



OUR PLACE ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 4

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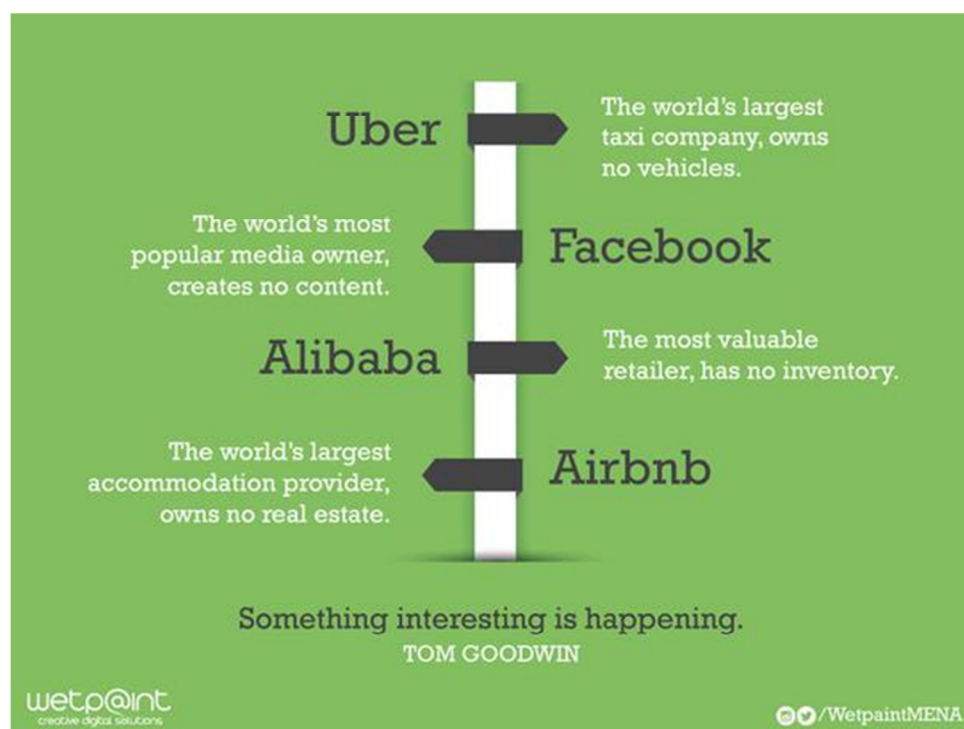
“We are currently preparing students for jobs that don’t yet exist, using technologies that haven’t been invented, in order to solve problems we don’t even know are problems yet.”

– Karl Fisch

**WHAT A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY WE TEACHERS
AND PARENTS HAVE IN EDUCATING OUR
CHILDREN FOR AN UNKNOWN FUTURE.**

At St Aidan’s, we are working very hard at setting our students up for their future. Our Kinder students next year will finish their HSC in October, **2029!!**

We are ensuring they have the key skills and competencies to undertake any work challenge in say 2030 when they start their tertiary education or enter the workforce..... **They will need to be creative problem solvers, collaborative and articulate team members and be able to think critically about the issues being presented.**



This is the world we are living in. This is not the future, this is what's happening right now.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2016

**NO STAFF WILL BE ON THE
SCHOOL SITE ON THIS DAY**

ENJOYING THE PLAYGROUND



Reading at the outdoor library before school.



Supporting your Child in Learning to Read

Reading should be enjoyable for you and your child. If your child becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later.

All children, regardless of age, like to be read to. Make a special time whenever possible for reading with your child away from interruptions. You can help your child in reading when you:

- show your child that you value reading by reading whenever you can
- provide a variety of texts for your child to read to you, eg stories, comics, poems, plays, cartoons, reference books, magazines, children's recipebooks
- point out words on street signs, packets and labels
- encourage your child to predict what a book is about from the cover and illustrations
- reread favourite books
- talk about the different purposes for reading a picture book, a novel, a TV guide, a newspaper, a telephone directory, a recipe book, an encyclopedia

If your child is having difficulty with reading, or not enjoying reading, ask your child's teacher for help.

Healthy diets contain a variety of foods

In general, we should include a range of nutritious foods and eat:

- plenty of breads and cereals (particularly wholegrain), fruit, vegetables and legumes (such as chickpeas, lentils and red kidney beans)
- low-salt foods, and use salt sparingly
- small amounts of foods that contain added sugars
- reduced-fat milk and other dairy products.

It is also important to drink an adequate amount of water.



Child Protection for Volunteers

Building Child Safe Communities – New procedures reminder for volunteers

Volunteers make a significant contribution to students and our community. As part of our new 'Building Child Safe Communities' initiatives, we request the following from volunteers:

These can be accessed by visiting the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta homepage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> then scrolling down to 'Volunteers and Contractors – click here'.

Please contact your school if you require any assistance. We thank all volunteers for their continued support.



BABY NEWS

Congratulations to the Thangarasu Family (Visali in KQ)

on the birth of a baby girl, Akshita.



A PLACE FOR DOING, EXPLORING & LEARNING

ST AIDAN'S LIBRARY

In the library this term we have started exploring Digital Literacies & Makerspace.

Digital Literacies - is teaching students to live, learn & work within a digital society.

Makerspace - a place where students come together to share resources & knowledge, to be challenged to make various items using tools, various materials & digital technologies. It is also a place where collaboration with others takes place.

In the library this term the students are exploring several challenges using various resources & technologies. It is very much a place where students take ownership of their own learning & there is an inquiry learning approach.

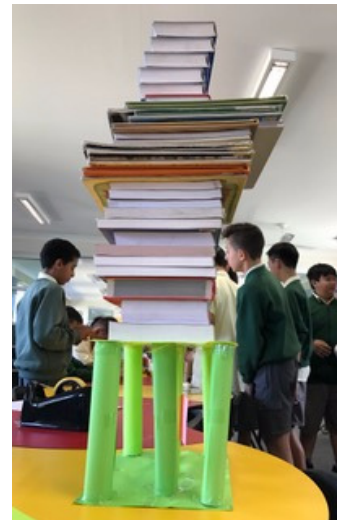
Here are two challenges that the students have been exploring so far:

TOWER OF POWER

Using paper & tape - create a tower.
Who can make the strongest tower?

Test the strength of your tower by
place books on top. How many books will
your tower hold before it collapses?

Don't forget to take photos of every
step.



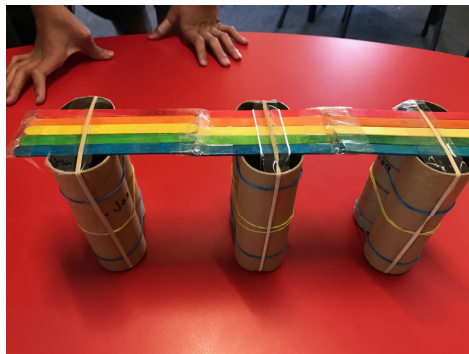
Arabelle, Jaira & Khushi designed this tower of power using
only paper & tape, it holds up to 16 kg of books.

Jermaine & Michael build a different
Tower of Power & it holds up to 12 kg of books.



BUILDING BRIDGES

Design a bridge that has at least a 30 cm span and can hold up to 5kg of weight.

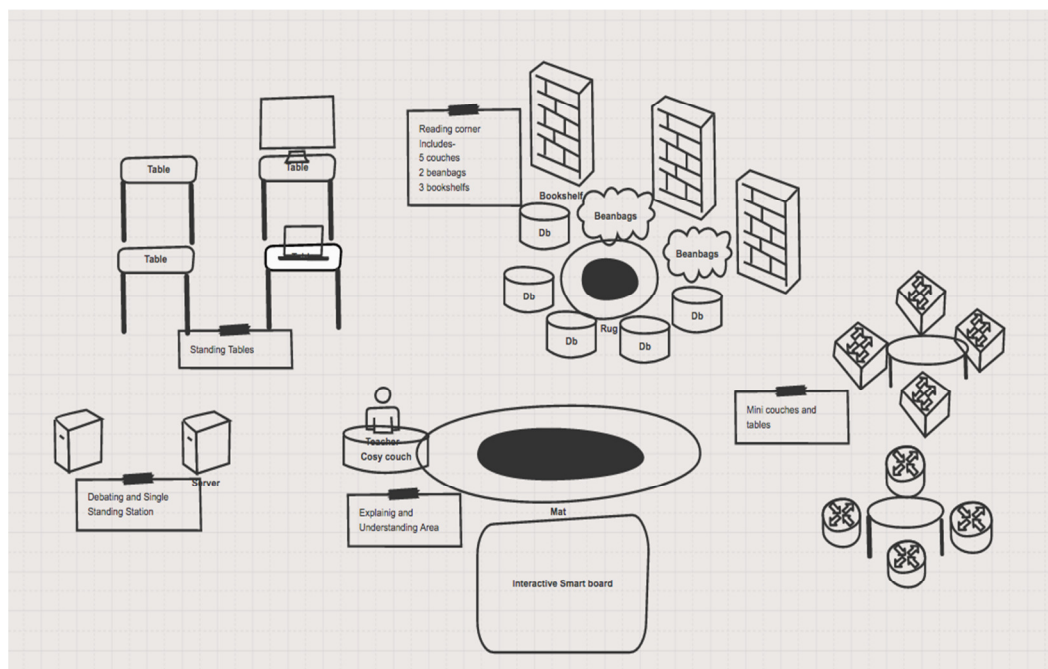


Jon has built a bridge that can hold over four times the required amount - 23kg of books



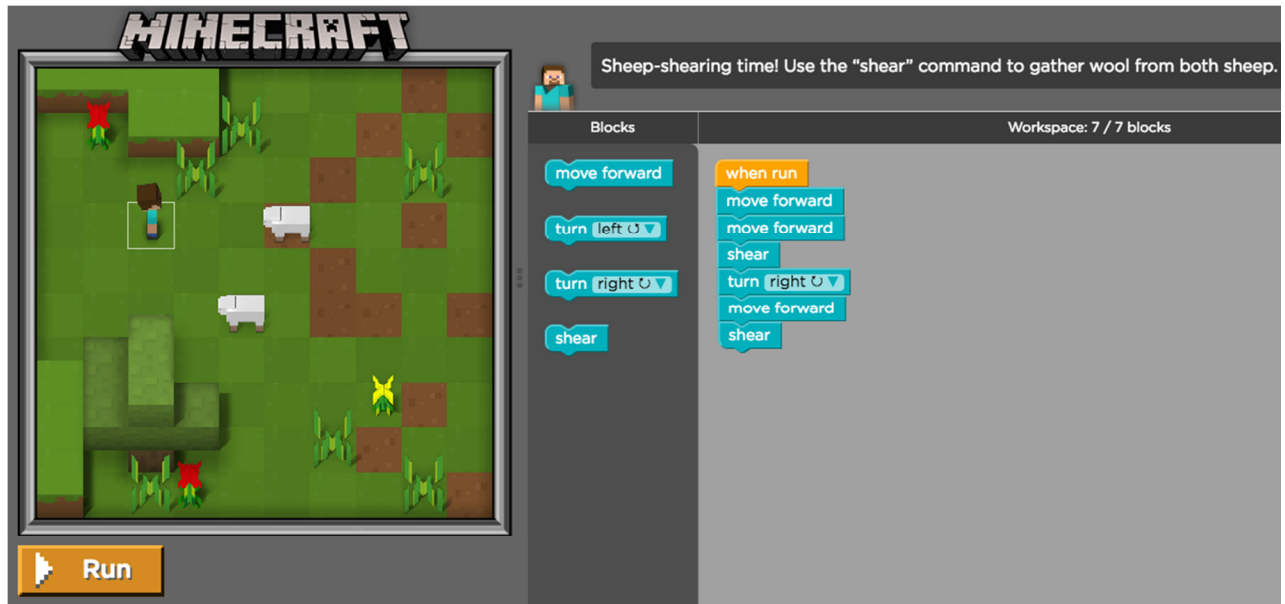
The challenges are Maths & Science based and require testing & modifications. Some students have tested their structures and have discovered that paper & tape can hold a lot of books.

Some of the challenges link to the class Science units. In Year 6, the students are exploring how to redesign Kimberley Park. As a lead up to this work, in the library, the students have been asked to redesign their perfect learning space using *Sketchboard*, an app that is part of the Google Apps suite.



Nipulma Attanayake has designed the perfect learning space.

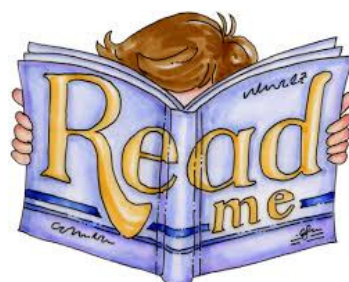
While in Year 3, the students are exploring the early stages of coding by using *blocks* to enable the movement of a character in Minecraft. In the photo below the students need to create a sequence of code to enable the character to shear the sheep.



The learning is designed to challenge and engage students through interactive and collaborative tasks. They need to use creativity, critical thinking skills and teamwork to achieve their goals. It is very much 21st century learning as they solve problems and present solutions.

→ Please note that [Year 1](#) will be changing their library borrowing day to [THURSDAYS](#). ←

***BOOKCLUB ORDERS DUE
MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER***



NOT RETURNING TO ST AIDAN'S IN 2017??

We have some families moving interstate and elsewhere.
Thank you for your contribution to St Aidan's.

Please make sure you inform the school office asap. Thank you.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING

Next Tuesday evening, Nov 8th

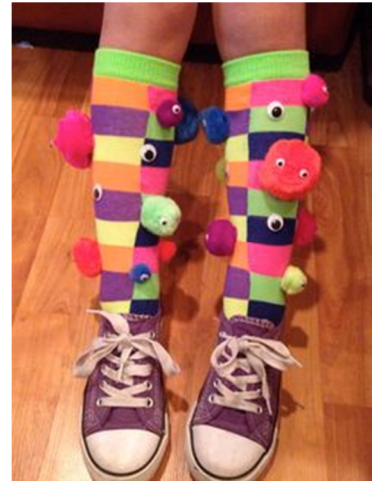
Year 3 class space (old library)

At this meeting, we will welcome everyone to the St Aidan's school community and discuss how we can ensure the new students are VERY READY for their school life ahead.

It is very important for parents to attend as we suggest a range of ways parents can prepare their child for BIG SCHOOL.

We want them to arrive on 30/1/17 as confident and successful learners.

OUR CRAZY HAIR AND SOCKS !!





DATES COMING UP:

Mon 7/11

Internet down for a few hours.

Tues 8/11

Kindergarten Parent Meeting 7pm
in the year 3 classrooms.

Fri 11/11

REMEMBRANCE DAY



18/11

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY

Fri 16/12

Last day of the school year

THANKS A BUNCH!!!

A huge thank you to Mrs Korzeniecki, Ms Digges, Mrs Ereira, Mrs Mifsud, Mrs Dinh Vu, Mrs Brewty, Mrs Derjani, Mrs Skarski and Mrs Timbol for all their time and effort in making bead strings and bead kebabs for St Aidan's students to use in Mathematics.

We still have 20,000 beads to sort into colours and over 200 bead strings and bead kebabs to make for our students, so any help would be greatly appreciated!



INTERNET UPGRADE

(Phones might not work at this time)

Next Monday, 7/11 we have an upgrade of the seven school servers. The internet will be down for 2-3 hours and this might impact our phones since this now occurs through the internet. We are not sure if this upgrade will occur in the morning or afternoon.



2017 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Parramatta Diocesan Schools in Year 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four of 2016 (Summer Sports - Basketball, Cricket, Softball & Tennis) and Term One/Two in 2017 (Winter Sports - AFL, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union & Touch).

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2017 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials in 2017 will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au. This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and MUST be approved by your child's school. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

Please ensure that the **SUBMIT** button has been pressed upon completing the form and notification email will be sent to the parent/guardian listed on the form confirming this expression of interest has been received.

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Summer Sports Registrations close Friday 28th October 5pm.
Winter Sports Registrations close Friday 3rd February 5pm.

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information (Miss Jessica Chetcuti).

Yours In Sport,
Margaret Thornton
Teaching Educator – Primary Sport
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.







- ✓ Kinder 2017 PARENT meeting (7pm) – Tuesday 8th November in the year 3 room (old library) 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.

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.

Canteen

Dear Parents,

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

We do apologise for any inconvenience caused by this change.

Lasagne is still available for only \$4.00 each!

A reminder: All lunch orders need to be given to the Canteen lady before Recess (10:30am).

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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Skoolbag App - St Aidan's App in iTunes (for all newsletters, alerts etc.)