



# OUR PLACE

## ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 9 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

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### LAST NEWSLETTER FOR TERM 2

#### The halfway mark!!

Our Kinder students have now been at school for two terms while our year 6 students only have 2 terms to go with their primary schooling..... Time flies!

With family conferences coming up next week, parents will get a progress report on their child's learning performance. The written reports go home today. Students are invited to sit in on the discussion with their teachers so they are aware of what is being said about their learning efforts.






There is always something to praise and celebrate.... give your child a hug and congratulate them .....and we know there will always be more learning challenges to deal with each day..... no student ( or person) knows everything....

Thanks especially to our wonderful teachers who work tirelessly for your children. They have an enormous workload which is never seen by students or families. The complexities and accountabilities they confront nowadays makes it a difficult vocation yet one which is very rewarding.

You as a parent might have 3 children for example- all very different in personality, talents, abilities and potential. Teachers have 25 or so individuals every day.... all very different.... and they cater for their unique needs.... a challenge with such a diversity of learners !

Yet their ongoing and generous commitment, passion for learning and dedication to each child makes our school VERY BLESSED to have these people working at St Aidan's. Enjoy the break coming up....

To put the E-A Standards-Based Reporting Scale into perspective, it is helpful to look at the analogy below for driving a car.

<i>A-E Standards-Based Reporting Scale</i>					
<b>Years 1-6</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Formal Terms</b>	<i>Limited achievement</i>	<i>Basic achievement</i>	<i>Sound achievement</i>	<i>High achievement</i>	<i>Outstanding achievement</i>
<b>St Aidan's Descriptions</b>	<i>Experienced difficulty</i>	<i>Did OK</i>	<i>Celebrate this work</i>	<i>Beyond expectations</i>	<i>Amazing achievement</i>
<b>Looking at this like a driving licence.</b>	<p>A person on their <b>L plates</b> must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.</p> 	<p>A person on their <b>P plates</b> drives independently but is still learning and developing their skills.</p> 	<p>A person who has their full <b>driver's licence</b> is independent to drive on their own without restrictions.</p> 	<p>An <b>advanced driver</b> can navigate through many obstacles and has extra skills.</p> 	<p>A <b>Formula One driver</b> strives for excellence - conquering one challenge and then moving on to the next and even bigger challenge.</p> 

We are pleased to announce that our new sports uniform below will be available at Lowes for 2018!!! *(Date to be advised.)*

Shorts \$30.99; Shirt 39.99; Tracksuit jacket \$63.99; Tracksuit pants \$41.99



## SCHOOL FEES/PAYMENTS

Please note that the last day for school fees/payments is **THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**

**NO RECEIPTS** can be issued on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

**KINDERGARTEN...**  
**here I come!**



Enrolments and interviews for Kindergarten 2018 are now well underway. Various parent meetings and orientation days for students will take place in terms 3 and 4.

Please call in at the office and pick up an enrolment form between 8:15am and 3:15pm Monday to Friday.

Please tell your family and friends that now is the time to enrol for 2018!

## LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost a jumper, tracksuit pants, hat, lunchbox, drink bottle etc. please check the lost property basket under the stairwell as soon as possible. Any items left will be put in the bin early next week.

## MANNERS/HYGIENE

Just a reminder that we encourage all students to practise their good manners (please and thank you).

We also encourage students to remember to cover their mouth when coughing/sneezing and to **ALWAYS** wash their hands after going to the bathroom and before eating.

## Dates Coming Up-

Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reports sent home
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Conferences- late meetings
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Conferences continue
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Conferences continue Confirmation Administered 7pm Church
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Conferences continue Confirmation Administered 7pm Church Stage 2 Boys soccer
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of term 2

## TERM THREE DATES

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Students return for Term 3
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> July	School Athletics Carnival- Blair Oval, St Mary's
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Dance Fever starts (every Friday during T3)

## PEANUT ALLERGY ALERT REMINDER!!!

We have a number of students enrolled in our school who are at risk of suffering a severe allergic reaction (Anaphylactic Shock) if exposed to nuts, especially **PEANUTS, PEANUT BUTTER and NUTELLA.**

ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL IS A "**PEANUT FREE ZONE**" FOR THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE AN ALLERGY TO PEANUTS.

## FIRST COMMUNION AT ST AIDAN'S PARISH 2017

### Parent information

Evening	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> July 7:30pm Mary MacKillop Hall
Registration	29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> July Sacristy in the Church after all weekend Masses

Parent instruction	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 7:30pm Mary MacKillop Hall
Children's sessions	Sunday mornings 8:30am Mary MacKillop Hall 13 <sup>th</sup> August; 20 <sup>th</sup> August; 27 <sup>th</sup> August; 3 <sup>rd</sup> September; 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Practice sessions	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> September & Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm in the CHURCH
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<b>Sacrament Administered</b>	<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 12:00 noon</b> <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 3:00pm</b>
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Hayden Bell (3 Red) attended the NSW CPS and CCC Cross Country last Friday at Eastern Creek. He represented the Parramatta Mackillop Team with pride. Hayden competed against 110 students from across Parramatta and came 32nd.

*Congratulations Hayden, we are so proud of you!*



If your child has any sports news they would like to share please email me: [jchetcuti2@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jchetcuti2@parra.catholic.edu.au).

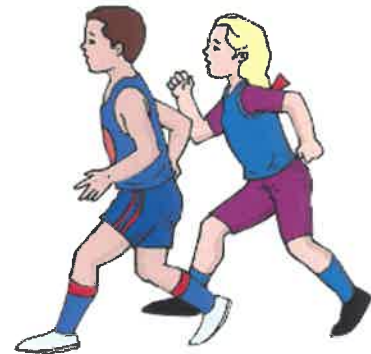
Thanks,  
Miss Jessica Chetcuti



The St Aidan's Athletics Carnival will be held on **Tuesday, 18th July 2017**. This year the carnival will be held at Blair Park, St Mary's. All primary students, Years Three to Six, will attend on the day. There will be a number of novelty games and track races for the students to participate in on the day.

Later on in Term 3 there will be an Infants athletics carnival for those students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two. Parents are encouraged to come along to support all the students.

*We hope to see you there!*





## 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 ¼ 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 1 attendance level is 84.9%**  
**Week 2 attendance level is 82.9%**  
**Week 3 attendance level is 85.7% (OUR NEW PB!!!)**  
**Week 4 attendance level is 83.9%**  
**Week 5 attendance level is 85.2%**  
**Week 6 attendance level is 82.7%**  
**Week 7 attendance level is 84.5%**  
**Week 8 attendance level is 82.5%**  
**Week 9 attendance level is 83.2%**

**Attendance level target for all  
Diocesan schools is 90%**

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



# END OF TERM CANTEEN

## NEWS

SOME CANTEEN ITEMS MAY NOT  
BE AVAILABLE.

SOME ORDERS NEED TO BE  
CHANGED OR FOOD  
SUBSTITUTED.

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
UNDERSTANDING*



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