



OUR PLACE ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 9

Friday 24th March 2017

What do you think?

DOES THE 'CARROT AND STICK' MODEL ACHIEVE DESIRED CHANGES IN ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR??

Most schools and families tend to use a behaviour management system of 'if you do this (eg misbehave or maybe do the right thing), you will get that....'

'Carrots' might include stickers, awards, rewards, prizes, certificates, table points competition, brag tags, special treats, etc and are used extensively in schools to provide incentives for better performance.



Once achieved, the question ariseswhat is the next “thing” or ‘carrot’ to give a further boost to changes in behaviour and attitude? And the time after that? ...and after that?

At what point does the ‘carrot’ lose its impact and the student (or your child) just does not care about getting the carrot? It loses its meaning and momentum.



‘Sticks’ might include detention (eg send them to their room), loss of privileges, withholding something like use of an iPad or TV, loss of playtime, etc.

We use these ‘disincentives’ to try to discourage certain behaviours and encourage children not to do the same poor behaviour again..... but often they do....

Combine the two (carrot and stick) and you get.....?



The 'carrots and sticks' are often only short term changes or solutions which work best with younger children. High schools for example do not usually give students stickers to acknowledge their efforts but certainly try to give recognition and affirmation in other ways. Students move past this as they grow...

At St Aidan's, we use various classroom based strategies to give incentive and recognition to students for performing well. We occasionally also use 'disincentives' as well.

However, for more permanent positive changes to behaviour and attitudes to learning, we want our students to have an intrinsic or inner desire to do their very best **AT ALL TIMES** Now this is a bit harder to achieve....

This permanent positive behaviour is however, the ultimate desired result of what we do at St Aidan's. We want our students to be **self-motivated, keen and eager to learn new things, be passionate and inspired by new learning tasks and look forward to the challenges ahead.**

Uniform Survey

Thank you to our St Aidan's families for your returned surveys. The results were:

Choice #1: 73 responses

Improve the present sports uniform
with better quality fabrics and design

Choice #2: 42 responses

Create a new uniform & sports uniform
with new colours

Choice #3: 21 responses

Create a new uniform/ sports uniform
with the present colours

We have 280 families and 136 replies. No doubt some families have their last child in the upper grades and the decision will not impact them.

However, the majority have favoured to simply improve the present sports uniform, only with better quality fabrics and design.

Our parent committee will now meet with Lowes to see what they have to offer in this regard. Timing is getting tight in preparation for 2018. We will get back to the community as soon as possible.

Child Protection

If parents are planning on assisting in the classroom, or on an excursion, they are required to first complete Child Protection Training. The training is undertaken over the internet at

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training>

Simply click the training link under “Volunteer” to undertake the training. This needs to be renewed every 2 years.

A gentle reminder to all parents in our community- If you ever have an issue with another child in the school, you must not directly approach the child. All issues must be addressed through either the class teacher or the school leadership team. This is for your own protection in regard to child protection laws. Thank you.

Appointments with Class Teachers

If you would like to speak to your child’s teacher please contact the school office on (02) 9625 3181. The office staff will pass your message to the relevant person. Alternatively you can write a note and give it to your child to hand over to their teacher. Please understand staff have many things to do over the course of the school day therefore they may not be able to contact you until later in the afternoon or the next day.

Year 6 Camp at Wedderburn

What is this all about?

'It' was exciting, and by 'It' I meant the camp! The Year Six students were so excited about the first ever leadership camp at St Aidan's. We packed our bags and headed off to 'Wedderburn Christian Campsite' on the 20th of March and stayed there until the 22nd.

It was a great privilege that Year Six was able to go camping for the first time with their amazing teachers Mrs Khoury and Mrs Armstrong.

Leadership Camp?

Well, the name 'Leadership Camp' speaks for itself; it's a *camp* about *leadership*. All the activities revolved around teamwork, trust, good communication and problem solving, except for the flying fox and archery. We were involved in rock climbing, water skirmish, giant swing and a range of creative problem solving activities, like escaping the 'circle prison'.

A leadership camp is all about building our leadership strategies and skills so that we know what it's like to work with different groups of people.

By Jon Timbol

I would like to thank the following teachers who gave up their precious time to share this unique experience with these students. In particular Mr Langford, Miss Chetcuti, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Bear and Mrs Poole. These teachers were so eager to spend time over dinner catching up with the children and it is a testament to their dedication towards our students.

Mrs Khoury.

Year 6 Camp at Wedderburn







ENJOYING ST PATRICK'S DAY AT ST AIDAN'S



A touch of **GREEN** to celebrate the feast...

KINDER ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

We have now started the process of enrolling for Kinder 2018. Interviews begin next week with various parent meetings coming up in terms 3 & 4.

Please call in at the office and pick up an enrolment form or tell your family and friends. The school office is open from 8:15am to 3:15pm for enrolments.

Quality Catholic Schools (QCS)

Each year, schools participate in the QCS to gauge the culture of the school community. It affirms while highlighting any issues that might inhibit a quality learning environment.

ALL staff, 60 randomly computer selected families and ALL year 5 and 6 students are invited to complete the survey.

PARENTS

If you have received the survey invitation, can you please complete by the end of next week. We want to hear your perceptions on how the school is going and what we can do to improve.

The culture of a school can either encourage/ enhance the learning or it can inhibit learning.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY

Mon, April 24th

**The day before ANZAC day...
Term 2 starts on Wed April 26th**



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

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.**

Week 2 attendance level 77.8%
Week 3 attendance level is 75.9%
Week 4 attendance level is 84.2%
Week 5 attendance level is 80%
Week 6 attendance level is 79.4%
Week 7 attendance level is 84.1%
Week 8 attendance level is 84.8% (OUR NEW P.B.)
Week 9 attendance level is 83.4%
Attendance level target for all
Diocesan schools is 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 are now in place. Students have received an attendance sheet that is stamped each week if they have been at school. The children receive a sticker if they have been at school. The children receive a sticker if they have been at school with 100% attendance after five weeks and a certificate at the end of the term for 100% attendance.

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

Parents can help their child's attendance by:

- Being firm. Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Schedule appointments for after school
- Avoid taking holidays during school terms...**their education is extremely important!**

Reading

Continuing on from last week, we are focusing on students reading for pleasure and will highlight eLibraries.

An eLibrary or electronic library is a collection of books, journals, magazines etc that can be accessed digitally without leaving your lounge room.

Did you know?

Many council libraries, like Blacktown City Library and Penrith City Library, grant access to people with library cards to borrow ebooks just like normal library books. You don't have to leave home to borrow or to return them. Each library has a webpage which includes details about APPs to use for iPads, tablets, phones or computers.

Our diocese also provides an ebook service for students.

Parramatta Diocesan K-12 Student eLibrary

From school, access is available from the ePortal and from home it is accessible from Student Net.



Via the browser

Via the elibrary portal



or via the
Student net portal from home:
snet.parra.catholic.edu.au



Janet Colusso
Acting Assistant Principal.

Calling all writers in Years 5 and 6

2017 NSW Storytelling Competition for students in Years 5 & 6

DO YOUR STUDENTS LIKE TELLING STORIES? CAN THEY CAPTURE AND ENTERTAIN AN AUDIENCE? IF THE ANSWER IS YES, THEN ENTER THEM IN THE AUSTRALIAN STORYTELLING COMPETITION FOR THEIR CHANCE TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES!

This is the 8th year the competition is being hosted by the Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW) Inc www.storytellersnsw.org.au. Over this time they have viewed entries of high quality from State and Independent schools that showcase young people's love of language and literature. This is an opportunity for:

**2017 Storytelling Competition
for students in Yrs 5 & 6**
Hosted by Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW)



- students to develop arts literacy skills, self esteem and win wonderful prizes.
- the school to encourage children to participate in an educational activity that is fun and supports development in skills across a number of Key Learning Areas.

CLOSING DATE FRIDAY MAY 19TH 2017

FREE ENTRY

What to submit.

A video storytelling performance of a **published** or well crafted **original story** that takes between 2 and 6 minutes to tell.

Students are encouraged to tell the story in their own words to capture the essence of the story rather than learn the story word for word. For this competition we are not accepting poetry or rhymed stories.

Conditions of entry

- Storytellers may be filmed performing either in front of a live audience or directly to the camera
- Filming should show the performer in a full body or half body shot so that the arms and hands are visible
- Stories are to be told, not read
- The story is to be no longer than 6 minutes
- Consideration should be given to pace and tone of voice, expression and gesture
- Please send your video file on a USB stick to The Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW)

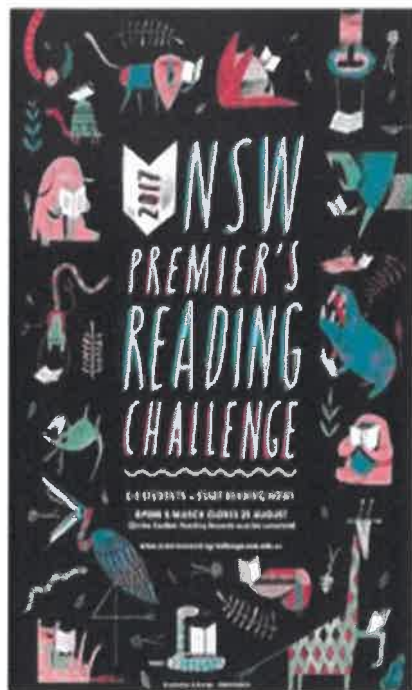
Deadline All entries must be postmarked by Friday 19th May 2017 or earlier

Judging The quality of the performance will be judged, not the quality of the video or filming technique

- Finalists will be notified by 2nd June 2017
- Finalists will be invited to present their story at the Sydney Storytelling Conference family concert June 17th 2017
- All participants will receive a certificate of participation via email.

Prizes for the competition: 1st place \$150, 2nd place \$100, 3rd place \$50

Literacy at St Aidan's



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

To improve literacy amongst our students we encourage them to read every night. One way is through the Premier's Reading Challenge in which St Aidan's is participating. The Reading Challenge promoted by the NSW Premier, began on March 6th and closes August 25th. It is open to students from K-9. Children in K-2 are encouraged to read 30 books over the 5 months. 25 books to be chosen from the reading lists and 5 books that are free choice. Children in 3-9 are encouraged to read 20 books over the 5 months. 15 books to be chosen from the reading lists and 5 books that are free choice.

In the coming weeks kinder students will come home with their login. For those children who have previously participated in the Challenge their login will be the same. If they don't remember their login please advise their teacher. They can log their reading books at home or at school.



FINAL TOUR DATES

SPIRIT OF ANZAC
CENTENARY EXPERIENCE

A free travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's involvement in the First World War, featuring artefacts from the Australian War Memorial.

BOOK FREE TICKETS NOW AT
WWW.SPIRITOFANZAC.GOV.AU

We will be hosting free children's activities at the Experience from 17 - 21 April. Find out more and register your interest at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/sydney/activities

International Convention Centre Sydney
15 - 27 APR 2017

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Numeracy News

ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION GROWTH POINTS



0	Not yet able to combine and count two collections of objects.
1	I can count all the objects to find the total of the two collections.
2	I can count on from one number to find the total of the two collections.
3	I can use appropriate strategies to solve subtraction problems (count up to, count back from).
4	I can use basic strategies like friends of ten, doubles, adding ten to solve addition and subtraction problems.
5	I can use strategies like adding 9 and near doubles to solve addition and subtraction problems.
6	I can solve multi digit addition and subtraction problems mentally using appropriate strategies.
7	I can add and subtract fractions and decimals.

How can I support my child with their addition and subtraction goal?

- Provide your child with opportunities to combine and count/separate and count groups of objects.
- Encourage your child to count on from one collection of objects, rather than counting them all. (Hiding one collection of objects will help them to count on).
- Encourage your child to solve all addition and subtraction problems mentally, before using an algorithm.
- Allow your child to add and subtract money. Children need experience adding money (coins and notes) together and working out the change.

In the next newsletter I will explore the multiplication and division growth points and share some more practical ideas.

Prudence Lance

Numeracy Lead Teacher.



HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!



On Friday the 7th of April, St Aidan's will be celebrating our wonderful grandparents with a special whole-school mass.

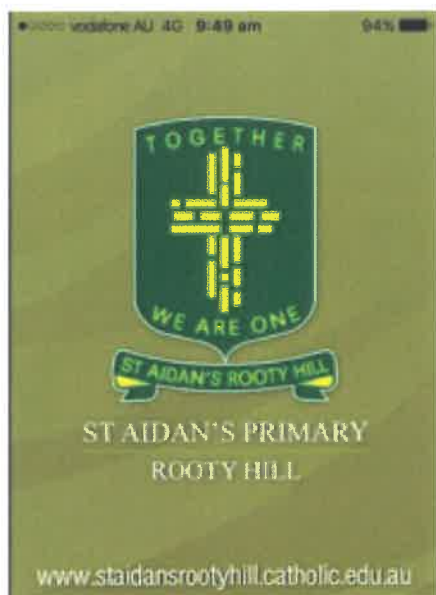
Year Three would like to ask, if anyone has a photo of their child with their grandparents that they would like to share, please **email** them to Miss Dellenty cdellenty2@parra.catholic.edu.au.

We would kindly request that all photos are sent to this address by Monday the 20th of March.

Thank you!

From Miss Chetcuti, Miss Dellenty and the Year Three students

DO YOU HAVE THE ST AIDAN'S SKOOLBAG APP??



Simply get the app to find out all the news and updates related to the school. If you know of others who have NOT downloaded the app from the Apple Store, please let them know how valuable it is for staying informed.



SCHOOL FEES 2017

School fees for Term one are now overdue. If you have paid, thank you.

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

CARITAS MISSION BOXES

Please return all Caritas mission boxes by Friday 31st March. St Aidan's is changing its financial system and all transactions need to be finalised as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.



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Our school now has Flexischools
for online ordering and cashless
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Meal Deal \$5.00



Meal Deal 1

- Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo Roll
- Pop Top Juice
- Orange Quarters



Meal Deal 2

- Fried Rice & Chicken Wings
- Juice Popper
- Zooper Dooper



Available from Monday 27th March– Friday 7th April



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

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
Nemlo 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

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

Vegete, 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	
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	\$2.50
Garden Salad	\$3.00
With Ham or Tuna	\$3.50
With Salmon or Chicken	\$4.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$4.50
Pasta Salad	\$3.00

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 Mony	\$1.00
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup	\$1.20
Paddle Pop	\$1.60
Silushie 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.**

Order Your Lunch Online
Orders can be placed before 9:00am
www.flexischools.com.au



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