



St Aidan's Primary School

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Term 3 Week 8

Friday 8th September 2017

Did You Know???



A child in K-6 will typically spend 75-80 % of their time in a 8:30 am to 3 pm, five-day school week learning the NSW syllabus.

The remaining 20 per cent of school time is spent on activities at the school's discretion. This could include languages, additional school sport, concert rehearsals, religious education and special projects.



English and Mathematics makes up about 50 per cent of the school week – this is equivalent to at least 12 hours each week. Other subjects are spread across the remaining time.

Primary school is split into four stages.

- ♦ Early stage 1 – Kindergarten
- ♦ Stage 1 – years 1 and 2
- ♦ Stage 2 – years 3 and 4
- ♦ Stage 3 – Years 5 and 6



St. Aidan's new telephone number is

02 8886 9800

(the old number still works

for approximately 12 months)





Parents Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses

(incorporating the Australian curriculum)

Helping parents to
understand their child's
progress through
primary school



Each stage has **SEVEN** key learning areas (KLAs).

- English
- Mathematics
- Religious Education
- Science and Technology
- Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) (History and Geography)
- Creative Arts
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE).

Kindergarten Transition Term 4



Every Wednesday next term, our new Kinder students for 2018 will be attending the school from 8:45am to 10:30am as part of their transition to St Aidan's.

The first 3 weeks (weeks 1-3) are with parents and members of staff in the hall. **The idea is to have each little person become familiar with the site and feel comfortable being here.**

The next 4 Wednesdays (weeks 4-7) are spent in the classrooms with the Kinder teachers. Parents do not attend these sessions as teachers lead numerous activities to gauge the child's knowledge and skills.

KINDERGARTEN...
here I come!



In Week 8, teachers assess each child's mathematical ability with a research based tool called **the MAI** or Mathematical Assessment Interview.

Hopefully, the students will walk in next year full of confidence and with high levels of knowledge and skills.... so that they can **fly** immediately.....

Dance Fever Challenge

Next Friday evening (Sept 15th), we have about 70 students attending the Dance Fever Challenge at Homebush.

It will be a great opportunity for our Years 3-6 students to display their dancing talents.

Dance Fever Demonstration

Last morning of term 3, Sept 22, we will have our K-2 students displaying their new found talents....

More details next week about the dance sessions and the infants tabloid sports in the park. It will be a huge day for the infants across the school, so hope you can join us.

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.

Upcoming Events

- ➡ Tuesday 12th Sept—Parent 'Drop in' from 11:15am
- ➡ Thursday 14th Sept—Year 3 excursion to the zoo
- ➡ Friday 15th Sept—Dance Fever Challenge

Staff Professional Learning day coming up.

Please remember that the first day of next term, **Mon October 9th** is a pupil free day as staff learn more strategies and activities to increase the focus on the learner.

Each individual at St Aidan's comes with unique interests, challenges, strengths, learning preferences and passions. Our intense focus on every learner will ensure that absolutely every child and their specific learning needs will be better catered for each and every day.

**FREAKY
FRIDAY
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Friday.... The13th
Oct 13th - first week back
next term! **Be there!**



110 YEAR ANNIVERSARY





National Literacy and Numeracy Week

September 4th-10th

This Week St Aidan's had a Literacy and a Numeracy challenge.



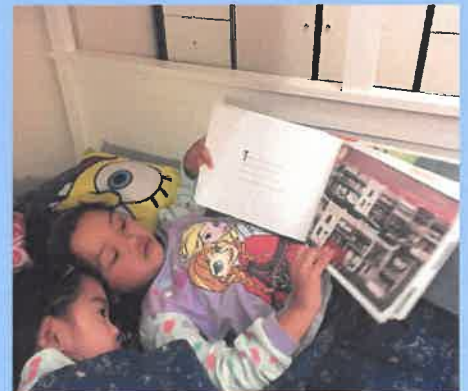
Literacy Challenge: Catch a Reader Competition.

Numeracy Challenge: Ted's Train. A multiplication and Division Task

Year 1 and 2 example: Ted's Train has 1 engine and 8 carriages. The engine and the carriages are 5 m (metres) long. How long is the train?

Thank you to all the children who participated in the challenges and all the parents who supported the children in these challenges.

Winners of the challenges will be announced at Monday Morning Assembly (September 11th).



For more information visit: <https://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/>

Summer Uniform

During the next two weeks, parents are welcome to transition their children into the summer uniform depending on the weather.

Otherwise students may wear their summer uniform from the first day of term 4 i.e. Tuesday 10th October.

10c Challenge:



A fundraising activity for St Aidan's.

Monday 11th September- Friday 22nd September

Bring in any 5c or 10c coins from around your house. The class who raises the most amount of money will win a special class experience in term 4!



Netball Gala Day 2017

Well done to the following girls who represented St Aidan's School at the recent Netball Gala Day:

Saphenatta Fuimaono, Catherine Schofield, Gabriella Lopus,
Liana Tupou, Bella Teuma-Manaog, Gabrielle Romero,

Clara Michael and Miriam Warwick-Smith.





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 1 attendance level is 79.4%

Week 2 attendance level is 80.0%

Week 3 attendance level is 79.8%

Week 4 attendance level is 74.6%

Week 5 attendance level is 75.4%

Week 6 attendance level is 76.9%

Week 7 attendance level is 78.9%

Week 8 attendance level is 78.7%

**Attendance level target for all
Diocesan schools is 90%**

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

CANTEEN MEAL DEALS

**Starting Monday 28th until
Friday 15th September 2017**

MEAL DEAL 1 (\$5.00)

- ♦ **Ham and cheese sandwich**
- ♦ **Pop top juice**
- ♦ **Cheese stick**



MEAL DEAL 2 (\$5.00)

- ♦ **Hot Dog with sauce**
- ♦ **Glee sparkling drink**
- ♦ **Zooper Dooper**



EAT FRESH & WIN



Sydney Markets Fresh for Kids have a competition running until Friday 13th October 2017!

1st prize—Home Entertainment Unit (TV & DVD Player) - 1 only to be won!

2nd prize—Apple iPad Mini 16Gb—3 to be won!

3rd prize—Gift pack (back pack, lunch bag, drink bottle) - 10 to be won!

4th prize—Event Cinema movie vouchers - 20 to be won!

How to enter:

1. Buy snacks/meals from the school canteen containing fresh fruit and/or vegetables to receive a fresh for kids sticker and entry form.
2. Collect 2 stickers and stick them on your entry form.
3. Submit your completed entry to the school canteen before 3pm on Friday 13th October 2017 for a chance to win!



*Plus there are 7 free character keyrings after you collect your stickers
and put in your entry with the canteen lady!*

Full details available at: www.freshforkids.com.au



Springtime is joey time at Featherdale Wildlife Park!

When the leaves turn green as spring arrives, we're delighted with surprises popping up throughout the park. From joey kangaroos in pouches to penguin chicks hatching, it's baby animals galore! The school holidays also mark the commencement of our croc feeding presentation, every day at 12 noon! Save with Featherdale's Spring Saver package. For \$99, you'll receive admission for 2 adults & 2 children (3-15), koala experience, animal food and activity sheets for the kids, tea/coffee for mum & dad and a carry bag.

Date: Offer valid Friday, 1 September 2017 - Sunday, 8 October 2017

Time: 9 am - 5 pm

Venue: Featherdale Wildlife Park,
217 Kildare Road, Doonside

Cost: \$99 Spring Saver Package

Contact: 9622 1644

Website: www.featherdale.com.au

Facebook: Featherdale Wildlife Park

Hoyts

Experience more movies for less @ HOYTS Blacktown with tickets from \$10* all day, every day. Plus enjoy 5 hours of free parking for all cinema guests!

Date: Ongoing

Time: All day

Venue: Hoyts Blacktown, Westpoint

Cost: From \$10

Contact: 9003 3810

Website: www.hoyts.com.au

Facebook: HoytsBlacktown

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TICKETS**

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Stories and Craft with Mrs Millis

Come and enjoy stories and have fun creating your take home craft with Local Education Officer, Mrs Millis. Open to ages 5 – 8 years.

Pig the Fibber

Date: Wednesday, 27 September 2017

Time: 2 pm – 3 pm

Venue: Max Webber Library, corner Flushcombe Road and Alpha Street, Blacktown

Bookings: www.eventbrite.com.au/pigthefibber2017

Piranhas Don't Like Bananas

Date: Thursday, 28 September 2017

Time: 2 pm – 3 pm

Venue: Dennis Johnson Library, corner Stanhope Parkway and Sentry Drive, Stanhope Gardens

Bookings: www.eventbrite.com.au/piranhas2017

Cost: FREE, bookings are essential

Contact: 9421 2670

Website: www.libraries.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Facebook: Blacktown City Libraries

NAO Robot Workshop

Participants will get to see one of the world's most advanced humanoid robots in action and learn basic 'drag & drop' programming with NAO's intuitive programming interface 'Choregraphe'. Find out ways robotics will aid humans in the near future. Suitable for beginners through to advanced coders. Whether you are a coder or just fascinated by new technologies the NAO robot is sure to captivate you. Open to ages 13 – 18 years.

Date: Tuesday, 3 October 2017

Time: 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm

Venue: Our Library @ The Mount Druitt Hub, Ayres Grove, Mount Druitt

Cost: FREE, bookings are essential:

www.eventbrite.com.au/naorobot

Contact: Luke on 8886 2000

Website: www.libraries.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Facebook: Blacktown City Libraries



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