



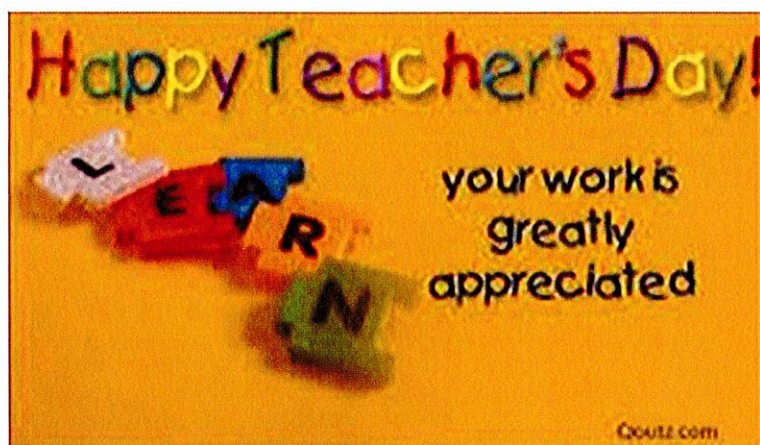
# OUR PLACE ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 2

21/10/16

## WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October



Next Friday, we celebrate World Teachers Day whereby teachers are strongly affirmed and acknowledged for their outstanding contribution to the education of your children.



*People often do not see the endless hours of extra work, the constant demands of professional learning, the stresses involved in working with such an enormous range of abilities and personalities while spending a lot of hours daily dealing with the complexities of little people.*

Have YOU ever thought about being a teacher??

WHY or WHY NOT?

Thank a teacher often !!





## ARE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS USING THE ST AIDAN'S SKOOLBAG APP FOR ALL SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS??

Throughout the year, we have been sending alerts through our Skoolbag app. Some of the different ways we have used this app is to inform you of upcoming events or cancellation due to the weather, results from carnivals and gala days, giving updates while students are on excursions and other important information about major events within the school.

We have a large portion of the school already using this app. **If you do not have the app it is free to download.**

To install it, just search for our school name "St Aidan's, Rooty Hill" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

There are many benefits to having this app on your device:

- You may select to receive notification for your child's grade only.
- Absentee notes can be completed on this app.
- Access to newsletters and news events linked directly to our school website.
- Instant notification when excursions are postponed, assemblies cancelled due to bad weather, delays during excursions and other important information.

Please ensure that you have updated your settings to **receive the correct push notifications**.

To update this click **the "More" button** on the bottom right of the app, then **"Setup Push Notifications"**.

Turn on the Push categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch. You will receive alerts specific to the selected grade and all alerts sent as a whole school.



## DATES COMING UP:

Wed 26/10-

-St Aidan's Peer Review (am)

- Kinder 2017 Transition (NEW students to St Aidan's) 8:45 – 10:45am

Fri 28/10-

WORLD TEACHERS DAY



Tues 1/11-

ALL SAINTS day

Melbourne Cup

Wed 2/11-

ALL SOULS day

Kinder 2017 Transition (all students) 8:45 – 10:45am

Fri 4/11-

**CRAZY SOCKS** and **MAD HAIR** DAY

“Catholic Missions” fundraiser organised by Yrs  
2 & 4

Tues 8/11

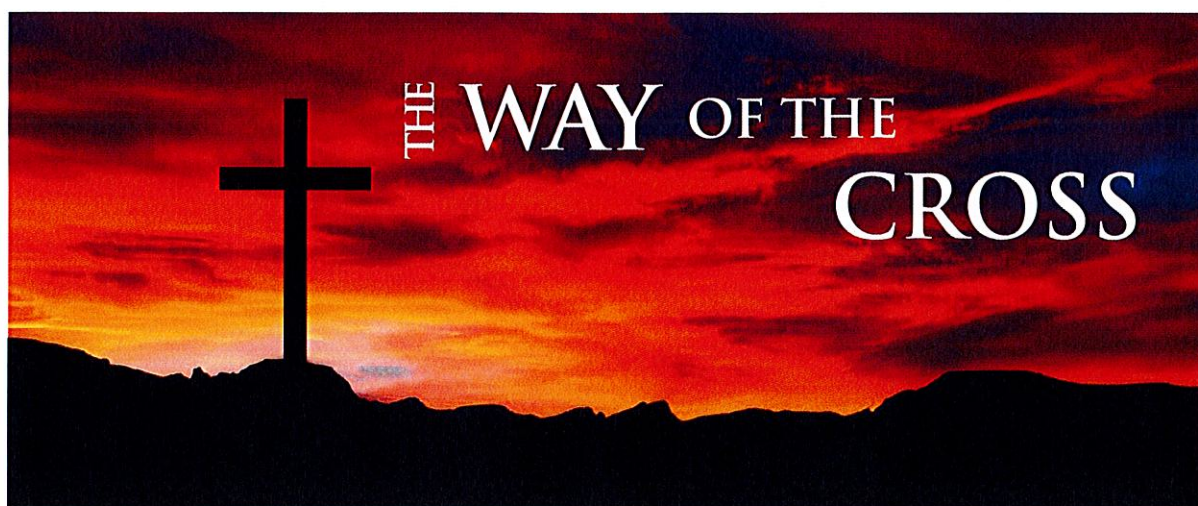
Kinder 2017 Parent meeting 7pm.

Fri 18/11-

Staff Professional Learning day  
(Pupil Free)

NO STAFF WILL BE ON THE SCHOOL SITE THIS DAY SO  
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
KNOW NOT TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN. THANK YOU.





Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016



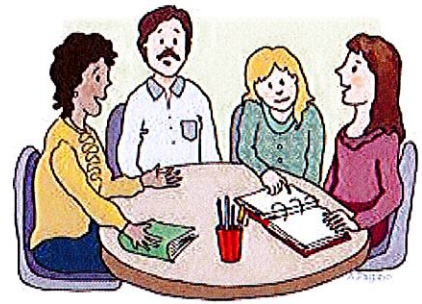






## PARENT MEETING UPDATE

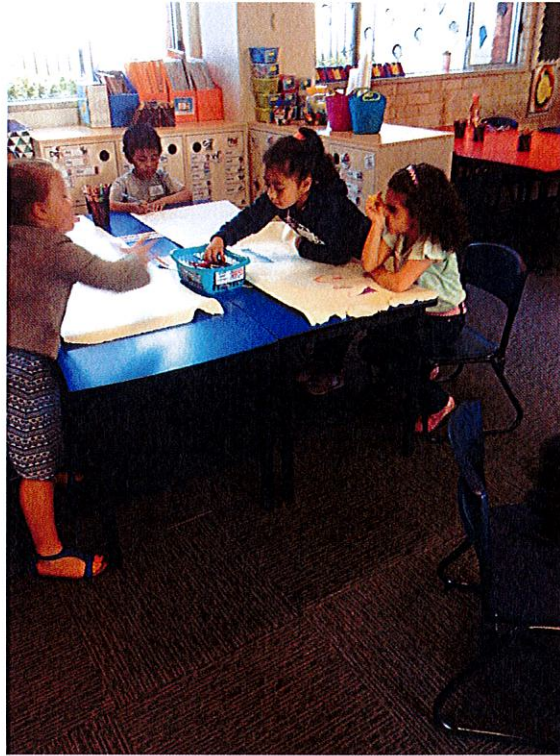
On Tuesday evening, we met together to discuss a number of points related to life at St Aidan's.



The discussion included:

- Setting up a parent forum in early 2017. A meeting date of Feb 15<sup>th</sup> will be the inaugural AGM of the new parent body.
- Uniforms update. Further discussions held with Lowes and some prototypes presented. Discussion about the options including... changing fabrics, style, colours, timelines, what uniform elements (Jackets etc) are needed.
- Breakfast Club- successful but needing volunteers to assist each morning.
- End of Year activities for Yr 6 students and the school community.

## KINDER TRANSITION 19/10/16



On Wednesday this week, we welcomed our siblings....  
They already have brothers/sisters in the school.  
Next week, it will be the Kinder students NEW TO THE  
SCHOOL who will be visiting.



Kinder 2017 parent meeting on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. At this meeting we will talk about **READINESS FOR SCHOOL** and its impact on the children's confidence as a learner. It is important that you attend.





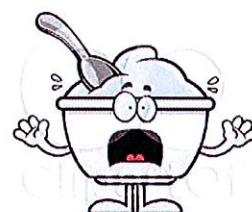
## Canteen-

Please note:

*“In purchasing your child’s tuckshop order online, you are contracting directly with the supplier. You are responsible for checking that the ingredients of what you order are not incompatible with your child’s sensitivities or health issues. Please ensure you check the disclaimers in the supplier's website. If in doubt you should contact the supplier.”*

### Meal Deal 1 (10<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October)

- Chicken, lettuce & mayo sandwich
- Juice popper
- Screw-top yoghurt



### Meal Deal 2 (10<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October)

- Chicken burger
- Juice popper
- Frozen juice cup





## St Aidan's students have gone Pokemon Crazy!

This week at St Aidan's, wild Pokemon were found hiding around the school playground that sent the students into a Pokemon Frenzy!

It was great to hear the excited conversations on the playground as students counted their steps to the closest Pokemon or used positional language to describe where the Pokemon were.



Kindergarten spent the week using the Pokemon to develop their positional language.

"Snorlax is under the window".

"Meowth is between the plants".





Year 4 spent the week  
engaging with addition  
and subtraction  
activities based  
around the  
Pokemon card  
game.





This is a great opportunity to talk with your children about their experiences at school and continue to develop their positional language.



What Mathematics will you notice, discuss and explore with your child this week?



# Attendance

St Aidan's follows the Parramatta Diocesan guidelines in regards to attendance. School attendance is compulsory for every school age student.

If your child is away a note explaining the absence is required. There is also provision on our school website [www.staidansrootyhill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.staidansrootyhill.catholic.edu.au) for absentee notes to be completed and then emailed to the school.

Absenteeism	Attendance Rate	Educational Risk	Days absent per year	Long term absence (over 10 years)
Regular	90% or more	Low	20 days or less	1 year or less
Emerging	80%-89%	Medium	Between 20 and 40	1-2 years
Chronic	70%-79%	High	Between 40 and 60	2-3 years
Complex	69% or less	Severe	60 days or more	3 years plus

The Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Parramatta has required an attendance target of 93% or higher for every student.

If your child has had more than the expected number of days deemed acceptable then the following process will occur. The school office will contact you in regards to your child's absentee rate. This will be followed with a letter stating that you were contacted. If the attendance is still low you will be contacted for a student attendance meeting discussing how to improve your child's attendance at school.

This is a government driven initiative and must be taken seriously. Each case is different and some children suffer from sickness and also parents take children for extended holidays. Please be aware that this will also mean the process needs to be followed.

If you have any questions please phone the office for clarification.





- ✓ Kindergarten 2017 Transition Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October (families that are new to the school) 8:45-10:45am
- ✓ World Teacher's Day – Friday 28th October
- ✓ All Saints Day – Tuesday 1st November
- ✓ All Souls Day – Wednesday 2nd November
- ✓ Kindergarten 2017 Transition Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (all Kinder 2017 students) 8:45-10:45am
- ✓ Crazy Socks and Mad Hair Day – Friday 4th November - Year 2 Catholic Missions Fundraising
- ✓ Kinder 2017 PARENT meeting (7pm) – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November in the meeting room to discuss preparing your child for school.
- ✓ Remembrance Day – Friday 11th November
- ✓ Staff Spirituality Day (SDD) - Friday 18th November
- ✓ Beginning of Advent - Sunday 27th November
- ✓ Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Thursday 8th December
- ✓ Thanksgiving Mass and Farewell to families, teachers and Year 6 students who are leaving St Aidan's - Friday 9th December @ 9 am
- ✓ Christmas Concert - Monday 12th December @ 6pm to 8pm
- ✓ Year 6 Graduation Liturgy and Social - Wednesday 14th December @ 5:30 pm
- ✓ Christmas Mufti & Student's last day- Friday 16th December



## Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2018

There are two Open Mornings remaining specifically for Year 7 2018 enrolments on:

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
**9.15 – 11am**

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2018. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on one of our two upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2018 applicants but open to any year group.

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

### STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CCSS Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those navigating their way through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** 25<sup>th</sup> October **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 38 Prince St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)



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