



# St. Aidan's Primary School

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## Newsletter

### Term 4 Week 8

Last week we celebrated St Patrick's Day culminating in a disco on the green. The children were very excited and had a marvellous day. Thank you to everyone who helped with the celebrations and to all children who contributed a gold coin donation to project compassion.





Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day!



## YEAR 2'S LEARNING SPACE

This week year 2's learning space was extended with a wooden deck out the front of the classrooms. It has now provided an extra outdoor learning space for the children and much needed space for classroom entry. The year 2 children as well as kindergarten children now have bag hooks to hang their bags to keep them off the ground and looking neat and tidy!



# Numeracy News

## Tune into your child's counting

As your child is counting each day tune into their counting.

Are they counting correctly?

Are they self correcting as they count?

Are they aware they are making mistakes?

Don't forget to praise them if they are self correcting their counting errors or make them aware if they are counting incorrectly.

## Maths words of the week

**Place Value:** The value that a digit holds in a number. For example in 439 there are 4 hundreds, 3 tens and 9 ones.

**Bead string:** We use bead strings in the classroom to help children to represent different numbers. In most cases there are 120 beads on the bead string in groups of ten. Each group of ten is represented with a set of different coloured beads.



**Bead kebab:** We use bead kebabs in the classroom to help children to represent smaller numbers, they are also used to support addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division. There are 20 beads on the bead kebab in groups of five. Each group of five is represented with a set of different coloured beads.







Dear parents,

## Holy Week

Next week marks the beginning of Holy Week and the following days have been set aside to focus on the narration of the story led by our wonderful students at St Aidan's.

On Tuesday 27th March @ 8:40 am in the school hall, the Kindergarten and Year 6 students will present the story of Palm Sunday.

On Wednesday 28th March @ 8:40 am in the school hall, the Year 3 students will present the story of The Last Supper followed the Year 1 students who will present the story of The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

On Thursday 29th March @ 8:40 am in the school hall, the Year 4 students will present the story of The Carrying of the Cross followed the Year 5 students who will present the story of The Crucifixion.

On Tuesday 3rd April @ 8:40 am in the school hall, the Year 2 and Year 6 students will present the story of The Resurrection followed by the Easter Raffle.

All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend every liturgy as we at St Aidan's come together as a worshipping community to celebrate the holiest events in our liturgical season.





**Sunday 25th March Palm Sunday**

**Tuesday 27th March** 8:40am in the school hall - Kindergarten & Yr 6 student present Palm Sunday

**Wednesday 28th March** 8:40am in the school hall - Yr 3 students present story of the The Last Supper followed by Yr 1 students who present the story of The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane

**Thursday 29th March** 8:40am in the school hall Yr 4 students will present the story of Carrying the Cross followed by Yr 5 who will present the story of The Crucifixion

**FRIDAY 30TH MARCH GOOD FRIDAY**  
**SUNDAY 1ST APRIL EASTER SUNDAY**  
**MONDAY 2ND APRIL EASTER MONDAY**



**Tuesday 3rd April** 8:40am in the school hall - Yr 2 and Yr 6 students will present the story of The Resurrection followed by the drawing of the Easter Raffle.

**Friday 13th April Last day of Term 1 for students**  
**Monday 30th April NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS**

**Tuesday 1st May First day of Term 2. School begins at 8:40am**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
 ARE  
 COMING!**



It's that time of year again where we are asking that each child donates an Easter egg, boxes of chocolates, chocolate bunnies, cartons of chocolate eggs, mini Easter eggs etc. The more donations we have the more prizes we have.

All proceeds will go towards the Project Compassion Campaign, a catholic charity that supports millions of people around the world. Please leave all donations in the classroom.

Tickets are on sale every morning before school, at recess and lunch as well as after school. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. **The raffle will be draw on Tuesday morning 3rd April after the Easter liturgy.**

*Thanking you in advance for this worthy cause.*





St Aidan's School is proud to announce that the following classes had 100% attendance during the week 19th to 23rd March

*(This does not include students on leave)*

K Blue, 1 Blue, 1 Red and 3 Red, had three days with 100% attendance

ATTENDANCE   
MATTERS

3 Blue, 4 Blue, 4 Red, 5 Red and 6 Blue had two days with 100%



K Red, 2 Blue, 5 Blue and 6 Red had one day with 100% attendance

EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS





# BOOK FAIR CARNIVAL

Your Ticket to Read!



We are hosting a **CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR**.

Each class will be invited to preview the books on the Wednesday prior to the Book Fair. The preview sessions are an ideal opportunity for children to share and discuss the books with their teachers and peers.

The selection of books at our Book Fair will include a wide range of quality books from the best Australian and overseas authors & illustrators.

All books are discounted.

**Every single purchase from the Book Fair earns FREE books and resources for our school.**

**Our Book Fair selling times will be:**

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> of April 8.00 – 9.00am  
2.30 – 3.30pm

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> of April 8.00am until lunchtime

You, your family and friends are most welcome to share in the magic of matching children and books.

Credit Card facilities are available. No AMEX please.



# CROSS COUNTRY 2018



# PARENT NOTES

## Mayoral Statement



Statement by the Mayor of Blacktown City, Stephen Bali MP

For immediate release  
15 March, 2018

## EfW Incinerator reply dodges the questions

The company wanting to build an Energy from Waste (EfW) Incinerator in Western Sydney is still dodging the questions about how it will affect the Sydney metropolitan area.

Garbage disposal company Dial-A-Dump Industries through The Next Generation (NSW) Pty Ltd (TNG) wants to build stage one of a two-stage plant that will eventually burn more than a million tonnes of waste a year – just across the M4 from Minchinbury at Eastern Creek.

The NSW Government's planning authority gave TNG's Energy from Waste Incinerator a third chance to meet the state's mediocre pollution laws yet many issues are overlooked or ignored.

In what is supposed to be TNG's final attempt to resolve all outstanding issues, there are still many questions and issues raised by Blacktown City Council that have been inadequately addressed or left unanswered.

Just how many times should this student be allowed to re-sit the exam? When will all the questions be answered? More than that, surely this is yet again a fail mark?

For example, we asked TNG to outline how foreign objects will be excluded from the waste stream and for an assurance that all waste will undergo some form of validated pre-treatment to prevent toxic material from being burnt.

These issues were not addressed.

TNG completely brushed aside Council's concerns about air quality monitoring.

We asked them to undertake air quality monitoring for a year before the plant operates to get an accurate baseline data for future monitoring comparison.

TNG responded that because they are "not responsible for the operation of air pollution monitoring systems," they "cannot comment on the nature or investment in these operations".

What an appalling side step that shows no desire to seek a proper air quality monitoring regime.

We also asked TNG to:

- appoint a designated officer to monitor the environmental performance for the life of the plant
- establish a Community Liaison Group to discuss concerns and monitor the plant's performance
- update what we considered to be insufficient flood modelling
- get external certification to ensure the process is industry best practice
- better outline how the plant will comply with the NSW Environment Protection Authority Energy from Waste policy.

There was no response to these and lots of other important issues. This cavalier approach to responsible reporting shows a complete contempt for the issue of public accountability.

For this and many other reasons, Blacktown City Council says this application should be refused.

## Background Information

### Blacktown City Council issues overlooked or not addressed by TNG

Garbage disposal company Dial a Dump, through The Next Generation (NSW Pty Ltd), wants to build stage one of a two stage plant that will eventually burn more than a million tonnes of waste a year – across the M4 from Minchinbury at Eastern Creek.

This is the fourth time Blacktown City Council has considered and reviewed a variation of the Environmental Impact Statement for the EFWI proposal (the previous being in March 2014, August 2015 and February 2017) and on each occasion the Council found issues of great concern.

TNG's first Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was knocked back, so they tweaked the modelling for a second EIS and now they have tweaked the modelling again in response to strong criticisms and these are contained in what is termed a Response to Submissions.

One of Blacktown City Council's concerns is that the base process remains unchanged, but the predictions of its likely effects have been "updated", based on changes to the modelling.

The Response to Submissions follows the public exhibition of the second, amended EIS for the proposed Energy from Waste Incinerator that received nearly 1,000 objections.

Opponents included the Environment Protection Agency, the Western Sydney Local Area Health District, Blacktown City Council and Penrith City Council, as well as environmental groups, large companies and 950 members of the public; who all lodged submissions with the Department of Planning and Environment.

It is clear that placing a giant waste-burning incinerator capable of consuming more than a million tonnes of waste a year has sent shock waves through the community.

In its official submissions to the Department of Planning and Environment, Blacktown City Council has strongly objected to the proposal.

TNG has had at least three formal attempts to get this right, yet a significant number of the issues raised in Blacktown City Council's most recent submission were overlooked or ignored by the proponent in its Response to Submissions.

### Project status – approval process

This State Significant Development is under evaluation and the NSW Government has not placed a date on when a decision will be made. The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) is currently considering the Response to Submissions lodged following TNG's second Environmental Impact Statement. The first EIS was comprehensively rejected because it was inadequate.

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