



# ST AIDAN'S COMMUNITY UPDATE

## 12th August 2016

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### SPORT DAYS AT ST AIDAN'S

NEXT WEEK, starting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August grades will be having their sport activities on different days.

Students will be wearing their sports uniform on these days only:

- |            |   |                             |
|------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Mondays    | - | Years 1 and 3               |
| Tuesdays   | - | Year 5                      |
| Wednesdays | - | Year 6                      |
| Thursdays  | - | No grade                    |
| Fridays    | - | Years 4, 2 and Kindergarten |

#### EXCEPTIONS:

For example, next **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August** we have the Netball SWIFTS visiting St Aidan's and all students in **years 3-6** will need to wear their sports gear on this day **also**.

**GRANDPARENTS DAY-  
LOCK IN THE DATE!  
FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER**

GRANDPARENTS  
fill the world  
with LOVE

Our students would love to show off their school and learning spaces to our grandparents. Please book them in for **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**, the last day of this term.

It should be a great day for the children and their nana, pop, grandma, grandad, nonna, granny, dida, opa, lola, lido, tata, grandpop, nanny, oma, granpa.....



## FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS



Last week, many community members gave insights into how we can continue to improve St Aidan's. There were many suggestions to improve the wellbeing of the students such as-

- Mufti -theme days e.g. Olympics
- Playground activities/ equipment available (e.g. elastics, hoops, skipping ropes)
- Creative Arts opportunities
- Outdoor chess
- Pizza days
- Grandparents day
- School Clubs- chess/ maths/ robots/ dancing/ chemistry/ art/ cooking/ knitting/ music / coding/
- Camps- Y5&6
- St A's Got Talent- annually
- Year 6 Jersey- with student names
- Buddy system
- Leaders- SRC/ class & school leaders



There were many ideas to make the school safer and a more vibrant community, including-

- Painting – vibrant colours
- Rethinking the after school movement of students/cars
- Contemporary uniforms
- Parent learning forums
- Fundraising opportunities
- Greater parent participation
- Improved communications



# OLYMPICS MUFTI DAY- NEXT FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST



Students and teachers are invited to dress up in an Olympic theme to celebrate the end of the Rio Games.

Suggestions would include: *Aussie, Aussie, Aussie* outfits or traditional clothes from other countries and cultures...anything with a link to the Games.



***GOLD COIN DONATION*** - St Aidan's Parish is presently hosting Fr Innocent from Uganda. His mission is certainly to learn more about Australia BUT it is also to fundraise for a new seminary back in his Ugandan diocese. There are rapidly increasing numbers of young seminarians and little accommodation. All donations will be forwarded to this mission in Uganda.

Mufti day (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August) will be a fun day for students to enjoy being members of St Aidan's and many grades are already using the Olympics to stimulate reading, maths, writing and discussions. No doubt there will be continued creative ideas from the teachers.

Doing our schoolwork in the beautiful sunshine!





## Year 4 enjoying Olympic Maths on the playground this week





Practising with the new school equipment



Enjoying AFL with *The Giants*



## *Year 5 – A Spectacular Assembly Production.*

Congratulations to our Year 5 students and teachers on an excellent assembly.

Students were dancing, singing, praying, acting, speaking publicly and enjoying the moment. Parents who attended loved seeing the students perform.





*Year 5 – A Spectacular Assembly Production (cont'd).*



## **UNIFORM MEETING-** **UPDATE FROM THIS MORNING'S DISCUSSIONS**

This morning, many parents met to discuss the issues associated with the present school uniforms.

Issues were raised about fading, sports gear, needing three uniforms (winter, summer, sports), costs, students' opinion of their uniforms, contemporary appearance, etc.

Parents also discussed meeting with a Lowes rep to talk to current issues with the present uniform (eg fading/ piling). Other parents are investigating alternative suppliers, a second hand shop, sports shirt designs, alternatives with boy's pants which easily tear and rip, etc.

We will meet together on **Tuesday evening, August 23rd**, at **7:30pm** in the library to further discuss issues impacting on the school and an update from parents about the uniforms. Hope you can join us!

**Dates Coming Up-**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Feast of the Assumption**  
**School Mass at 12:00 noon.**

Unfortunately, Dr. Ricketts will not be able to join us at the mass due to prior commitments but we will include her in our prayers on the day in gratitude for her years of service to this community.



## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August Blacktown Zone Athletics



Best wishes to all of our representatives. You are ambassadors representing the St Aidan's community. Hope you achieve your PB !

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### *How to help children writing at home*

Talk through ideas with children as rehearsing the message before writing is an important step. When children ask for help with spelling, punctuation, and usage, supply that help.

The most effective role for parents is not as a critic but as a helper.

Rejoice in effort, delight in ideas, and resist the temptation to be critical.

*Mrs Christine Leahy*

Assistant Principal/ Lead Literacy Teacher.

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### *Premier's Reading Challenge 2016 ending 19th August 2016*

The Premier's reading challenge ends on **19th August 2016**. All books need to be entered by this date.

Website for the Premier's reading challenge is:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc>

The school's library has many of the books on the premier's reading challenge list. These have been placed in a special section. Let's get reading!!

If you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Grace Carlo-Stella*

Teacher/Librarian.

## ***Car Safety***

Many parents drive their children to school each morning and also pick them up from school. The safety of our children is important for each member of our community. Please remember that children leave the car via the kerb side door not the door that faces onto the road. Children must be properly restrained whilst travelling in a car, which includes a booster seat for children up to the age of seven. Please make sure you drop your child off in a safe and legal place. Remember never to call to your child to the other side of the road as this is how accidents can happen.

*Mrs. Christine Leahy*  
Assistant Principal.



## ***Baby News***

Congratulations to Julian Lintag in 1A and his family on the birth of a new baby boy – Jaylen Ezriel.

## ***St Aidan's Athletics Carnival and Sports News***

St Aidan's Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday 19th July at the Blacktown Athletics Centre. A big thank you to Mr Warwick-Smith, Mrs Warwick-Smith, Mrs Ereira, Miss Korzeniecki, Mrs Velasco, Mrs Darjani, Mrs Danial, Mrs Saric and Mrs Gorgise who helped make the day a success. Pictures of the big day can be found in this newsletter.

Our age champions were:

8 yr boys- Matthew Allen, 8 yr girls- Agul Khon

9 yr boys- Marcus Torralba, 9 yr girls- Megan Fuimaono

10 yr boys- Mason Polidano, 10 yr girls- Raimely Bojo

11 yr boys- Jeremy Rahman, 11 yr girls Miriam Warwick-Smith

12 yr boys- Aaron Vicedas, 12 yr girls- Fiona Vicedas

The overall winner of the house trophy this year was blue. Well done to all of the colour houses. Thank you for your enthusiasm and team spirit.

*Miss Jessica Chetcuti*  
Sports Coordinator.







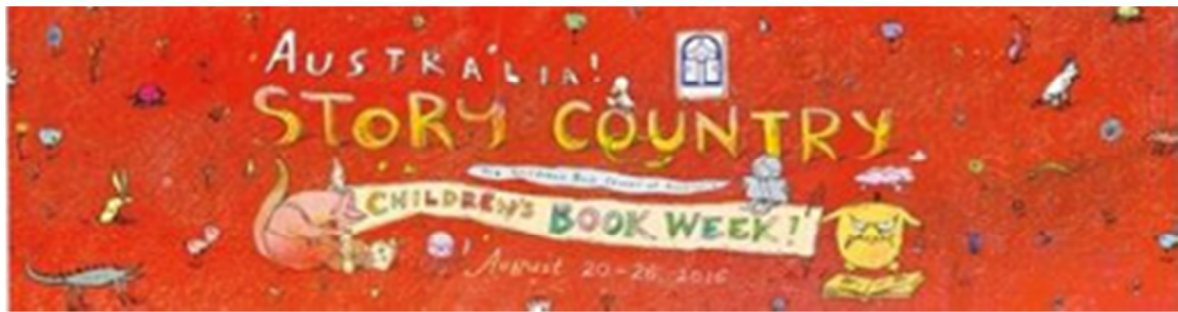
## Feast Monday's school prayers on the Feast of Mary Mackillop (8/8/16)



St Mary Mackillop, friend of children  
Help us get on well with our brothers and sisters.  
Help us listen to our parents  
Keep us interested in our work  
Help us make new friends  
Comfort us when we are sad  
Help us be sorry when we are cranky  
Keep us trying to be true  
Help us to forgive when someone hurts us  
Help us love ourselves  
Help us to love God heaps!  
**St Mary Mackillop, pray for us!**

**This is the Litany of St Mary Mackillop - Please join us in saying  
*Pray for Us* at the end of each prayer.**

St Mary Mackillop	Pray for us
You worked for God	Pray for us
You taught young children	Pray for us
You were at home with ordinary people	Pray for us
You gave a home to poor children	Pray for us
You gathered Sisters around you to help	Pray for us
You stood up for right	Pray for us
You forgave people who hurt you	Pray for us
You led your Sisters wisely	Pray for us
You supported parents	Pray for us
You fed hungry people	Pray for us
You reminded people what was good	Pray for us
You loved God	Pray for us
You trusted God's providence	Pray for us
<b>St Mary Mackillop</b>	<b>Pray for us</b>



Dear Parents,

In term three we celebrate Book Week. Each year, a week is set aside for Australian schools and libraries to celebrate books and Australian authors and illustrators. Book week takes place in the last week of August and the theme for this year is 'Australia! Story Country'.

*"Books bring the world to life for us, enabling us to travel to distant lands without leaving our homes and even venture into space or fantasy worlds. They empower us, entertain us, educate us and bring us closer to others. Books help us to grow as human beings." Susan Stephenson*

## ***THE BOOK FAIR***

St Aidan's annual book fair is on again this year. At the book fair, parents are able to purchase good quality books at discounted prices for each age group in the primary years. Parents may also like to donate a book to the school library.

The book fair will be open at the following times:

Monday 22nd August 2016	2.30 – 4.00pm
Tuesday 23rd August 2016	8.30 - 9.30am & 2.30 - 3.30pm
Wednesday 24th August 2016	8.30 - 9.30am

More information about the book fair will be sent home next week. I look forward to seeing many parents at the annual book fair.

Yours sincerely,

*Grace Carlo-Stella*  
Teacher/Librarian.



## ACARA PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools

### **This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA),**

to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice. Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at [www.acara](http://www.acara)

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### ***Parents Representative Council (PRC)***

Term 3 General Meeting will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Topic: Helping your child manage anxiety. Venue: College Library, Nagle Girls' Catholic College, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown South. Time: 7:00pm. Further details: Jennifer at CEO 9840 5600.



## Canteen news

When students order any fruit/vegetable items from the canteen they receive a sticker per item (two stickers for carrots and Philly cheese). Collect two character stickers and complete the details on an entry form (available from the Canteen) to redeem a pencil and eraser and to be a part of the major draw!!!

*Kind regards, Mel.*

An entry form for the 'Fresh for Kids & Win' campaign. It features a central illustration of cartoon fruit and vegetable characters (a green cucumber, a red tomato, a yellow corn, and a purple eggplant) running on a path. Two large red circles on either side of the illustration are labeled 'PLACE STICKER HERE'. Below the illustration, there is a line for 'Name: ..... Age: .....', a line for 'School: .....', and a line for 'Suburb: ..... State: ..... Postcode: .....'. At the bottom, it says 'For full terms and conditions visit: **FRESHFORKIDS.COM.AU**'.

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