

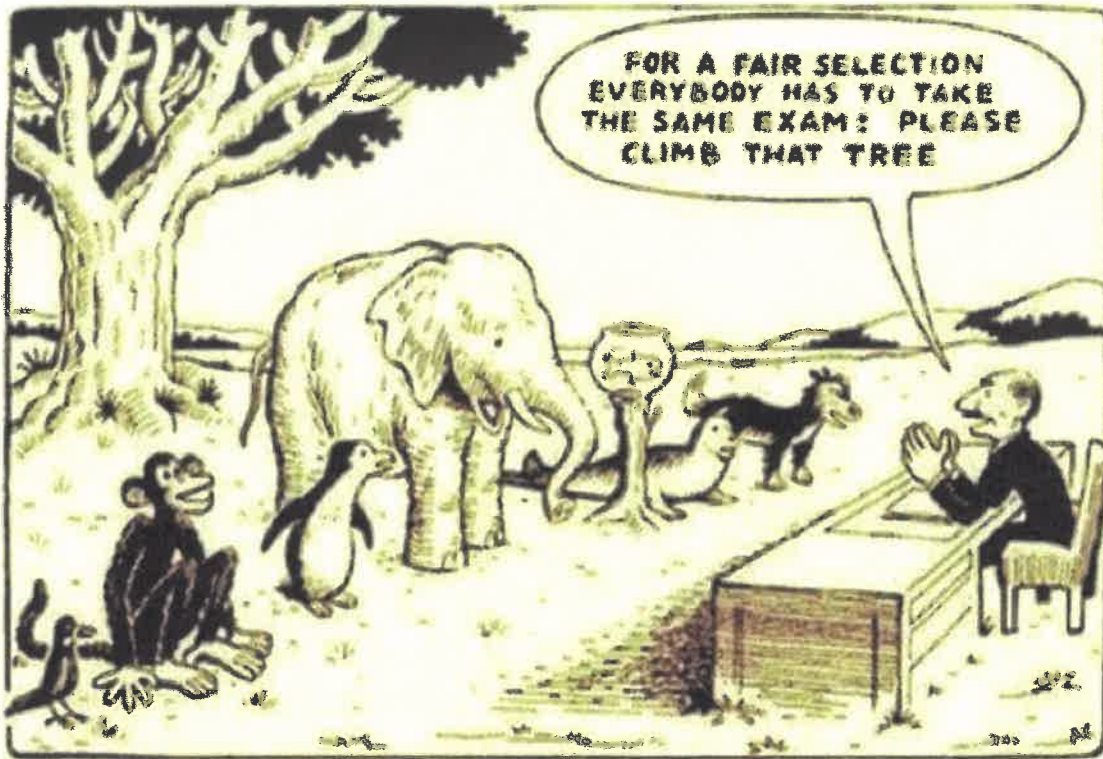


Our Place St Aidan's School

Term 3 Week 3 Friday 4th August 2017

WHAT TESTS DON'T MEASURE...





Our Education System

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

- Albert Einstein

Passion

Morals

Faith

Humour

Effort

Leadership

Personality

Helpfulness

Wonder and Awe

Motivation

Friendliness

Reliability

Resourcefulness

Wisdom



Sense of Beauty

Enthusiasm

Humility

Trustworthiness

Maturity

Initiative



NOTHING CAN MEASURE....
JUST HOW
WONDERFUL AND AWESOME
YOU ARE !!

Dates Coming Up

Week 4 of Term 3

Tues 8/8 Feast of St Mary MacKillop - **Australia's First Saint**

Born January 15, 1842

Died August 8, 1909

Beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995

Canonised in Rome on October 17, 2010

'Never see a need without doing something about it'

Mary MacKillop always encourages us to be of service to others.

Wed 9/8

Parent 'Drop In' 11am- 11:30am

Parent Forum 7pm

Fri 11/8

Dance Fever

PARENT FORUM

NEXT WED 9TH AUGUST

7pm

Stage 3 (near year 6)

ALL WELCOME!!

Please come along to discuss
the learning and any other issues
impacting on your child.

Our previous meetings this year have had rich discussions about the learning and parents who attended gained a great deal of insight into how we go about teaching the children in our care at St Aidan's.

Agenda items include:

Parent Feedback – response to reading cluster goals, MAI goals, other learning information being sent home. Parent engagement in the child's learning.

PBL (Project Based Learning)

Online NAPLAN assessments coming up!

Building a more **LEARNER CENTRED** school

Religious Literacy Assessments

HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT !

DON'T MISS IT !!

KINDERGARTEN...
here I come!



Enrolments and interviews for Kindergarten 2018 are still occurring. Various parent meetings and orientation days for students will take place later in term 3 and during term 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!

110 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Keep the date!! Thursday, August 31st.

Bishop Vincent will be leading our mass at 11am plus we have some other activities planned on the day to celebrate this special milestone.

Imagine..... that is 110 years of educating the children of Rooty Hill and serving our **Catholic community**. That's tens of thousands of students who have received a Catholic education on this site.



NAPLAN

Results are out soon and will be sent home immediately. This assessment was made back in May, about 3 months ago, so they are already a bit outdated.

However, it does give a glimpse or 'window' of the students' learning.

At present we are preparing to test students ONLINE for future NAPLAN assessments. The electronic NAPLAN testing will raise new challenges and the Catholic schools are preparing to meet these issues.

This will happen in about 2-3 weeks time at St Aidan's for grades 3 & 5. No results are sent home since it is only a trial of the system.

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL

REPRESENTATIVES FROM YEARS 3 & 4.

They played with spirit and good sportsmanship on the day and were great ambassadors for St Aidan's.





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The Proven Benefits of Reading with Your Child



Relationship Building

At the core of reading is a relationship and it is the bond between children and parents that is enhanced through reading together.

It only takes ten minutes a day to build this relationship.

Thank You

Many thanks to all the parents who have covered the readers for the school. It has been of great assistance and now we have lovely new readers for the children to use.

Thank you:

Mrs Ereira

Mrs Bell

Mrs Timbol

Mrs Cabantog

Ms Digges (Digges-Lagula)

Miss De Guzman

Mrs Dinh Vu

Mrs Vunipola

Ms Korzeniecki (Muscat)



Mrs Michelle Provest.

NUMERACY NEWS

Times as Many

“Times as many” is language that is used in Multiplication and Division problems. Twice as many for example is another way of saying double.

Eg. Mum gave me 6 lollies. She gave Tom twice as many lollies than me. How many lollies did Tom get?

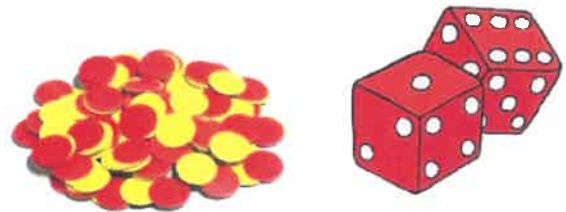
As students move through Primary school they are challenged to find three times, five times, twenty times as many etc.

This warm up will help develop your child’s understanding and recall of times as many.

Times as Many game

You will need:

- Counters or different materials.
- Dice



What to do:

1. Player 1 rolls the dice and gets the necessary materials. Show your partner how many you have and cover them.
2. Player 2 rolls the dice and makes ____ times as many as player 1.
3. Player 2 recalls what they have made- I have ____ counters. That is _____ as many as ____.

Visit the [St Aidan’s Facebook Page](#) and [St Aidan’s Rooty Hill on Twitter](#) to watch a video of the ‘twice as many’ activity.

What mathematics will you notice, discuss and explore with your child this week?



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 3-4 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 have 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 79.4%

Week 2 attendance level is 80.0%

Week 3 attendance level is 79.8%

Attendance level target for all

Diocesan schools is 90%

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



Spot the Dot



on the Readers

We've made it easier for you to find your child's reading level.

How it Works

1

- 1 word up to 2 sentences per page.
- Everyday words of 1 - 2 syllables.

2

- 3 sentences up to 6 sentences per page, with simple language.
- Everyday words of 1 - 2 syllables.

3

- Bigger paragraphs and longer sentences with a few complex words of 2 - 4 syllables.
- First chapter books - up to 3 chapters.
- Up to 10 sentences per page.

4

- Short chapter books – between 4 - 10 chapters.
- Most books are in a series meant for learning to read e.g. Nibbles, Hey Jack, Rainbow Magic Early Reader.
- Books for independent reading.

Is the reader right for your child?

Do the five finger test.



1. Open the book to any page and ask your child to read.
2. Each time your child cannot read a word, put one finger down.
3. If you put down five fingers on this page, stop reading.
4. The book is probably too hard for your child right now.
5. Choose another book, or read the book to them.

TWO - PART SEMINAR

Understanding Family Law

PRESENTED BY:

Beth Jarman

Lawyer—Accredited Family Law Specialist

Tuesday 08th August - SESSION 1

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Separation, divorce and children.

- Principles of Family Law Act
- Role of Family Law Courts
- Filing a divorce application
- Family violence
- How court determines the “Best interest of Children”
- Parental Legal Responsibilities
- Mediation
- Role of Independent Children’s Lawyer
- Filing Consent Orders for Children and Property

Tuesday 22nd August - SESSION 2

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Property

- What constitutes or determines Property
- Application of the Act in de facto or same sex relationships
- Requirement for Pre-action Procedures
- Spouse Maintenance
- Timetables under the Family Law Act
- Timetables within the Family Court

DATES

Session 1 Tuesday 08th August 2017

Session 2 Tuesday 22nd August 2017

TIME:

7 pm—9 pm

VENUE:

38 Prince St, Blacktown
(Cnr First Ave)

COST:

\$ 7.00 per session

FURTHER INFORMATION/BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact: Solo Parent Services PH: 8822 2222

Email:

soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Monday 7th August – Friday 25th August

Meal Deal - \$5.00

Meal Deal 1

Egg & Lettuce

Sandwich

Bottle Water

Fruit Salad



Meal Deal 2

Pasta Bolognese

Juice Popper

Jumpy's Snacks



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