

NEWSLETTER



*Growing Caring,
Courageous and
Responsible minds*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Alisha Campbell

Hello St Andrews Families,

The end of a very long term one has come to a close. We have some exhausted students and staff who I know are looking forward to a sleep in or two over the next few weeks.

We have had lots of exciting things happen over the last few weeks.

Fire safety with Elly and Que

Our fire safety visits concluded last week with Elly and Que running a whole school scavenger hunt, the students responded really positively to this program and gained some insightful information about how to keep ourselves and loved ones fire safe.

Cultural day

On Wednesday the 30th of March our students participated in Japanese cultural day, it was led by Kerry who did an amazing job of organising this. Our students participated in taiko drumming, bento box making, Japanese film appreciation and craft. We had some wonderful parent helpers assisting the smooth running of the day.

Planning Day

While our students participated in cultural day our staff were released to map out their plan for term 2. We have some engaging and hands on experiences ready to implement including an inquiry unit delving into Indigenous perspectives. Our students will begin writing narratives which we hope to be able to share at the end of term at a special grandparents afternoon.

Incursion/Excursion term 2

On compass you will find a permission form for next terms incursion/excursion these programs will help ignite our students passion for Indigenous Perspectives which is our term 2 inquiry unit.

Incursion Tuesday 26th April 12:00-1:00

Aboriginal Culture whole school experience

Excursion Friday 29th 9:00-3:30

Whole school excursion to CERES

Michelle

Our wonderful Michelle is on leave for the first 6 weeks of term 2 having surgery on her foot. In the office on Tuesday will be Gabriella from Hurstbridge PS and on a Friday Meagan from Ashley Park PS, Sam will also be floating to assist.

Scholastic Book Club

This term our scholastic book club raised \$400 this will go towards the continual updating of our library books. The next catalogue will arrive early next term. All ordering is easily done online via the [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Simply sign up with your email address

Select St Andrews Primary School
Pick your child's class: p/1/2 or 3/4/5/6

and submit their order

books usually arrive within 2 weeks

UPCOMING DATES

Anzac Day public holiday

Monday April 25th

First Day of term 2

Tuesday April 26th

Cultural Incursion

Tuesday April 26th 12:00-1:00

Whole school CERES excursion

Friday April 29th 9:00-3:25

SAVE THE DATE ST ANDREWS FESTIVAL SATURDAY OCTOBER 22ND

STEM UPDATE

We started our final run to the end of the term this week with a focus on people and the community. We looked at how we can promote community in our society. The P-2s designed their ultimate play space using their knowledge of other people and practicing user-based design. The 3-4s explored how to use google maps to map an area of the school and then think about how they might improve/adjust the space to promote public use of the space. The Grade 5/6s thought about how to design a event, community hall or other gathering area to enhance community connectedness! We also finished up with Rob from orienteering this week. The kids have had a blast with him and were out doing some freestyle map placement and individual navigating, showing how much they've learned over the term!



OSHC

Next term our wonderful Rhiannon will have her teaching placement and will be unable to supervise our before and aftercare program for weeks 2,3 and 4 of term. In order to be able to keep the program running our staff have rallied together to cover the afternoon hours.

The after care timetable is attached, a massive thank you to Tyler and Tracey for giving up their time to supervise.

To book before or aftercare during this time please continue to use the OSHC phone 0427 245 921 or call our office.

Unfortunately we can not commit to the morning care timetable until our new acting Principal is in place, there is usually someone at the school by 8:00am so if you need an early drop off please contact the school and we will try to assist as best we can. There will be no charge for this early supervision.

Please be mindful of late minute bookings and cancellations to assist us in the smooth running of the program

We will endeavour to fill Rhiannon's shoes while she is away and keep up the high quality care she provides.

We thank you for your support

Aftercare timetable

Week 2 term 2				
Monday 2nd	Tuesday 3rd	Wednesday 4th	Thursday 5th	Friday 6th
Tracey	Tyler	Tracey	Tyler	Tracey
Week 2 term 3				
Monday 9th	Tuesday 10th	Wednesday 11th	Thursday 12th	Friday 13th
Tracey	Alisha	Tracey	Tyler	Tracey
Week 2 term 4				
Monday 16th	Tuesday 17th	Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19th	Friday 20th
Tracey	Tyler	Tracey	Tyler	Tracey

TERM DATES

TERM TWO @ STAPS

Come along, celebrate our student's learning and join in the fun!

ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL - Tuesday 26th April

Cultural Incursion- Tuesday 26th April 12:00-1:00

CERES excursion- Friday 29th April 9:00-3:25

Resilience Project Staff PD (all teaching staff offsite: Alisha and CRT's onsite)- Tuesday 10th May

Mother's Day Men Shed Project- Monday 2nd May-Friday 6th May

Naplan: all years 3 and 4 this will take place from Tuesday 10th May-13th of May

School review validation day- Wednesday 25th May

Bunnings pot plant excursion- Wednesday 2nd June

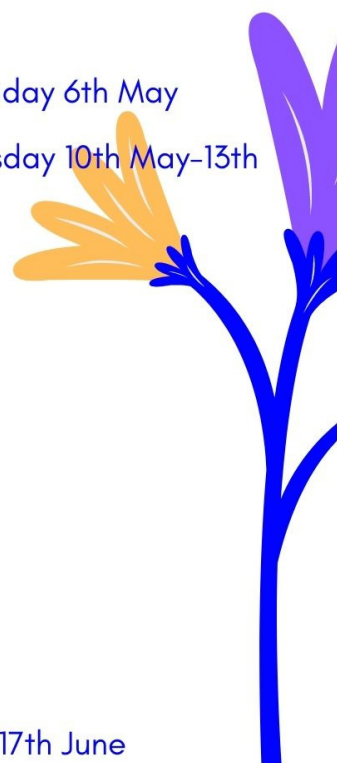
Final Review Day Thursday 9th June

Queens Birthday Public Holiday- Monday 13th June

Last Day term 2- Friday 24th June 2:25 finish

Assemblies - Friday 6th and 20th May, Friday 3rd and 17th June

School Council- Tuesday 10th May and Tuesday 14th June



ISS FIXTURE

DATE-ROUND		FIXTURE
29/4	1	BYE
6/5	2	Strathewen/StAndrews vs Kangaroo Ground at home
13/5	3	Panton Hill vs Strathewen/StAndrews at Panton Hill
20/5	4	Arthur's Creek vs Strathewen/StAndrews at Arthurs Creek
27/5	5	Strathewen/StAndrews v Wattle Glen at home
3/6	6	BYE
10/6	7	Strathewen/StAndrews vs Panton Hill at home
17/6	8	Kangaroo Ground vs Strathewen/StAndrews at Kangaroo ground
24/6	9	Strathewen/StAndrews vs Arthur's Creek at home



RAT TESTING

The Victorian Government has announced it is extending the RAT screening program for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Thank you to all students and families who have played their role in regularly testing – we know that hasn't been easy.

* Mainstream schools – recommended to test at home twice a week

Testing kits have been sent home for the first week of term 2, we ask that all families complete this either the Monday night before returning to school on the Tuesday or Tuesday morning.

Further testing kits will be made available to you next term. If you do not have enough tests to complete week 1 of term 2 please contact the school and we can make these available to you.

ENROLMENT 2023 AT STAPS

At STAPS we are on a bit of an enrolment BLITZ trying to share with our community all that is great about St Andrews and why they should choose our school to send their child. Hopefully you have seen our wonderful billboard in Hurstbridge and a few of our promotional posters.

Ingrid has very creative and kindly put together for us some postcard sized advertisements that you will soon see around our community.

Terhi is a website whiz and will quietly work in the background to update our website to make it current and relevant, if you haven't been on recently it is definitely worth a look.
<https://www.standrewsps.vic.edu.au/>

The dedication and assistance from our parents to help increase our enrolments is wonderful and I feel like all the amazing things that STAPS has to offer is being showcased and word of mouth is spreading.



ENROLMENT 2023 AT STAPS



St Andrews
Primary School

GROWING THE WHOLE CHILD



HEART

A warm, loving and secure environment which values staff, student and families wellbeing.

HEAD



Our curriculum design is based on the latest theory and research on best practices in teaching and learning.



HANDS

A hands on curriculum where our students are encouraged to explore and inquire in their learning.

COMMUNITY



A community where all parents, children and staff work together towards common goals.



INDIVIDUALISED

Learning programs tailored to students individual needs and prioritising small group sizes so no child is left behind.

CREATIVITY



An arts-rich education which develops students individual creativity and self-expression.

ENROL NOW - CALL 9710 1255



SMILE SQUAD

All children deserve a healthy smile and the Smile Squad are coming to St Andrews Primary to help make sure this happens.

Smile Squad is a \$321.9 million Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian public primary and secondary school students.

The friendly Smile Squad dental team will visit St Andrews Primary soon to conduct a free annual dental health examination for every student and provide free follow up treatment as needed.

What do parents need to do?

We just need you to provide consent. Please read and sign the consent forms that came home with your child and return them to the classroom teacher.

The Smile Squad team will then check your child's teeth and mouth and show them how to keep their teeth healthy and strong. They will also provide any preventive services you have consented for. If your child needs more treatment, the Smile Squad will contact you.

Who is Smile Squad?

The bright orange Smile Squad vans are staffed by experienced oral health therapists, dental therapists, dental assistants and dentists. They all have lots of experience treating children and a passion for improving their oral health – for life.

Learn more about the Smile Squad by visiting www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au or contact the team at smilesquad@dhs.vic.gov.au.



CELEBRATION DAY FOR GIRLS



A Celebration Day for Girls™



What do all mothers want for their daughters as they approach puberty and the threshold of womanhood?

- that they know that what is happening is normal
- that they are educated and informed well
- that they are supported and affirmed by all around them
- that they are given varied opportunities to ask questions and explore how they feel about their changing bodies

Menarche (a girl's first period) is a defining moment in this transition and **A Celebration Day For Girls** honours this unique aspect of being a young woman.

We want our girls to cherish their bodies, feel positive about who they are, and build resilience for the many challenges they will face as they grow to adulthood.

With fun activities, lively discussion, and the sharing of stories and ritual, this will be a significant and memorable day for both mothers and daughters.

"I really loved the open and gentle way everything was explained to my daughter. She came away so well informed and empowered too. It was a great experience."

"This year I had the most beautiful experience with my daughter. I wasn't sure what to expect from the day and initially wasn't too keen to attend, however once I attended the mother information session prior I was convinced this was an important step in our relationship as she enters womanhood. Kath's gentle approach, her humour and ability to engage the girls was exceptional. My daughter and I had an opportunity to share each other's strengths in a moving and emotional event in which I believe has made us closer than ever. Since the workshop my girl has entered Womanhood and embraces the changes in her body and understands the physical, psychological and emotional impact it has on her as a whole. I would encourage every mother and daughter to take the time to participate and share the day."

Sunday 1st May 2022 10am - 4.00pm
(Mothers Meeting Thursday 28th April 7.00-9.00pm)
Where: St Andrews Primary School

15 Caledonia Street St Andrews

Cost: \$165

Enquiries & Bookings: Kath Callinan-Moore 0438 802 379
kathcmoore61@gmail.com



About your facilitator:
Kath is a women's health physiotherapist, ante-natal educator and mother of four.



She has facilitated
A Celebration Day For Girls for the past 7 years and also presents the companion workshop:
Fathers Celebrating Daughters.
celebrationdayforgirls.com

KNITTING CLUB



Presents...

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Christmas Hills Primary School is running a **FREE** knitting club in Term 2, 2022. This opportunity is designed for and offered to small schools of the North East of Melbourne. This inclusive group aims to give children the tools (knitting needles and yarn provided) and skills to knit their own item. Each child needs a supervising adult. Afternoon tea provided.

Email to secure your place. Limited spaces available.

christmas.hills.ps@education.vic.gov.au

AUS KICK



**Auskick at Panton Hill oval starts
Saturday April 30, 8.30-10am.
Register at play.AFL/auskick
Enquiries - Chris 0422604988**

**NAB AFL Auskick is the best way to introduce
kids to Aussie Rules Football! It's all about fun,
getting hands on the ball and constantly
being involved in exciting activities.**

**Auskick offers an inclusive environment for
everyone aged 5 – 12 at any skill level to play.**

HURSTBRIDGE HURRICANES BASKETBALL



BEGINNERS CLINIC FOR AGES 5-8
APRIL 29 / MAY 6 / MAY 13
4.30PM - 5.30PM
WWW.HURSTBRIDGEHURRICANES.COM

BALANCE GYM HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Balance Gymnastics

Over the Easter break, Balance Gymnastics and Fitness Centre will be running a gymnastics Holiday programme from **Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022**. These classes will be run by our qualified staff and they will be on the floor at all times to supervise. Children will learn the fundamentals of gymnastics and these classes are suitable for children from 2-5 years of age. **Children 3 and under need to have parent supervision. Bookings preferred, this will help guarantee you a place. \$20 per child Structured & \$15 Free Play**

STRUCTURED HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Tuesday	12th	April, 2022	11am-12.00pm
Thursday	14th	April, 2022	11am-12.00pm
Friday	15th	April, 2022	CLOSED
Monday	18th	April, 2022	CLOSED
Wednesday	20th	April, 2022	11am-12.00pm
Friday	22nd	April, 2022	11am-12.00pm

FREE PLAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday	11th	April, 2022	11am-12:00pm
Wednesday	13th	April, 2022	11am-12:00pm
Tuesday	19th	April, 2022	11am-12.00pm
Thursday	21st	April, 2022	11am-12.00pm

****BRING A DRINK BOTTLE****

We are also running a gymnastics Holiday programme for primary school aged children from 5-12 years of age. These classes are a combination of structured and non structured but supervised, children are able to choose their activities. **Parents will not be allowed on the floor with the children and bookings preferred, this will help guarantee you a place. \$25 per child Structured & \$20 Free Play**

STRUCTURED HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Tuesday	12th	April, 2022	12.30-2.00pm
Thursday	14th	April, 2022	12.30-2.00pm
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Easter Holidays 2022

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