



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 3 Issue 13

10th August, 2018



When we see children exploring their environment, tinkering, investigating, asking questions, searching for meaning, looking for information then we know that they are curious and wanting to learn. Curiosity helps children to be more receptive to learning.

Curiosity can supercharge learning but as we know not all curious children gain the highest marks. Most curious children are inquisitive and usually know what they know but are so very keen to learn what they don't know. Curiosity is more than just paying attention. It's the excitement of exploring, a powerful drive within them to learn something new and often they are so preoccupied with the learning that that's all we hear about.

At St Andrew's we provide great opportunities for children to explore their curiosity. Teachers use a strategy called, "Think Alouds," during modelled reading and writing sessions- to explain what and why they are thinking, to refine, to expand and to be curious and search for other means. Our Project Based Learning (PBL) fosters curiosity through inquiry. Curiosity is nurtured and becomes contagious as children work cooperatively together creating new and innovative ideas. Our Maker Space, where curiosity is in built as children are allowed to tinker, explore, problem solve, take risks and create.

Ask your children about what they think is happening in the old uniform shop. There are signs up, warning tape across the doors and black sheeting covering the glass. Loads of curious children have been stopping to ask me whether I can tell them what's happening- some ideas they have shared include a "slime factory", a "gaming area", a "robot factory" and a "teachers hub for relaxation."

The prayer – Beatitudes of the Children- highlights many blessings, including **CUROSITY**

Beatitudes of the Children

Blessed are the children who have someone who believes in them and someone who has high hopes for them.

Blessed are the children who have someone to whom they can carry their problems... *unafraid*.

Blessed are the children to whom life is a book of knowledge.

Blessed are the children who are allowed to pursue their **curiosity** into every worthwhile field of information.

Blessed are the children who have someone who understands that childhood griefs are real and call for understanding and sympathy.

Blessed are the children who are led gently by the hand along the pathway of life by someone who is guide, companion and inspiration.

Blessed are the children whose efforts to achieve have found encouragement.

Blessed are the children who have learned freedom from selfishness through responsibility and co-operation.

Blessed is the home, community, school or nation, which sees in the children the hope of the future and dedicates their efforts to the realisation of that hope.

Great things happen when children are allowed and encouraged to pursue their curiosity.

Kim McDonald
Acting Principal



School Tour

We are offering a school tour to any parents interested in enrolling children at St Andrew's on Saturday 25th August between 3pm and 5.30pm. Soon you will see enrolment signs on our front fences.



Office News

Second Hand Uniforms

The second hand uniform shop is open each Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am.

Dear Parents,

Term three school fees have now been issued and are due by **29 AUGUST 2018**.

For your convenience we accept cash, cheque, Bpay, Direct Debit, AusPost and credit card payments over the phone.

Please note that this is the last account for the year as we only charge over the first three terms of the year.

If you do not receive your school fee statement over the next few days please contact the office on (02) 88696700.

Thank you

2018



WHAT IS NAPLAN ONLINE?

In 2018 NAPLAN began moving from pencil and paper tests to online tests in some states and territories. St Andrew's is one of the NSW list of schools testing the online format.

WHAT GRADES ARE INVOLVED?

Year 3 and Year 5 are involved in the readiness test.

Dates for each grade:

Year 3: Wednesday August 29th Week 6

Year 5: Tuesday 28th August Week 6

WHAT IS THE READINESS TEST

Our school will run a school readiness test during Term 3.

The test will ensure schools are ready to undertake NAPLAN Online the following year. It also allows students and teachers to familiarise themselves with the online system and experience the test delivery method.

Since the test is not an assessment, it won't be marked and results won't be distributed.



BRING YOUR OWN HEADPHONES

Students **must** have their own personal pair of headphones.

We encourage you to either:

Allow your child to bring a pair of headphones that are already in your household

or

Purchase a cheap pair that they can use for the test, then keep in their tubs to use during. We suggest visiting shops such as Kmart etc for cheap headphones

"FIVER FOR A FARMER"

As you know, we are a caring community at St Andrew's Primary School. The current news about the drought and the plight of farmers is an important issue that affects every household in Australia.

We are going to have a fundraiser to support our farmers. The fundraiser is called, "[Fiver for a Farmer](#)". This was inspired by a news story on Sunrise where school children around Australia are invited to join in this fundraising campaign to raise money for farmers, namely "Rural Aid" and "Drought Angels".

An excerpt from Buy a Bale (Rural Aid)....

Supporting Aussie farmers and rural communities throughout Australia. This drought appeal campaign is providing meaningful support for farmers by delivering hay and other essential items to farmers who have no feed left for their cattle.

All donations to our drought assistance campaign have a four fold effect. Some hay is donated, some we buy, so we're feeding a hay farmer and their family. Some of our truckies are donating their time and diesel, some loads we're paying for, so we're feeding truckies and their families. Donations towards our Farmers card inject immediate cash into the rural towns, city cash going bush. Finally what hay we deliver saves farmers cash that they can continue to spend on other items.

Australia, donating to Buy a Bale is helping not just farmers but their communities and so many more people.

Thank you on behalf of our farmers for your support.

On the 13th of August 2018 we will be having our fundraiser day where children are invited to come dressed as a farmer. In the lead up to this event, we will be raising awareness about the effects the drought is having on farmers and our entire community. Please send donations of five dollars, a "fiver" with children on this day.

We appreciate your support in helping to educate our children about the importance of supporting those in need.





CAPTIVATE SHOWCASE DRESS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCES UPDATE

- MONDAY 20TH, TUESDAY 21ST & WEDNESDAY 22ND AUGUST -

In Week 5 the Choir and Ensemble students will be performing over 2 nights at the Captivate 10th Anniversary Showcase at the Quay Centre, Sydney Olympic Park, along with over 3000 other students in the Diocese. They are very excited about being a part of this unique performance event.

Last week a note went home for all Captivate Ensemble and Choir students for the last rehearsal, which is the major dress rehearsal at the Quay Centre on Monday 20th August. If your child has missed this note, please see the Office for a copy. To finalise buses, these notes and money need to be returned by **Wednesday 15th August (Week 4)**. As the rehearsal is from 9am - 2.30pm, students will need to be at school by 7.45am as the bus will leave promptly at 8am. Students will not return to school until after 3.30pm as no school is permitted to leave early due to the huge volume of people exiting the venue. These times will be confirmed in a note home next week once more information has come from Captivate.

Showcase tickets are being emailed out this week to the address supplied on the return slip. If you do not receive any tickets by the end of the week, please contact Mrs McMurrich - jmcmurrich@parra.catholic.edu.au, so that we can follow it up with Captivate. They have all ticket requests so will be processing these directly. It is unlikely that any additional tickets will be available.

Dress Rehearsal Information (Week 5, Monday 20th August)

Clothing for all performers

All students are to come dressed in long black pants, black shoes & black socks and their school sport t-shirt. Performance t-shirts will be distributed on the day to each school. All black pants are to be full in length and material. No pants are to have rips, tears, logos or additional colour. Tights are not allowed as a substitute for pants.

Instrumentalists

In addition to the above clothing requirements, please also bring music and instrument.

All students are to bring a small bag/ backpack with their recess, lunch and a water bottle. There will be no facilities for students to purchase food. Bags are to be labelled with the student's name and school and no devices or valuables must be brought to the rehearsal as no responsibility will be taken for lost or misplaced items.

Performance Nights Information (Week 5, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd August)

Students are to attend **BOTH** performance nights, even if parents are not attending to watch. A reminder that parents are responsible for both drop off and pick up of their child/ren for the performances, there will be no school transport provided. On **BOTH** performance nights, students need to arrive by 5:30pm **IN FULL COSTUME** and be dropped off near Door 5 (follow signs from P3) where they will be met by a CEDP staff member and directed to their school's allocated area where we will meet them. They are to have had dinner and are only permitted to bring in a small snack to eat at interval and a bottle of water - no food purchasing will be available.

The discounted (\$15) parking station is P3. There is also a 30-minute free parking arrangement in place at P3 for drop off and pick up if you are not attending both the performances. The collection point for after the performance will go home in a note next week once we receive our designated area. **Parents will not be able to collect their children from inside the venue.** In the event of rain, alternative arrangements will be communicated on the night.

We will continue to send updates home as we are provided with information from Captivate. We look forward to showcasing the hard work of our St Andrew's students.

Mrs McMurrich and Miss Loesch
St Andrew's Captivate Coordinators

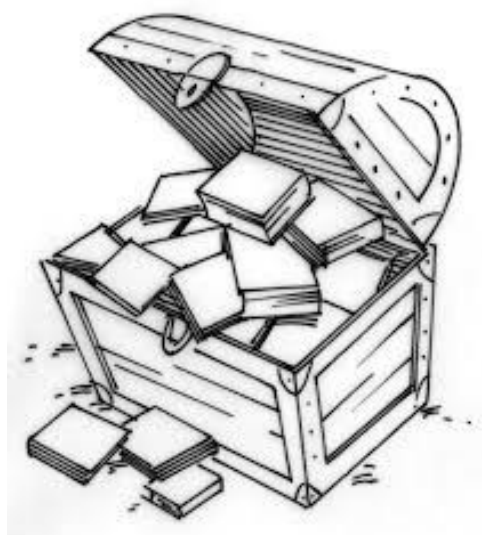
LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week 2018, 18th to 24th August

The theme for "Book Week" this year is:

'Find Your Treasure'

On Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd August, as part of our "Book Week" celebrations, the school will be visited by famous Australian children's illustrator Tony Murphy. In past years we have been visited by brilliant Authors /Illustrators who have amazed and inspired our students with their talents. This year Tony will be running 'Cartoon workshops' which are hands-on sessions inspiring students to draw, learn new skills and be creative. All students will walk away with guiding handouts from Tony and with art sheets as evidence that they are improving artists. We are all looking forward to this fun and educational activity.



TERM 3

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	July 23rd STUDENTS RETURN	24th Parish Mass Yr 3 100 days of kindergarten	25th Reconciliation Yr 6	26th	27th Pyjama Day Captivate Ensemble Rehearsal
2	30th Captivate Choir Rehearsal	31st 9am Parish Mass Yr 4	August 1st Reconciliation Yr5	2nd Year 6 Canberra	3rd Year 6 Canberra
3 Newsletter Week	6th 7pm P&F Meeting	7th	8th	9 th	10th 2:15 St Andrews Assembly Year 2
4	13th	14th Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival	15th 9:15 Assumption Mass	16th Dental Assessment K, 2, 4, 6 Voice of Youth	17th
5 Newsletter Week	20th Yr 4 Excursion to Maritime Museum Dress Rehearsal 9-2 Choir / Orchestra	21st BOOK WEEK CARTOONIST Tony Murphy 10am Kindy Liturgy of the Word 7pm Choir & Orchestra Performance	22nd BOOK WEEK CARTOONIST Tony Murphy	23rd BOOK WEEK CARTOONIST Tony Murphy Diocesan Athletics Carnival	24th
6	27th	28th 9am Parish mass Yr 1 Netball Gala Day	29th Reconciliation Yr 4	30th Father's Day Stall	31st Father's Day Stall 2:15 St Andrews Assembly Kindergarten
7 Newsletter Week	3rd	4th 9am Stage 3 Mass	5th	6th	7th
8	10th Fundraising Week	11th	12th Reconciliation Yr 3	13th	14th "Little Big Shots"
9 Newsletter Week	17th	18th 9am Parish Mass Yr 5 Disco Stage 3	19th 9am Stage 2 Mass Years 3 & 4 Disco Stage 2	20th Disco Infants	21st Year 5 Bathurst Excursion Year 1 Taronga Zoo 2:15 St Andrews Assembly Year 4
10	24th	25th 9am Parish Mass Yr 6	26th	27th	28th LAST DAY OF TERM

Voice of Youth public speaking competition

The Voice of Youth is an annual competition for Year 6 students which has been held in the Parramatta Diocese for the past 31 years. The contest is conducted so that children with a passion for public speaking have an opportunity to use this talent. Contestants select a topic that is important to them and are then required to prepare and deliver a speech.

All of our Year 6 students have delivered their speech and during the week. Next two finalists will be chosen to represent our school at the cluster final. These students will deliver their speeches along with students from other schools in our area. The cluster final will be held in our school hall next Thursday August 16, at 10am. All are welcome to attend.



ST ANDREW'S NINJA WARRIOR

Do you have what it takes to be a Ninja Warrior?

- 2018 Fundraiser -

During Week 8, SAPS will hold our annual fundraiser. This year it is a **NINJA WARRIOR FITNESS CHALLENGE COURSE!** Students will have the opportunity throughout Week 8 to complete various fitness challenges with their class group and once completed, they will be **A ST ANDREW'S NINJA WARRIOR!** The money raised will go towards **new playground equipment and SIEM resources.**

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!

Each child who raises **\$10 OR MORE** goes into the draw for **ONE** of **TWO BLOXELS KITS!**



ALSO: Each child who raises **\$50 OR MORE** receives a ticket to go into the draw to win:

Kinder - Bluebot Robot
Yr 1 & Yr 2 - Ozobot
Yr 3 & Yr 4 - Sphero
Yr 5 & Yr 6 - Drone



PLUS: The highest fundraiser from **each class** wins a ticket to the **VIP PIZZA PARTY** in **Week 10!**

★★ Forms will go home in Week 5 to start collecting sponsors ★★

What is it? I think it will be amazing? Curiosity climbs up my spine. Something is behind the pitch black sheets and vivid yellow tape. The sounds vibrate in my ear.

By Aisis

BANG! CLANK!

The door vibrates as the sounds ring in my ear. I imagine the space to eventually be used to place objects and hold meetings. It is confined and silent, so silent you could hear your blood rushing through your veins.

By Jeda

Caution

CRASH BANG BOOM!

Caution here caution there! The sound of construction, what could it be? Who, what, where, when, and why are the questions. Let's wait and see...

- Annastasia

The noise behind the door is mysterious.

What could it be?

Maybe a fantasy room or.... something else.

It might be a magical place.

The secret will be open to the school very soon.

What do you think it is? By Akshita

BOOM! BANG! CRASH! The noises have spiked my curiosity! What is behind the door? What are they doing in there? What will happen next?.....By Layla

BANG. CRASH. KA-BOOM. What is behind that door?

By: Hermione

Boom crash what is behind the mysterious door, nobody knows! Maybe there is a swimming pool under construction. Or could it be that there is a treasure....Jasmine

As I drew closer to the big black door, my heart skipped a beat. The sounds made me shiver to my fingertips. Behind this door may mortify you. The sounds boom, clank, screech -my minds thinks about what this place may hold...

By Zach

What is that? It bangs and crashes, pieces and pieces going everywhere. The sound gets faster and LOUDER! What is behind that spooky door?

By: Himani



BANG! CLANG! Behind this door, there were noises ringing through my ears then throughout my whole body making my blood rush... what could it be?

I imagine a room for one of our clubs at St Andrew's. The door has writing about point of view, so possibly a room for the writing club...?

Allanah

Student of the Week



K Blue	Brianna Carney	Malvyn Chaudhary
K Green	Jinal Kanbi	Ryan Kumar
K Red	Vicente Alaura	Ivy McCarthy
K Yellow	Zander Farag	Name Withheld
1 Blue	Micah Amosa	Zoe Herft
1 Green	George Marbina	Arshpreet Aujla
1 Red	Ion Taguding	Ellie Lorenzo
1 Yellow	Tehara Andradi	Grace Rana
2 Blue	Tutu Akinba	Summer Guillaumier
2 Green	Haylee Marks	Gabriel Bustos-Sabado
2 Red	Jairaj Arora	Melissa Eskander
3 Blue	Dion Abayakone	Rachel Hay
3 Green	Marley Chaudhary	Milania Hilmi
3 Red	Jasmine Cubillo	Harley Oakley
4 Blue	Noah Seymour	Daniel Forster
4 Green	Sean Ninte	Harrison Green
4 Red	Name Withheld	Name Withheld
5 Blue	Jayda Vakai	Sumogo Ambolo
5 Green	Tyrone Micallef	Isabella Cazar
5 Red	Rachel Laycock	Youssef Tannous
6 Blue	Aryan Rao	Isabella Saunders
6 Green	Liam Ison	Helen Zammit
6 Red	Himani Saravanan	Bridget Adigue
6 Yellow	Anthony George	Alisha Dong



Sport News

Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival

VENUE: Blacktown International Sports Park. Rooty Hill

DATE: Tuesday 14th August 2018

TIME: 8.00am start
(the Relays are the first event)

COST: NIL

FOOD: Canteen facilities are available.

Please note: There are no set recess or lunch breaks.

TRANSPORT: Parents will need to make their own arrangements for transporting their child to and from the venue.

St Andrew's Staff and Children wish all those attending success as they represent St Andrew's next week. Have fun and may the wind be beneath your feet and strength be in your arms.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniform Shop

From this term school uniforms can only be purchased online. There are uniform samples and fitting rooms available for viewing and fitting in the corridor leading into the canteen. This means that parents can select, fit and order uniforms Monday to Friday. Uniforms will be delivered to the office for your collection. If you don't have Internet access we will set up a computer in the area for your use.

St Andrew's Primary Uniform Orders are to be placed on the 'QKR' app. Please follow all instructions on the attached flyer to download the app and set up your account. No phone orders or messages will be accepted!



Delivery to the school will be every Monday and Wednesday during the school term free of charge and orders must be placed by 4pm Friday for Delivery on Monday and 4pm Tuesday for delivery on Wednesday.

Try on samples will be at the school for your convenience. Please try on the sizes before ordering to avoid disappointment.

Please choose carefully as we do not refund if you simply change your mind or make a wrong selection, however, we gladly exchange. Returned merchandise MUST be in its original condition with all tags still attached and accompanied by proof of purchase otherwise the exchange will not be honoured. Any item that has been worn will not be able to be exchanged. **Please email all swaps to elle@ozfashions.com.au**

Please note that Oz Fashions warehouse in Granville DOES NOT sell the St Andrew's Primary Uniform.

If you have any enquires please contact Elle elle@ozfashions.com.au or 0421 216 414

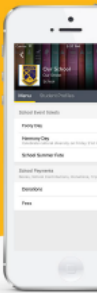
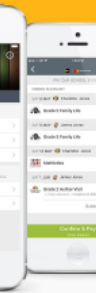
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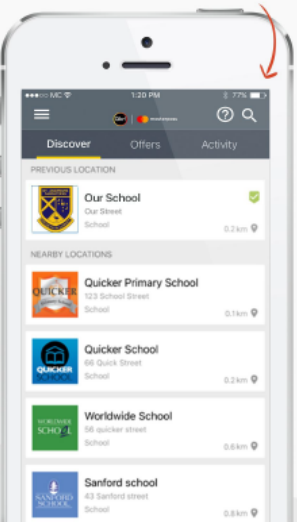
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Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.






Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Add your children's details in Student Profiles








Select 'Add student profile'

Add each child's details

Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

Purchase school items




Select a menu from our school

Select child you are ordering for

Select your items

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.

PARENTS AND CARERS

Dental Staff from Blacktown/ Mt Druitt Dental Hospital Clinics

Will be visiting your school to provide

Years Kindy, 2, 4, and 6

with a short talk regarding oral health information and diet advice plus a

Free Dental Check – Thursday 16th August

The Dental staff will bring portable dental chairs and lights. The dental clinician will use sterilised equipment and wear a new pair of latex free gloves for each child.

Consent forms will be sent home for each child and should be returned as soon as possible to the teacher with all questions completed. Ticked ***Yes or No*** and signed by the parent/ guardian.

Each student with the **fully completed consent form ticked Yes and signed by a parent** will be eligible to have a dental checkup. **(Please ensure all details such as Medicare number and date of birth are correct)**

A letter (result sheet) will be sent home with each child on the assessment day. This will indicate how the parent should follow-up the dental assessment.

Parents ***will not*** need to contact the dental clinic, *unless otherwise indicated on their result sheet*

The child's details will be entered onto the hospital computer data base and will remain confidential.

Treatment appointments will be offered on a prioritised basis and sent ***directly to the child's address***. Students with urgent treatment needs will be offered treatment appointments first.

Parents may choose to make an appointment with their Private Dentist if the result sheet indicates their child requires treatment.

Children from grades 1, 3, 5 will not be assessed at school.

Parents with children in Pre-school, Years 1, 3 & 5 or children suffering dental pain or trauma, may call the

Western Sydney Local Health District call centre on :

98456766



Free * dental care is available at NSW public dental clinics for all children under 18 years of age.

NSW Health suggests all children aged 0-18 have a Dental check up every 1 to 2 years and should have their teeth brushed twice a day

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Entertainment Book Fundraiser

Thankyou to all those families and friends who purchased a book or digital version of The Entertainment Book. We sold 32 copies and raised \$418.00.



Term 2 School Disco

School Disco in Term 2 raised \$2912.05



UPCOMING TERM 3 EVENTS

We have some events and fundraisers coming up this term. If you can help, please contact Maria on 0413180787 or the Event Team Leader.

Event: Father's Day stall

Team leader: Pauline Sultana

Week 6 - Thursday 30th August and Friday 31st August.

If you can help Pauline on either or both days, please contact her on 0412663649

Event: School Disco

Team Leader: Elissa Hooper

Theme: TBA

When: Week 9 – Tuesday 18th to Thursday 20th September.

More details to come.

Cheesy Melts

The P&F will continue to sell cheesy melts to the students at recess every Friday. Cheesy melts will be sold for 50c each. We welcome any parent helpers to come and help prepare and sell them. Contact Maria on 0413180787 if you can help.

TUCKSHOP2U

HEALTHY - AFFORDABLE - CONVENIENT

What is TUCKSHOP2U?

Tuckshop2U is an easy-to-use school lunch ordering service that delivers healthy, affordable and convenient lunches directly to schools.

Our mission is to prepare and deliver fresh and nutritious lunches that your child will look forward to eating!

Join Today!

With over 80 menu items to choose from, we're certain we can provide nutritious lunches that your child will look forward to eating!



Meal



Drink



Snack



Fruit



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Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps"; your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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Oakhill College Tour

We warmly invite all prospective students and families to attend an Oakhill College Tour on Thursday, 16 August 2018.

From 9.30am – 11.30am, the morning provides a great opportunity see how the College inspires students to aspire to greatness. Explore our beautiful grounds and facilities at the College and meet the Principal, Brother Steve Hogan. Visit <http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/book-a-tour/> to reserve your place or contact the Registrar on 9634 0802 for further information.

SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 2018
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