

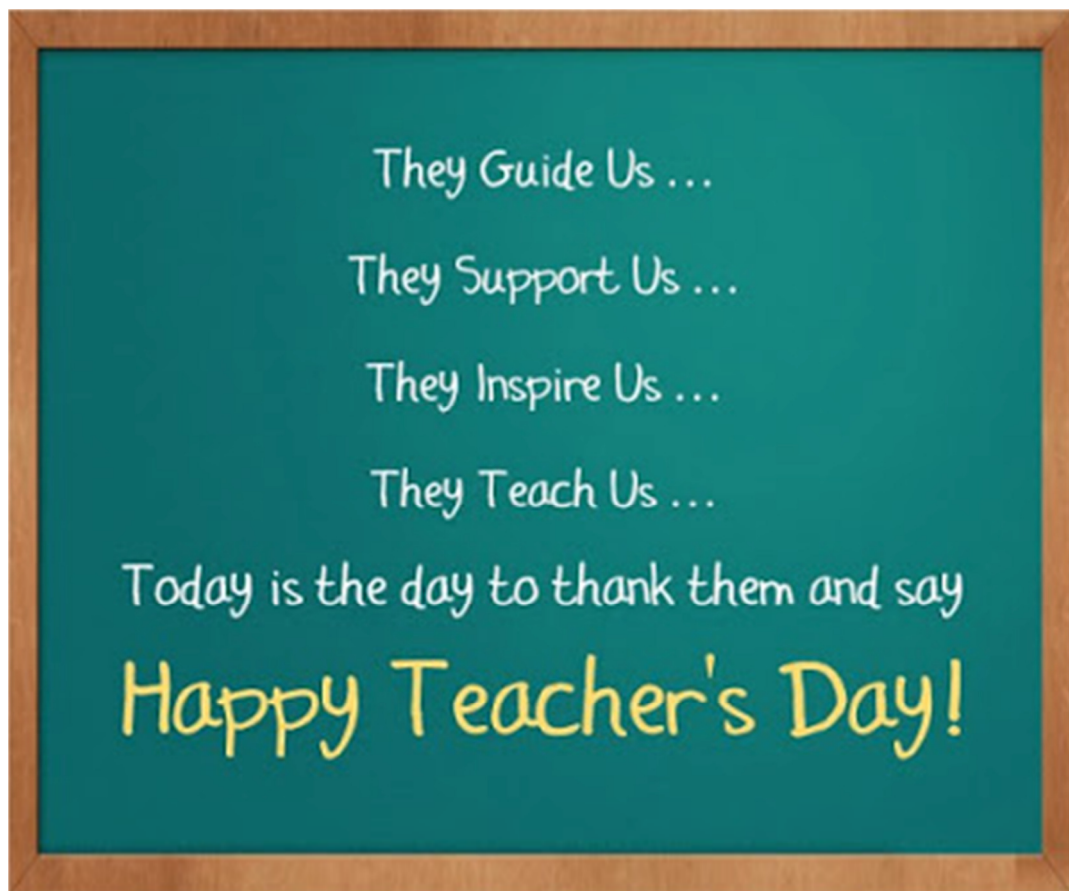


OUR PLACE ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 3

28/10/16

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WONDERFUL TEACHERS AND STAFF



A HUGE THANKS TO OUR ST AIDAN'S STAFF WHO
ARE SO DEDICATED AND COMMITTED TO THE
EDUCATION OF YOUR CHILDREN.



Today is World Teachers Day!

It is a chance to recognise the amazing work teachers do in shaping the little people in our care. Thanks for your generosity of time, talents and expertise.

St Aidan's is blessed to have you here at this wonderful school.



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All staff members received a gerbera with the following message:

*Every day you greet your students with a smile upon your face
Though paperwork the night before seemed like a gruelling race
Money's not your motivation; it's the love for what you do
You hear that special calling to which you'll always stay true
Your students are your dedication, devotion is to them
To you each child's unique and special, a beautiful little gem
Some days are just demanding and frustration takes its course
Then you see those little faces; their inspiration is your force
Each day you're in your classroom remind you why you're there
Making differences in children's lives with whom your life you share
There's special pride in teachers, and a love for what you do
And appreciations always shared between those little lives and you*





DAILY ATTENDANCE IS SO IMPORTANT!!

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS

Every Minute
in School Counts



Attendance Percentage		Days missed over a school year
100%		0 days
95%		10 days
90%		20 days
85%		30 days
80%		40 days

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 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.

HELP NEEDED!

Tuesday 1st November

9am

Meeting Room

Mrs Lance is looking for volunteers to help make bead strings for students to use in Mathematics.

Any help would be greatly appreciated, there are options of 'make at home' packs if you are unavailable, but would still like to help.



Dates coming up

Tues 1/11

ALL SAINTS DAY

Melbourne Cup

Wed 2/11

ALL SOULS day

KINDER 2017 transition –ALL students

Fri 4/11-

CRAZY SOCKS and **MAD HAIR** DAY

“Catholic Missions” fundraiser organised by Yrs
2 & 4

Tues 8/11

7pm Kindergarten 2017 - Parent meeting and
welcome to St Aidan's.

Parent meeting to assist parents in preparing their
child in readiness for Kinder 2017.

NEW YEAR DATES

Thurs 26th Jan- AUSTRALIA DAY

FRI 27th Jan- Staff day. MAI (maths) interviews.

Mon 30th Jan-

Students start school for 2017.



STAGE 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) APPLE TVs

Next week, our years 5/6 will have new 65inch Apple TVs installed to assist learning. Other grades will have them installed in term 1 next year.



Teachers will also receive an iPad Pro plus wireless digital camera to project student work up onto the screen for reflection to the larger group.

Breakfast Club Update

Breakfast Club has now been operating since early last term. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and we have a number of students that miss out for various reasons. This is part of our social justice initiative that requires us as Christians to help those in need. I would like to acknowledge those mothers that give of their time each morning to help organise the breakfast club. I would also like to acknowledge those families that have donated most generously to the breakfast club with different food items.



Last Thursday 20th October, the students, teachers and parents gathered across the road at Kimberley Park where we received the Way of Mercy Cross and the relics of St Mary MacKillop and Saint Mother Teresa. It was a beautiful and moving liturgy as everyone proceeded behind the cross holding their own crosses as they reflected on the meaning of the Way of the Cross.



The main message of the liturgy was the symbolism of Jesus' sacrifice and how we as his disciples can show mercy to the marginalised, the lonely and the less fortunate in society. The life of Jesus is a journey supported by the Holy Spirit at the beginning of His mission until He completed it at the time of His crucifixion.

The relics of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the letter penned by Saint Mother Teresa were venerated by the community. They stand as a testament to the endless devotion that these two selfless saints modelled on a daily basis. It was a timely visit as our students complete their 'Mission units' and embark on ways that they can reach out to and help their community as Jesus modelled to us in the scriptures.



Years 2, 3 and 4 students have made the connection between the message within the scripture passage and have been able to apply this learning to real life situations. With their teachers' support, they have discussed ways in which they can raise money and support people in need which enables them to continue the legacy of Jesus' mission.

In the coming weeks, these classes will host some fundraising events at school. Please support these grades by donating a gold coin to their venture and help them to make a real difference in the lives of people in our community.





Well done Stage III Basketball team 2016



Kyle Polidano, Uriel Allarey, Lyndon Romana, Christian Ramos, Aaron Vicedas, Kenyon Aquino, Arjae Quibuyen, Aken Khon, Rodney Patterson and Halouf Gafour.

Reminders:

- **For the safety of all children, please do not drop students off in either the Staff carpark or the Parish carpark.**
- **Families have received a ‘[Returning to St Aidan’s School 2017](#)’. Please return this form as soon as possible.**



- ✓ All Saints Day – Tuesday 1st November
- ✓ All Souls Day – Wednesday 2nd November
- ✓ Kindergarten 2017 Transition Wednesday 2nd November (all Kinder 2017 students) 8:45-10:45am
- ✓ **Crazy Socks and Mad Hair Day** – Friday 4th November - Year 2 & 4 Catholic Missions fundraising
- ✓ Kinder 2017 PARENT meeting (7pm) – Tuesday 8th 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 @ 9:00am
- ✓ 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

Canteen-

Dear Parents,

Due to a large price increase, "Chicken Fingers" will now be **6 for \$3.50** effective from Monday 31st October 2016.

We do apologise for any inconvenience caused by this change.

Also, Lasagne is still available for **only \$4.00 each!**

Thank you for your support.

Classroom Catering.



Meal Deal 1 (31st October-17th November)

- Ham, cheese & tomato sandwich
- Bottle of water
- Zooper Dooper



Meal Deal 2 (31st October-17th November)

- Chicken schnitzel wrap
- Juice popper
- Zooper Dooper



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