



# OUR PLACE ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 10

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

As term 1 quickly heads towards **EASTER**, we can thank God for the many blessings we have received each day. Our good health, excellent learning, enjoyable community celebrations, exciting showcasing of student work, productive parent meetings and delightful and happy kids are a real blessing.

Thank you to the many people who create such a vibrant community here at St Aidan's.... our teachers, parents, priest, grandparents and of course the beautiful children. **We are very blessed indeed.**

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL  
LEARNING DAY**

**Mon, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**The day before ANZAC day...**

**Term 2 starts on Wed April 26th**

Follow our school on the following social media sites to see some photos/news and check out the amazing learning that is happening.

**Twitter @StAidansRH**

**Facebook St. Aidan's Primary School, Rooty Hill**

# GRANDPARENTS DAY

## NEXT FRIDAY 7/4/17

Late last year, we had an enormous number of grandparents and parents join us to celebrate our wonderful school community.

Again we hope to see them here to view their grandchild's classroom and classwork. Why not take them on a tour of the school and see the other grades.

The **BOOK FAIR** will be here and they might enjoy browsing this in the meeting room next to Kindergarten.

### The Plan:

8:00am onwards- morning tea goodies placed on tables near canteen.

8:30am Classrooms opened.

9:00am Start moving to the Church for mass.

10:00am Grandparents morning tea (children move to classrooms). Yr 6 hospitality group and parent committee to organise the food and drinks.

10:45am Children move to the playground for their morning tea and join grandparents. Hot tea/ coffee should hopefully be finished by then.

11:15am Students return to class.

2:00pm **DISCO ON THE GREEN**

# Disco On The Green

All Welcome!

Next **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> (last day of term) at 2pm-2:45pm**, we will be having a final celebration in the playground. It is a follow up to the very successful Y6 leaders initiative of the **"Lunch Club"** disco held this week. Both teachers and students were suggesting we gather to celebrate a great term.....  
Parents are welcome to join us.

## UNIFORMS UPDATE

On Tuesday (4/4) evening at 6pm, our St Aidan's parent committee will be meeting with the Lowes representative to organise an updated Sports Uniform.

This was the option chosen in response to the community survey. The better quality fabric and improved contemporary design has to be finalised at the meeting.

## PLEASE NOTE-

Do you have any old or unused school shirts/sports pants at home that you don't need anymore??

We occasionally have students with bleeding noses or other substances on their shirts. We fit them out with a clean shirt and any unused ones from home will help.... Thanks.



## DATES COMING UP

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm Lowes mtg  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Students visit the Book Fair  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Book Fair  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Day / Book Fair  
2pm Disco On The Green

Sun 9<sup>th</sup>- PALM SUNDAY  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup>- Staff Professional Learning Day  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup>- ANZAC day  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup>- STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2

Tues/Wed/Thurs May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> – NAPLAN Yrs 3&5  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day celebration  
Sun 14<sup>th</sup> HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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## Year 6 Camp at Wedderburn

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, Mrs Armstrong, Ms Colusso, Miss Dellenty, Mrs Lance, Miss Chetcuti, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Bear and Mrs Poole. These teachers were so eager to spend time catching up with the children and it is a testament to their dedication towards our students.

*Mrs Khoury.*

## EASTER RAFFLE

Our year 6 student leaders have taken the initiative to organise and coordinate a raffle for our K-6 students. The “Mini Vinnies” and “Liturgy” groups have collaborated to create this fundraiser for the Caritas/ Project Compassion Catholic charity.



Families have been invited to donate an Easter Egg (or two) and the total amount will be wrapped into however many prizes to be drawn next Friday at morning tea with our grandparents.

*Congratulations to our Year 6 leaders.*



# ST. AIDAN'S ROOTY HILL HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2017

WEDNESDAY	12th APRIL, 2017	7.30pm	Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Parramatta
HOLY THURSDAY	13th APRIL, 2017	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
GOOD FRIDAY	14th APRIL, 2017	10.00am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
HOLY SATURDAY	15th APRIL, 2017	7.00pm	<b>EASTER VIGIL MASS</b> Begins outside with the lighting of the fire and Paschal Candle.
EASTER SUNDAY	16th APRIL, 2017	7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am	
EASTER MONDAY	17th APRIL, 2017	9.15am	Mass in the Church
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	23rd APRIL, 2017	<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> MASSES	7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am 1.00pm Adoration, Confession 3.00pm Divine Mercy MASS

*As many as possible are encouraged to attend all the Holy Week Ceremonies.*

## RECONCILIATION

### 2ND RITE

WEDNESDAY	5th APRIL, 2017	7.30pm	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH PLUMPTON
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### BELOW ARE ALL FIRST RITE

TUESDAY	11th APRIL, 2017	4.00pm - 6.00pm 7.00pm - 9.00pm	
WEDNESDAY	12th APRIL, 2017	9.15am Mass 10.00am - 11.00am	
			Chrism Mass, Parramatta Cathedral, 7.30pm
HOLY THURSDAY	13th APRIL, 2017	10.00am - 11.00pm 3.00pm - 5.00pm	
HOLY SATURDAY	15th APRIL, 2017	3.00pm - 5.00pm	

*No Confession during Easter Sunday.*



## YEAR 6 "LUNCH CLUB"

Our Yr6 student leadership group coordinating the lunchtime 'fun' activities.... Disco!!





## KINDER ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

We have now started the process of enrolling for Kinder 2018. Interviews are underway 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.



## Complaints Handling Policy:

Reminder for our school community... If at any time you find that you have a concern, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to address your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure we do the very best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and to provide a professionally fulfilling experience for our staff. We have a beautiful community and wish to preserve the goodwill and spirit that is growing each day.

If you would like to raise a concern, the Catholic Education Office has guidelines for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to handle complaints either informally or formally is available from the school office and/or within the Complaint Handling Guidelines. These documents can be accessed on our school website or on the CEDP (Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta) website. Complaint forms are available in the school office and can be downloaded from Skoolbag.



## NAPLAN 2017

The 2017 NAPLAN tests will be conducted over three days from **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May for students in Years 3 and 5.** There are four tests covering:

- Numeracy
- Reading
- Writing and
- Language conventions (spelling punctuation and grammar)

The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class.

The NAPLAN test results and student reports are released in September. The results provide information about student achievement that can be used to inform teaching and learning programs. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information regarding student progress in literacy and numeracy and are intended to complement the wide range of formal and informal assessments that are already conducted in schools. NAPLAN test results are not intended to be used in isolation from other school-based assessment programs.

# Happy Holidays

This will be the last newsletter for the term.

- School concludes at 2:55pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April.
- Term 2 resumes for students on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

*(Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April is a Professional Learning Day for staff. Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April is ANZAC Day).*

## 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://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>

Simply click the training link under 'Volunteers and Contractors'. This brings up the *Building Child Safe Communities* page. Then to undertake the training click on 'Volunteers' on the left hand side of the page and follow the steps. This needs to be renewed every 2 years.





# Music and Drama at St Aidan's School

## Term 1 2017

The children at St Aidan's have been learning about percussion instruments and rhythm and beat, performing songs with part singing and moving to the music with instruments.







In Drama, the children have been performing little one act plays with fun during their warm-ups doing mime and charades, improvisation using voice projection, facial expression and creating scenes from everyday lives.

*Mrs Rachel Menezes.*







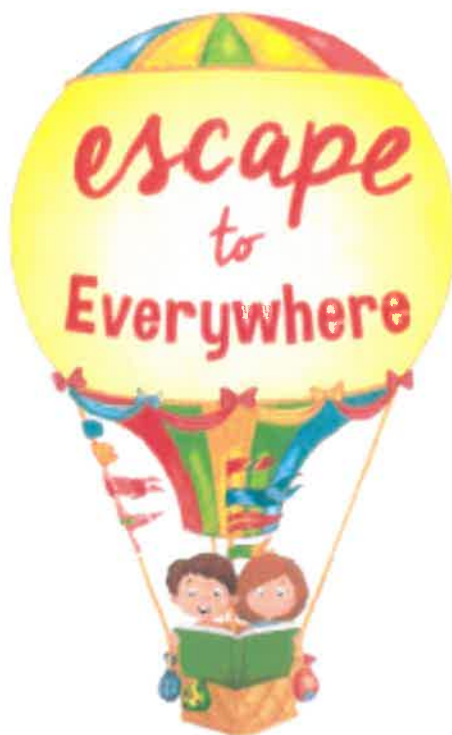
# BOOK FAIR!



*escape to everywhere*

Join our Book Fair at St Aidan's on:

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 8:00am to 8:45am
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 2:45pm to 3:15pm
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April from 8:00am to 12:00 noon  
(*Grandparents Day too!!!*)







## Week 9 Attendance Rate is 84.3%

Currently at the end of week 9, **168 students have maintained 100% attendance**. That is 42% of our school. Congratulations to those students!!!

### 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  $\frac{1}{4}$  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've 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 8 attendance level is 84.8% (OUR NEW P.B.)**  
**Week 9 attendance level is 83.4%**  
**Week 10 attendance level is 84.3**  
**Attendance level target for all**  
**Diocesan schools is 90%**

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

Janet Colusso  
Acting Assistant Principal.

## Literacy

This year the teachers at St Aidan's are focusing on the development of comprehension skills in our students. Along with decoding, making meaning is an important part of the reading process. Often children have very good decoding skills, that is, they can read the words on the page easily. However, when you ask them to recall what they have read, some students cannot retell the story with details.

To help the students develop their comprehension skills you may notice that we are **NOT CHANGING** their books every day. We are encouraging them to read familiar books more often to develop their vocabulary, understanding of the story and fluency.

### How can parents help?

Besides reading with your child it is also important for them to talk about what they have read to broaden their vocabulary and understand how words can be used in different ways. Reading fluently, pausing only for the appropriate punctuation, assists students with reading for meaning.



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](http://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:

- 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.

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



**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

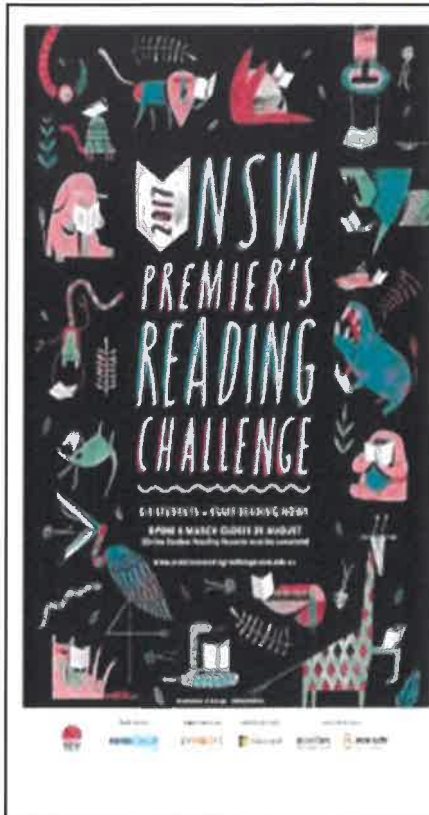
**Judging** The quality of the performance will be judged, not the quality of the video or filming technique

- 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.

The poster for the Spirit of ANZAC Centenary Experience features a black and white photograph of a young soldier in a hat and uniform. The text 'SPIRIT OF ANZAC CENTENARY EXPERIENCE' is prominently displayed in the center. Below it, smaller text reads 'A free travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's involvement in the First World War, featuring artefacts from the Australian War Memorial.' At the bottom, there are logos for the Australian Government, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and other partners.

**FINAL TOUR DATES**

**BOOK FREE TICKETS NOW AT [WWW.SPIRITOFANZAC.GOV.AU](http://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](http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/sydney/activities)

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15 - 27 APR 2017

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# Numeracy News



## MULTIPLICATION AND DIVISION GROWTH POINTS

0	Not yet able to create and count the total of small groups.
1	I can solve multiplication and division problems by sharing and grouping by 1's.
2	I can use groups to solve multiplication and division problems.
3	I can solve multiplication and division problems where not all objects are seen.
4	I can solve multiplication and division problems where no objects are seen.
5	I can solve a range of multiplication problems using strategies such as known facts.
6	I can solve a range of division problems using fact families and known facts.
7	I can solve a range of multiplication and division problems (including multi-digit numbers) in practical contexts.
8	I can solve a range of multiplication and division problems involving fractions and decimals.

### How can I support my child with their multiplication and division goal?

-Encourage your child to make equal groups and share equally using groups rather than sharing by 1's.

-Visualisation is important in Multiplication and division. Can your child solve the problem without using all the materials? Can they imagine (visualise) the groups/array in their head?

-Practise the quick recall of multiplication facts. There are many songs on youtube which can assist with this. Eg. Songs about 5 times tables.

-Encourage your child to explain their thinking/strategies they used to solve the problem.

In the next newsletter I will suggest different activities you can do with your child over the holidays to support their numeracy development.

Prudence Lance  
Lead Numeracy Teacher



## **END OF TERM**

**DUE TO END OF TERM, SOME CANTEEN  
ITEMS MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING, IF SOME  
ITEMS NEED TO BE CHANGED OR SUBSTITUTED.**

**CANTEEN.**



# 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 27<sup>th</sup> March– Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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
Nemo 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

Vegemite, 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
Slushie 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](http://www.flexischools.com.au)



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