do sport or other activities up to this time.
- After school care students will move along the ramp to the hall shelter area where they will be collected by the supervisors. Procedures have been discussed with the supervisors to ensure safe movement off the school site.



PARENT MEETING 23/8 UPDATE

Last Tuesday evening, parents met with Layla, the rep from Lowes to discuss a variety of issues re our school uniforms. She listened and discussed options.

Opinions were given on the poor quality of the fabric, the fading of colours, thin material, etc. A follow up meeting will be organised with Layla in term 4. Meanwhile, interested parents will continue to meet at a future undecided date.

Other discussion points included the new afternoon playground procedures (outlined in this newsletter), homework, setting up a parent body (Parents & Friends or similar), report cards and reporting student progress to parents and other topical items.

VOICE OF YOUTH SUCCESS

Congratulations Nipulma!

On Tuesday 23rd August, year 6 attended the Voice of Youth, a public speaking competition run by Parramatta Diocese. Two year 6 students, Nipulma Attanayake and Rita El-Ghossein, were selected to represent our school at this competition. After listening to the speeches of students from Good Shepherd, Plumpton; St Francis, Glendenning and St John Vianney's, Doonside, judges selected Nipulma Attanayake as the overall winner. She will now represent our cluster at the Western Division Semi-final on the 13th September. Congratulations to all the competitors and we wish Nipulma all the best for the next round.

Year 6 Teachers



The Voice of Youth School Final 2016

Each year the Diocese of Parramatta organises a public speaking competition. The competition is called The Voice of Youth. It is open for all year six students in the diocese. The students are given a range of topics that they could speak about. Students then present this to their grade and six students are chosen from the grade to speak in front of year five and six.

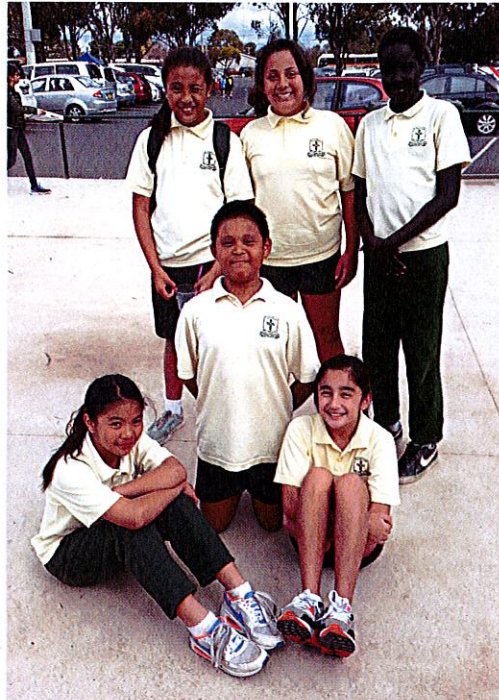
On Thursday 4th August year five and six heard the six St Aidan's finalists for the Voice of Youth competition. These finalists were Nicole Cabalhin, Rita El-Ghossein, Nipulma Attanayake, Angeli Hate, Sosefo Mafi and Kyra Barcelon. Congratulations to all these speakers as it was hard for the judges with such wonderful performances. Nipulma Attanayake was placed first, Rita El-Ghossein second and Nicole Cabalhin as reserve. Well done to all six speakers. The first and second place speakers went through to the zone final. We wished them all the best in the next round.



NETBALL SUCCESS

On Tuesday 23rd of August, St Aidan's competed at the St Nicholas Netball Gala Day. It was a very successful day. The junior team won their division and the seniors performed amazingly. Thank you to Miss Brown for training the senior team. Also thank you all the parents who supported the teams and helped coach on the day.

*Jessica Chetcuti,
Sports Coordinator.*



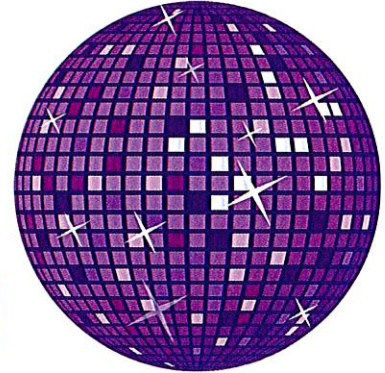
St Aidan's Fluro Disco

Friday 9th September 2016

Infants: 4.30pm – 6.00pm

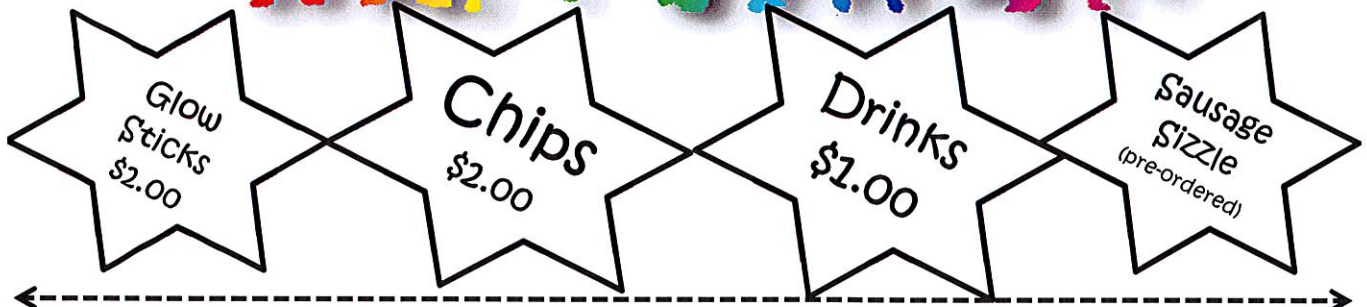
Primary: 6.15pm – 7.45pm

Tickets: \$5.00 (please pay by Wednesday 7th September)



Come dressed in your brightest fluro gear, enjoy great music, win some prizes and dance the night away.

All proceeds will go to *Christ the King Academy, Antiquera, Bohol, Philippines.*



If you would like to pre-order a meal for your child/children, please fill out the form below and forward total cost, in a clearly marked envelope, to the school by **Wednesday 7th September**.

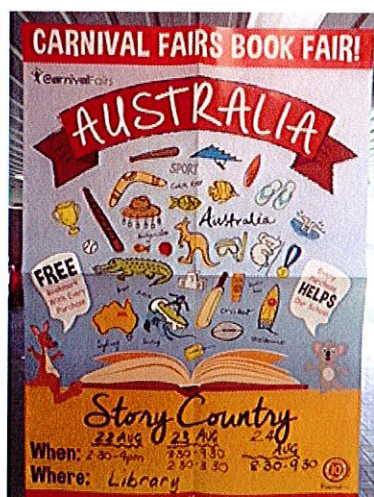
Sausage sandwich, chips and water/juice (\$5.00) _____

Sausage sandwich only (\$2.50) _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Child/Children's Name/s: _____

Class: _____



Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents & friends at the book fair. It was great to have so many students leave the book fair with a book to read. We sold \$3703.50 worth of books, giving us a commission of \$1112 worth of books for the library.

Thank you also to the parents & staff who donated a book to the library.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to another great book fair in 2017.

Regards,
Grace Carlo-Stella
Teacher/Librarian.



"Be Awesome! Be a BOOK nut! - Dr Seuss"

Pedestrian Safety



Many of our students at St Aidan's walk to and from school each day. Therefore, parents are reminded to slow down and watch carefully for students who may not be concentrating on keeping safe. Once a parent and or child enter a pedestrian crossing the driver is expected to stop to allow the safe crossing of those concerned. Most parents and local traffic do follow the rules and slow down and allow pedestrians to cross. Children under the age of seven must hold an adults hand to cross the road. Please remind your children they must stay close to you around traffic and not run ahead.

Mrs. Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

Helping children with writing:

Provide a suitable place for children to write.

A quiet corner is best, if possible. If not, any flat surface with elbow room, a comfortable chair, and a good light will do.

Give children, and encourage others to give, the gifts associated with writing: pens of several kinds, pencils of appropriate size and hardness, a desk lamp, pads of paper, stationery, envelopes, even stamps, a booklet for a diary or daily journal, a dictionary appropriate to children's age and needs.

Most dictionary use is for checking spelling, but a good dictionary contains fascinating information on word origins, synonyms, pronunciation, and so forth, a thesaurus for older children. This will help in the search for the "right" word.

Mrs Christine Leahy

Assistant Principal/ Lead literacy teacher.



Premier's Reading Challenge 2016

The Premier's reading challenge ended on **19th August 2016**.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge in the last couple of weeks.

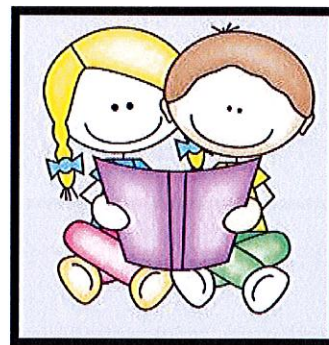
Year 1 Diing Akol; Moung Anei; Achol Angara; Sera Aung; Arich Awac; Jordan Azaglo; Kiara Bartley; Ava Bazina; Brayden Belleza; Jeremiah Atienza; Abbygale Batula; Benedict Caballero; Mikayla Mostoles; Joanna Villanueva; Daniel Vrbesic; Benji Reyes; Priyanka Sharma; Summa Skarski; Bryson Smith; Kian Soriano; Bridget Taylor; Lucas Tollefsen; Angel Vicedas; Charleze Montecillo; Dominic Mostoles; Aidan Nand; Cecilia Nguyen; Denise Nicolas; Alessandra Pacardo; Frances Padilla; Alisha Prasad; Alfred Ramos; Stephanie Lajara; Jake LeRoy; Julian Lintag; Alexander Lopez; Malera Marone; Ronell Matti; Juliana Mendoza; Mary Mercado; Maribelle Moawad; Prince Gonzales; Zachariah Guibani; Achol Gum; Milania Hilmi; Alexa Hipolito; Juliana Ioane; Jacob James; Leo John Nissan; Maketalena Kautai; Gabriele Bernadino; Sean Bernardo; Jacek Button; Angelika Cabalhin; Malaika Capili; Sean Caster; Ethan D'Cruz; Claud Daliwan; Joshua Espino; Francesca Frias.

Year 2 Rohaan Lagare; Paul Lucas; Brianna Maglalang; Rafael Malinao; Gabriella Mark-Danials; Adrian Morales; Joel Sam; Aryan Singh; Methuki Wann-Arachchi; Madison Agudera; Benjamin Alcantara; Khairaliah Gafour; Louise Galabo; Jerome Gorgise; Marko Knezevic; Abigail Yao.

Year 3 Ethan Dinh Vu

Year 6 Nipulma Attanayake; Kenyon Aquino; Latasha Brewty; Jaira-Lynn De Vera; Rita El-Ghossein; Khushi Kansal.

Thank you to all the students that took part in the challenge, 232 students took part with 209 completing the challenge.



Grace Carlo-Stella
Teacher/Librarian.

Canteen news



Road to Rio 2016 Term 3

USA – Competitive Olympic Medallists Meal Deals.

The following Meal Deals begin **Monday 29th August and finish on Friday 9th September.**

- Meal Deal 1 – \$5.00. Ham, cheese & tomato sandwich; pop top juice; Philadelphia cheese and crackers.
- Meal Deal 2 - \$5.00. Hot dog with sauce and cheese; Quench blue mineral water; homemade cookie.



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