



# OUR PLACE ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 6 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

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## YEAR 5 CAMP AT TEEN RANCH

Last week, our year 5 students enjoyed their leadership camp with their teachers. Many staff members also visited the students after school on Thursday afternoon. It was a great opportunity to build relationships, develop leadership/teamwork and enjoy new experiences.





## **The Best Year 5 Camp Ever!!!**

Year 5 have recently been honoured to experience their first camp at Teen Ranch, Cobbitty. This was an amazing bonding experience as we now know each other in a whole different way.

The activities provided at Teen Ranch made all the students really excited. Horse riding was awesome as the staff taught us how to ride and groom a horse! There were many different horses and we learnt how to approach a horse so that it doesn't get spooked.

Everyone also went canoeing in the river. The camp leaders showed us how to use the paddle to turn and they organised games so that we could practise our new skills. Luckily, no one tipped out of the canoe, so we all had heaps of fun. The water was freezing cold, but most people chose to have a swim anyway!

The giant swing was absolutely irresistible, as we had the chance to start at any height we chose. Most of us dropped from about 10 metres high which was exciting because, when we pulled the release cord, we got a real jolt! We all got two turns to ride it and the teachers could tell that we were all having the time of our lives! Mrs Leahy even had a turn, even though she wasn't feeling very well.



To get to know each other better, we went on a challenge course to test our teamwork. There were different activities which were set in the forest area of the camp. It was damp and pretty cold, but that didn't stop us from enjoying it, and all the staff thought that the girls worked better in a team than the boys!

On Thursday night, we all went on a bushwalk to the fire pit. Year 5 had a bonfire and we all toasted marshmallows on sticks. It was really fun as we all went around the circle to say the best thing about Year 5 so far. Aaron, our camp leader said lovely things about us which was nice of him.

The staff at Teen Ranch cared for us all the time, especially Aaron. He was always at every activity looking after year 5 as we enjoyed our stay at Teen Ranch. They were very respectful as we respected them. They would always compliment us as we did something great.

The year 5 cabins were very spacious as there were 6 bunk beds in each cabin. They were always clean and tidy as Year 5 cared that Teen Ranch staff had let us stay here.

The chefs at Teen Ranch made us amazing meals, we even had bacon and eggs for breakfast. There was always a variety of food, morning tea was freshly baked and there were huge bowls of fresh fruit on the table which we could help ourselves to. The food was always fresh and delicious, and mornings tea was always the best.

There were different birds that we don't see often which was great to see. We could also hear them calling from the tree-tops during the day. It was a really different environment which all of year 5 enjoyed.

The grounds at Teen Ranch were massive as there was a games room, soccer field, and a volleyball net. There were fallen logs in the beautiful environment which everyone sat on to talk and have fun, during our free time.

Teen Ranch is an amazing place that all schools should enjoy, the activities, food, friendly staff, and the cabins made Teen Ranch a great environment for year 5 and other schools, as everyone can have fun, and be themselves

*Isabella Gatmaitan.*

## PARENT FORUM MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY

A small group of parents had the opportunity to spend an hour discussing maths and reading with our teachers.

During the presentations, an interesting conversation enabled parents to ask a wide range of questions about students' learning.

It is a great opportunity and we hope more parents are able to join us next term to discuss your child's learning.

Why not check out this site that was displayed and discussed on Wednesday.....?

It is about Guided Reading – “Sam's Race” ...very informative about how we teach reading comprehension  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hooy3dWn4oY&feature=youtu.be>

## PRE LOVED UNIFORMS

If you have any uniforms (winter ones especially) that no longer are being used by your children.....we would love to have them donated to the school to assist other families who are not so fortunate. Please send in any items into the office. Much appreciated.



## YEAR 6

Do you like our new Year 6 shirts?

Students can wear these on Tuesdays and Fridays.



KINDERGARTEN...  
here I come!



Enrolments and interviews for Kindergarten 2018 are now well underway. Various parent meetings and orientation days for students will take place in terms 3 and 4.

Please call in at the office and pick up an enrolment form between 8:15am and 3:15pm Monday to Friday.

Please tell you family and friends that now is the time to enrol for 2018!



Skoolbag

## ST AIDAN'S SKOOLBAG APP

Do you know of any school families, aunts/uncles, grandparents ... who want to **receive regular updates, reminders, newsletters, etc?**

**It is a crucial way of communicating with the parent / school community. Please tell them to go to the App Store and download the **ST AIDAN'S SKOOLBAG** app asap.**

## The use of the E-A scale in reports

Teachers have collected many forms of assessment on each student before giving a grade.

Assessment starts at the beginning of the year and is continuous throughout the year.

The E grade indicated the student required help to complete grade appropriate tasks. The D grade indicates the student demonstrated basic understanding of the tasks. The C grade indicates the student demonstrated sound understanding of the tasks. The B grade indicates the student demonstrated excellent understanding of the tasks. The A grade indicates the student demonstrated outstanding understanding of the tasks.

**It is important to note here that a C grade is where most students will be in the grade.**

This term our semester reports will have a general comment only. The comments will include a literacy, numeracy, religious education and an overall comment. Staff have 500 character count only including commas and full stops. St Aidan's did ask for an increase to the character count however CEDP are unable to do this. Therefore more detail and comments are part of the family (student/parent) conference held in the last week of term.



## LITERACY CONTINUUM

Our parent forum was held last week with workshops in both literacy and numeracy. As part of that discussion, parents viewed the literacy continuum which are the benchmarks NSW schools are using as a guide for student progress. St Aidan's literacy goal is specifically around comprehension.

The student's placement on the literacy continuum for Aspects of Writing, Vocabulary and Comprehension will be discussed and given to parents at the family conferences in Week 10 this term.

## READING

Reading should be enjoyable for you and your child. If your child becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later. All children, regardless of age, like to be read to. Make a special time whenever possible for reading with your child away from interruptions.



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## 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.

Congratulations to Mrs Cris Poole, Year 5 teacher. Mrs Poole shaved her head today at school to raise money for research into Breast Cancer. The Mt Druitt Standard paper photographer came to witness the event and will put an article in their paper in the near future.



<https://nbcf-hostyourown.gofundraise.com.au/page/CristinaPoole>



NATIONAL  
BREAST CANCER  
FOUNDATION



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## CREATIVE ARTS - TERM 2 - DRAMA

This term St Aidan's have been enjoying drama. Drama involves students making, performing and appreciating through various roles, dramatic contexts, elements and forms. The students have developed skills in role-playing, movement, improvisation, story-telling, mime, puppetry video drama, play-building and Reader's Theatre.



**Kindergarten** have been making dinosaurs and taking on roles to explore familiar and imagined situations. The class used their dinosaurs to come up with stories and dramatic play using puppets.



# CREATIVE ARTS - TERM 2 - DRAMA

## Stage 1

Year 1 and Year 2 were introduced to mime. Children used mime to perform using facial expression, body language and non-verbal vocalisation to communicate. They also used props and costumes, musical instruments to perform Nursery Rhymes.



## Stage 2

Years 3 and 4 used warm-ups before acting out role plays and Reader's Theatre. Danny in the Toy Box involved community workers and students used costumes and worked as a team creating an incident involving a doctor, policeman, nurse and fire fighter.

## Stage 3

Years 5 and 6 explored improvisation, movement, mime, story-telling in their drama and were encouraged to adopt roles and move into the imagined reality of the Fairy-Tale world. The stories were brought to life by the use of voice, gesture, facial expression, body position, pace and sound effects.

## CREATIVE ARTS - TERM 2 - DRAMA



# Numeracy News

## Multiplication and Division across K-6.

Over the past few weeks students across K-6 have engaged in different Multiplication and Division tasks as part of the school Mathematics goal for 2017.

Below are examples of tasks that students from K-6 worked on.

Kindergarten	12 cookies are shared equally between 3 friends. How many cookies did each person get?
Year 1 and 2	36 cookies are shared into lunch bags. In each bag there were 3 cookies. How many bags will I need?
Year 3 and 4	135 cookies are shared into lunch bags. In each bag there are 3 cookies. How many bags will I need?
Year 5 and 6	135 cookies are shared in boxes. In each box there are 9 cookies. How many boxes will I need?

During these tasks students were encouraged to use materials or use what they know to solve the problem, without counting or sharing by 1s. They were also encouraged to explain how they solved the problem.

Students were then further challenged by finding different ways to reach the answer or were given a larger amount of cookies to work with.



If you would like to know further information about the teaching of Mathematics at St Aidan's or you would like me to address a particular area of Mathematics you can contact me through my school email address [plance@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:plance@parra.catholic.edu.au)



## Dates coming up...

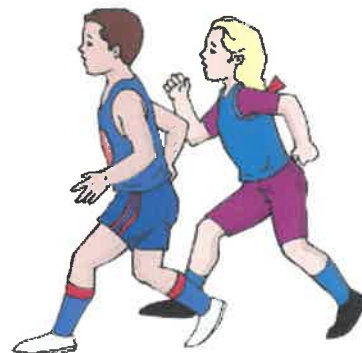
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Kinder excursion to Calmsley Hill
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Kinder (ONLY) “Farm” dress up day
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June K, 2, 4 & 6 Dental Assessments *(a note will be sent home to parents of students in these grades next week)*



The St Aidan's Athletics Carnival will be held on **Tuesday, 18th July 2017**. This year the carnival will be held at Blair Park, St Mary's. All primary students, Years Three to Six, will attend on the day. There will be a number of novelty games and track races for the students to participate in on the day.

Later on in Term 3 there will be an Infants athletics carnival for those students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two. Parents are encouraged to come along to support all the students.

*We hope to see you there!*





### 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 ¼ 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've 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 1 attendance level is 84.9%**  
**Week 2 attendance level is 82.9%**  
**Week 3 attendance level is 85.7% (OUR NEW PB!!!)**  
**Week 4 attendance level is 83.9%**  
**Week 5 attendance level is 85.2%**  
**Week 6 attendance level is 82.7**  
**Attendance level target for all**  
**Diocesan schools is 90%**

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



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## St Aidan's Primary School – Term 1 – Summer 2017

***Eat Fresh: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind!***

### Every Day Hot Food

Chicken Nuggets	each \$0.70
Chicken Nuggets	6 for \$4.00
Party Pie	\$1.00
Corn on the Cob	\$1.00
Hash Browns (3)	\$1.50
Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Hot Dog with Sauce	\$3.00
Chicken Fingers (6)	\$3.50
Pancakes (2)	\$3.50
Traveller Pie	\$3.50

Burgers	\$4.00
Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Beef Burger	\$4.00
Veggie Burger	\$4.00
Add cheese to any burger for	\$0.50
All Burgers include salad	

Wraps	
Salsa Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$4.50
Sweet Chili Chicken Wrap	\$4.50
Nemo Wrap	\$4.50
Lamb Kebab Wrap	\$4.50

Pasta & Rice (Homemade)	
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$4.00
Pasta Bolognese	\$4.00
Lasagne	\$4.00
Fried Rice & Chicken Wings (2)	\$5.00

**Order Your Lunch Online**  
Orders can be placed before 9:00am  
[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)



### Sushi Roll

(Available Tues, Wed, Thur)	
Chicken & Cucumber	\$3.50
Chicken Teriyaki	
Tuna & Cucumber	

### Sandwiches

AVAILABLE IN WHITE OR MULTIGRAIN  
WRAP OR ROLL ADD 0.50c TO SANDWICH PRICE

Vegemite, Jam, Devon	\$2.00
Tomato, Cheese	\$2.50
Tuna or Egg	\$3.00
Leg Ham, Chicken or Salmon	\$3.50
Salad Sandwich	\$3.50
Lettuce Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot	\$3.90
Salad with Devon or Cheese	\$3.90
Salad with Tuna or Ham	\$4.20
Salad with Chicken or Salmon	\$4.50
EXTRAS – Including Toasting	\$0.40

### Salad

Fresh Fruit Salad	Bowl \$2.50 Box \$4.00
Garden Salad	\$3.00 \$4.00
With Ham or Tuna	\$3.50 \$4.50
With Salmon or Chicken	\$4.00 \$5.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$4.50 \$5.50
Pasta Salad	\$3.00 \$4.00

### Canteen Benko Box

1/2 Sandwich, Chicken Wing, Cheese and Crackers, Kiwi Fruit, Strawberries & 2 Mini Muffins	\$5.00
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Pick & Mix Box (select 5 items) 2 bread triangles, chicken, ham, tuna, cucumber, cheese, tomato, egg, carrot, beetroot, orange wedge	\$4.00
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**Check with the Canteen for the current Meal Deals \$5.00**

### Snacks

Piece of Fruit	\$1.00
Cookies, Delights, Popcorn, Jumpy's	\$1.00
Assorted Chips	\$1.30
Gingerbread Man 97% Fat Free	\$1.60
Screw Top Yoghurt	\$2.00
Fruit Yoghurt Cup	\$2.00
Banana Bread—Slice	\$3.00

### Drinks

Juice - Poppers	\$1.60
Plain Milk 300ml	\$1.60
with Sippah Straw	\$2.20
Pop Top Juice	\$2.00
Bottled Water 600ml	\$2.00
Flavoured Milk Lite 300ml	\$2.30
Sparkling Water 500ml	\$2.50
Natural, Lime or Berry	
Iced Tea NO SUGAR 500ml	\$3.00
Sparkling Flavoured Water 600ml	\$3.00
Green Apple or Wild Raspberry	

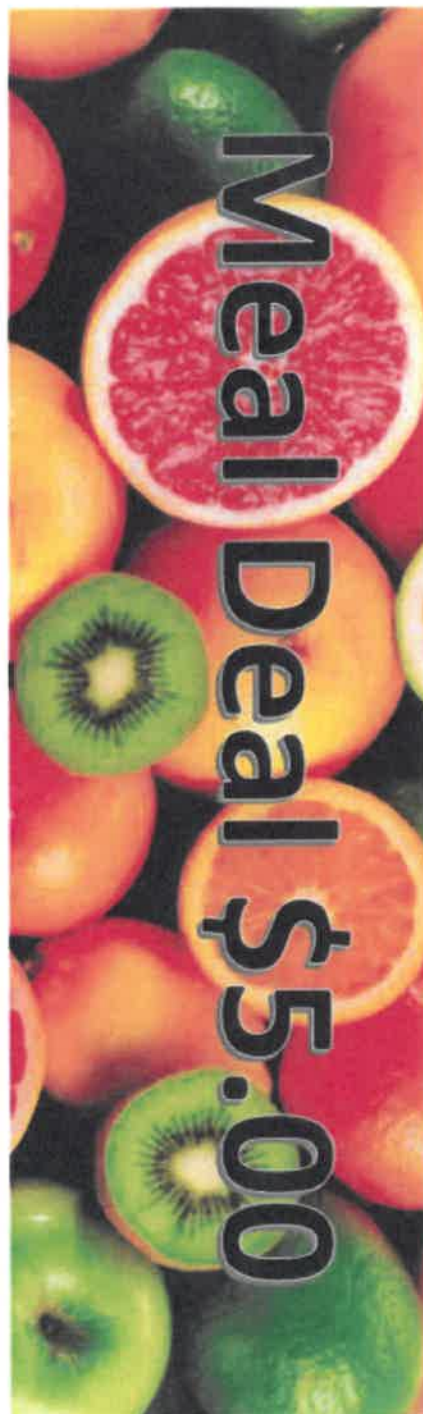
### Ice Blocks

Zooper Dooper	\$0.80
Frozen Juice Cup/ Icy Momy	\$1.00
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup	\$1.20
Paddle Pop	\$1.60
Slushie Cup	\$2.00
Streets Paddle Pop Cup	\$2.20

**Visit the Canteen for ice block specials**

### PLEASE NOTE

- ♦ Recess orders are to be PICKED UP FROM THE CANTEEN.
- ♦ All ICE CREAMS ordered with lunch are given out when the LUNCH BAG IS RETURNED TO THE CANTEEN.



### Meal Deal 1

- Hot Chicken Roll
- Sparkling Water
- Jelly Cup

### Meal Deal 2

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Sparkling Water
- Milk Pop Ice Block



Available 30<sup>th</sup> May – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017



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