

HOT DIGGITY DOG!
\$5.00 MEAL DEAL



One hot dog with sauce and a juice for only \$5.00 on Tuesday 9th February!

TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

ORDERS & PAYMENT DUE BY 2:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

Name & Class _____

- Hot dog
- Tomato Sauce **OR**
- BBQ Sauce
- Orange Juice **OR**
- Apple Juice

St Aidan's Parish Church
First Confession 2016

Parent Information Night Registration Wednesday 17th February 7:30pm MacKillop Hall
 Sunday Masses weekend of 20th/21st February
 MacKillop Hall (after all the weekend Masses)

Parent Instruction Evening Wednesday 24th February 7:30pm MacKillop Hall

Children's Sessions (Sunday mornings 8:30am MacKillop Hall)
 28th February, 6th March, 13th March and 20th March in CHURCH

Practice Sessions Monday 21st March & Thursday 24th March 7:30pm in the CHURCH

Sacrament Administered **Monday 4th April at 7:30pm in the CHURCH**
Thursday 7th April at 7:30pm in the CHURCH

For any enquiries please contact St Aidan's Parish on (02) 9625 8404.

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"Together we are one."

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I trust that each of you enjoyed the summer break and were able to spend some time doing some 'fun' things with your families.

On behalf of the St Aidan's community I extend a warm welcome to all new families who have joined us this year. I hope that you will enjoy positive relationships with staff and other parents.

I especially welcome the following new teachers to St Aidan's: Miss Ashleigh Sarasola; Mrs Kathleen Power, Miss Nancy Fajloun and Mrs Joanne Morgan. I am sure that you will make these teachers welcome to our community.

As you were informed last year Mrs Woolcock and Mr Julius are on leave for 2016 and Mrs Cutajar is due to return from leave to commence term three. Teachers replacing the teachers on leave are employed in a temporary capacity.

As you would be well aware, many properties in Rooty Hill suffered severe storm damage. Our school did not escape the storm which caused damage to one of the roofs and incredible damage to three of the shade structures. We are now awaiting on the insurance company to give the 'go ahead' to have the shade structures reinstalled. There is still plenty of shade for the students, however it is important that they wear their hats at all times on the playground. Depending on weather it may mean that some children eat in the classrooms until the problem is fixed.

At the end of 2015 I notified parents about the changes to parking in Adelaide Street. By now you will have noticed that these changes have been made and they are clearly marked with yellow signs. In the interests of safety I urge each of you to abide by the parking rules in all areas surrounding the school.

Included in today's newsletter is:

- a list of staff and their respective responsibilities for 2016.
- important dates for term one.

Thank you to the many parents who brought their children to the Mathematics Assessment Interviews this week. The results of these interviews will be analysed then teachers and students will determine numeracy goals for the year. The parent/teacher/child interviews at the end of this term will involve discussion about each child's numeracy goal.

As we commence another year let us remember our school's motto, 'together we are one'. The most effective learning can only be achieved when students, parents and staff work as partners to strive for excellence, always acknowledging the presence of God in our lives.

Let us continue to build a vibrant learning community at St Aidan's.

Yours sincerely

 Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts
 Principal.

ST AIDAN'S STAFF 2016

Miss Prudence Hall	Kindergarten H
Miss Taryn Quinlivan	Kindergarten Q
Miss Amy McAlister	Year one M
Miss Ashleigh Sarasola	Year one S
Miss Jacinta Di Bartolo	Year two D
Mrs Kelly Upton	Year two U
Miss Jessica Chetcuti	Year three C
Miss Christine Dellenty	Year three D
Miss Alana Brown	Year four B
Mrs Kathleen Power	Year four P
Mrs Therese Bear	Year five B
Mrs Cristina Poole	Year five P
Ms Janet Colusso	Year six C
Mrs Miray Khoury	Year six K
Mrs Nancy Fajloun	Learning Support
Mrs Julie Hermsen	Literacy Support and Reading Recovery
Mrs Christine Leahy	Literacy Support
Mrs Joanne Morgan	Learning Support
Mrs Julie Taylor	Learning Support—Kindergarten
Mrs Erin Ball	RFF (three days)
Mrs Grace Carlo-Stella	Teacher/Librarian & LTST—(three days)
Mrs Angela Cooper	Executive release—(one day)
Mrs Helen Grady	Executive release and Literacy Support—(two days)
Mrs Allison Matthews	Executive release and Learning Support—(four days)
Anna Madigan Singh	School Counsellor
Matthew Woodhouse	IT Trainee (three days)
Mrs Wendy Brown	Teacher Assistant
Mrs Michelle Provost	Teacher Assistant
Mrs Jenny Chivers	Teacher Assistant
Mrs Carol Newell	Secretary
Mrs Tricia Zammit	Secretary
Mrs Blaga Wakeling	Financial Administrator
The Leadership Team	
Dr. Elizabeth Ricketts	Principal
Mrs Christine Leahy	Assistant Principal
Mrs Miray Khoury	Religious Education Coordinator
Mrs Janet Colusso	Coordinator
Mrs Kelly Upton	Coordinator

Homework

St Aidan's homework policy has changed this year to make it more relevant to student needs. The changes are listed below. Homework will be given each night from Monday to Thursday and will consist of reading, writing and numeracy. There will be no homework contracts.

Parents are asked to view and sign homework each night.

The following timeframe is set for each grade:

- Kindergarten and year one 20 minutes each night
- Year two 25 minutes each night
- Years three and four 30-40 minutes each night
- Years five and six 40-50 minutes each night

Kindergarten

- ◆ term 1 practise sight words 5 minutes. Reading 10 minutes. Practise numeracy goal.
- ◆ terms 2-4 writing (story writing) 10-15 minutes and continue with reading and numeracy as for term 1.

Years one to six

- ◆ reading each night sight words for some students
- ◆ writing Mondays and Wednesdays
- ◆ numeracy Tuesdays and Thursdays

It is expected that writing and numeracy will be a continuation of the work being done in class.

Numeracy may also include practise of the students' goals and number facts for quick recall, as per teacher's instructions

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or need clarification about homework.

Mrs Christine Leahy
Assistant Principal.

St Aidan's Book Covers

As you are aware St Aidan's sells book covers for students' workbooks.

These covers are colour-coded according to each Key Learning Area (K.L.A).

The cost of the book covers is \$2.00 per set or 30 cents per book cover.

When you are covering the books please be sure to match the correct colour with the K.L.A. (subject).

Whilst these are not compulsory, the book covers are a great help to students and teachers.

In order to protect the students' books please cover them as soon as possible.

English
Mathematics
Religious Education
Science
History/Geography
PDHPE
Writing

Supervision

- Gates are opened and teacher supervision begins at 8:15am
- Parents may escort their children onto the playground and due to child protection are required to wait in the parent waiting area (silver seats) near the year four classroom.
- The bell rings at 8:40am—students walk quietly to lines
- After assembly parents are asked to move out of the playground through the gate between year two and Kindergarten.
- Gates are locked promptly once parents leave
- In the afternoon the dismissal bell rings at 2:55pm. Parents may wait in the shade area near the church garden or park in the surrounding streets. Children are walked by a teacher to the upper crossing in Adelaide Street and to the Kimberley Street crossing to meet parents.
- Supervision of students finishes at 3:25pm.

CHILDREN MUST BE AT SCHOOL ON TIME

School fees 2016

Every family will receive their school fees notice in the mail.

If you would like to take advantage of the flexible payment plan, please complete the papers with the school fees statements and send them directly to the Catholic Education Office **before** the due date in the envelope provided.

As mentioned in previous newsletters the excursion fee and the resource fee for every student is now included on your statement.

DATES FOR TERM ONE 2016

Monday 1st February	8:40am Kindergarten commence
Wednesday 10th February	Ash Wednesday—Mass years three to six at 11:30am
Wednesday 17th February	7:30pm St Aidan's Parish Parent Information for First Confession
Wednesday 24th February	9:15am Opening School Mass
Sun 6th-Sat 12th March	Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday 9th March	9:15am Mass followed by open classrooms
Thursday 24th March	Holy Thursday
Friday 25th March	Good Friday (no classes)
Monday 28th March	Easter Monday (no classes)
Tuesday 29th March	All students K-6 return following Easter break
Mon 4th—Thurs 7th April	Parent/teacher meetings
Friday 8th April	Term one concludes. School closes for Autumn holidays.