



OUR PLACE

ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 4 Friday 17th February 2017

PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS LAST WEDNESDAY

Large numbers of parents were able to attend these important meetings. Thank you for your attendance.

Also a huge thankyou to the teachers who freely gave up their family time and various commitments to be present for the evening. They are certainly under no obligation to attend evening meetings yet they are so generous and passionate about their work that it was never in question.

Some parents might need to book a follow up meeting with teachers if they were unable to attend. The range of topics for discussion included:

- **Student attendance** levels -
PRIORITY (and Punctuality)
 - Crunch and Sip
 - Homework - expectations
 - Awards- class based incentives
- Technology in learning spaces / BYOLT
 - How do students learn best?
 - Camps Yrs 5&6
 - Dance Fever T3
 - Special Needs support
 - Leadership- Yr6
- Parent Mtgs throughout the year- 'No Surprises'
 - PBL activities
- Equity of opportunity for all students
 - Assessments & A-E grading
 - Naplan- Yrs 3&5
 - excursions
 - sports days

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

PLEASE ensure phone numbers, addresses, contacts, etc. are ALWAYS UP TO DATE in case of an emergency. Please contact the office.

MEDICATIONS

A reminder that any medications required for your child must be sent to the school office in its original packaging with the medical permission form attached.

This includes prescriptions, Panadol, Nurofen and any other 'over the counter' medication.

The form should clearly state :

1. STUDENT'S NAME
2. NAME OF THE MEDICATION
3. DOSAGE
4. TIME DOSAGE TO BE ADMINISTERED

DATES COMING UP:

Wed 22 nd Feb	Parent Forum 6:30pm start
Thurs 23 rd Feb	Yr 6 reconciliation
Fri 24 th Feb	St Aidan's Cross Country

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Fri March 17th

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
FRIDAY, MARCH 3
PUPIL FREE DAY**

On this day, staff will be addressing the **THREE** school goals outlined in this newsletter.

Each goal is very challenging and staff will work with others to ensure the resourcing, processes, strategies and processes are in place to achieve success.

We have meetings every term with diocesan leaders to analyse our data and work samples so as to assess how we are going in achieving the goals.

Apologies for the inconvenience in finding child care on the day.

PARENT FORUM
WEDNESDAY 22nd February
6:30pm
Yr 5/6 class space

On Wednesday February 22nd, we have our inaugural Parent Forum at the school at 6:30pm. At this meeting, we aim to discuss some of the issues impacting on our school community.

The Forum will aim to increase the communication across the community while inviting parents to be closer partners in the school. It is an opportunity to converse together and build our spirit of community.

We will also decide upon the various committees the parents are keen on providing for St Aidan's students. We may start a disco committee, a Fun Fair committee if people are interested, 2018 uniform decisions need to be made one way or another and possibly discuss a hospitality committee for various events like Fathers/Mothers/Grandparents days. Nothing is set and all topics are up for discussion.

Important Reminders for Parents:



Don't forget it is important to remember that **children need to have a good night's sleep each day**. Recommendations for a good night sleep for primary school age children are between 9-11 hours of sleep. That means children in primary grades need to be in bed before 8.30pm each school night. If a child is tired and very hard to get up the next morning they may need to go to bed even earlier. **Poor concentration leads to poor performance.**

Health & Wellbeing

Another important reminder is that **children require a healthy breakfast of a morning and healthy snacks for recess and lunch**. This means more fruit and vegetables and a sandwich/wrap or healthy substitute.

Chips, chocolates, snack bars, or packaged food are generally not a healthy choice. **If children are not eating properly it affects their learning and their concentration.** Please be reminded that children need to have plenty of water in drink bottles for these hot days. Juice is not a good substitute for water.

CRUNCH and SIP
Fresh cut up fruit or vegie....plus water



Attendance is a major focus for St Aidan's this year.

EVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY and is our school slogan for 2017. It is our combined responsibility **to have our children at school every day and on time.**

Week 2 attendance level 77.8%

Week 3 attendance level is 75.9%

Week 4 attendance level is 84.2%

Attendance level for all Diocesan schools is 90%

Please assist us to increase our student attendance level from 79.7% in 2016 to our 2017 target of 90%.

Our school needs your help to improve this level.

Please remember to plan holidays in the school holidays not during the school term.

Incentives for 100% attendance have started.



Parent Helpers

Calling all parents!

We are in need of parents who can help in the classroom. If you would like to help please come along to an information afternoon held Wednesday 1st March at 3.00pm in the meeting room/breakfast room. Please let the office know if you are attending.



SCHOOL FEES 2017

School fees have now been sent home to all families. Term one fees are due by 6th March.

If you have taken up the CEO's flexible payment plan BPay Option, please notify Mrs Wakeling on (02) 9625-3181.



The St Aidan's Cross Country will be held at Kimberly Park on Friday, 24th February. The carnival will begin at 9am and finish at approximately 1:15pm. I invite all parents to come and support their children.

Order of events:

1. 8 and 9 year old boys
2. 8 and 9 year old girls
3. 10 year old boys
4. 10 year old girls
5. 11 year old boys
6. 11 year old girls
7. 12 year old boys
8. 12 year old girls

Please ensure that your children bring their hat and water bottle on the day. If the carnival needs to be postponed due to weather, a notification will be sent on the school app.

If there are any parents who are available from 9am to 1:45pm, and would like to help me on the day, please email me by Friday, 17th February.

I hope to see you there!

Miss Jessica Chetcuti

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New to School Banking? Get your child started.

How it works

The School Banking program gives children an opportunity to make deposits into their Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about encouraging your child to develop regular savings habits.

Students receive a yellow Dollarmites deposit wallet and deposit book to bring their money to school. Every deposit earns them a silver Dollarmites token. Once they've collected 10 tokens, these can be redeemed for one of our reward items. Two reward items are released per term, as shown on the Rewards Card. Please note that, to be fair to all, students are not allowed to pool their tokens with other students or siblings.

Setting up a Youthsaver account

To join this savings adventure with School Banking, your child will need a Youthsaver account. This is a savings account that has no monthly account fees and offers a competitive bonus interest rate when your child makes at least one deposit and no withdrawals in a calendar month.

If your child doesn't have an existing Youthsaver account, there are two simple ways to open one:

Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

In branch

Visit any Commonwealth Bank branch and our friendly staff will assist. Please bring along identification for you and your child, like your driver's licence and their birth certificate.



Things you should know: As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Terms and conditions are available from commbank.com.au or from any branch of the Bank. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank's dispute resolution service can be accessed on 13 2221. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. ADV14222 010117

Meal Deal \$5.00

Deal 1

- Pick & Mix Box
- Bottle of Water



Select any 5 items: 2 bread triangles, chicken, ham, tuna, cucumber, cheese, tomato, egg, beetroot, orange wedge



Deal 2

- Sausage Roll
- Flavoured Milk
- Zooper Dooper



Available from Monday 20th February – Friday 10th March



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