

NEWSLETTER



*Growing Caring,
Courageous and
Responsible minds*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Brad Ryan

Hello St Andrews Families,

My name is Brad Ryan and I am very excited to be joining the St Andrews Primary School community in the role of Acting Principal. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the students, staff and parent community throughout this week and I look forward to getting to know everyone much better during week 2.

Firstly, I would like to thank and congratulate Alisha Campbell for the wonderful job she has done in her role as Acting Principal. Alisha's leadership has been commendable and definitely steered St Andrews Primary in the right direction. I look forward to continuing the hard work that Alisha and the staff team have been doing to ensure the STAPS students continue to be courageous, responsible and caring learners. Alisha and I did a big hand over this week and the organisation and support will help me in ensuring we continue the great work that is already happening at STAPS. We thank Alisha and wish her all the best for her new Principal position.

Next, a little about myself. I have been a Leading Teacher at Greenhills Primary School in Greensborough for the past 8 years. In that role I have focused on coaching teachers, leading professional learning and targeting teaching to student's needs. I pride myself on the relationships I build with students, staff and the school community

I am passionate about providing every student with the best possible learning opportunity and ensuring that every student improves and achieves success. The schools I have worked in previously have all been tight school communities. I value the partnership between the school and families in supporting the development of our students, which I have already seen evident at STAPS. I am a passionate sports fan and AFL tragic (Brisbane Lions supporter) and can be found on local tennis courts reliving my youth regularly.

Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome to St Andrews Primary School and I look forward to an exciting week 2!

Here is my email address to contact me and please don't hesitate to come up and say hello.
bradley.ryan@education.vic.gov.au

NAPLAN

Naplan starts for Grade 3 and 5 students on Tuesday 10th May. Students will complete 4 assessments online (numeracy, reading, writing and spelling, grammar and punctuation). If you are choosing for your child to be withdrawn from Naplan for personal reasons, can you please contact Brad by Thursday 5th May.

CERES Excursion

Some excited students and staff went on an excursion to CERES today. Stay tuned for the next newsletter for more information.

Men's Shed

Thank you to the Men's Shed volunteers who came out Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon this week and worked with our students. What the students built was amazing and we look forward to the creations coming home soon. Thanks again to all the volunteers, the kids loved it!

UPCOMING DATES

Come and Try Art @ St Andrews Primary School

With Jen - 11:45am - 12:30pm (come down to the office)

Assembly

Friday 6th May 3:00pm

Inter-School Sport

Friday 6th May - Home against Kangaroo Ground

Resilience Project PD

Teaching staff attending Tuesday 10th May

School Council Meeting

Tuesday 10th May - Zoom

Inter-School Sport

Friday 13th May

Election @ St Andrews PS

Saturday 21st May - BBQ fundraiser (stay tuned for volunteer information)

SAVE THE DATE
ST ANDREWS FESTIVAL
STAURDAY OCTOBER 22ND

EXCURSION FUN AT CERES – FRIDAY 29TH APRIL



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL

JUNIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome Back to Term 2,

Here's some of what's coming up:

In Literacy, we will be exploring narrative writing, learning how to develop characters, settings and conflict resolution. We will also continue to learn about constructing good sentences, with capital letters, full stops and interesting connecting words. Our Reading focus is on broadening our recognition of sounds and their spellings. Preps will be learning the single letter sounds of the alphabet while Grade 1/2 students will learn more two letter sounds and continue reading these in books of gradually increasing complexity.

In Numeracy, we will be shifting our focus from properties of 2D and 3D shapes to units of measurement. This involves some hands on work with length, mass, volume and capacity. We will continue to work on our addition strategies and start to connect these to subtraction skills.

For Inquiry this term, we will be learning more about Indigenous Perspectives. Our unit started with a fantastic whole school cultural experience incursion yesterday and an excursion to CERES Community Environment Park on Friday.

In Wellbeing, we are continuing with the lessons from The Resilience Project and weaving some lessons on the Zones of Regulation, helping our students identify how they are feeling and what tools they might use calm down or create an energy boost.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at jennifer.birch@education.vic.gov.au

Kind Regards,
Jen Birch
Junior Classroom Teacher

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome Back to Term 2,

This term is shaping up to be rather jam-packed with amazing activities and opportunities.

- In Literacy, we will be exploring narrative writing, as well as taking a closer look at the mechanics of writing so that we can improve our use of punctuation and increase our sentence complexity. We will also be continuing on with our targeted reading groups and individual learning goals.
- In Numeracy, we will be moving on from our shape unit and begin our new topic on units of measurement. Furthermore, for our number focus we will continue to work on our addition strategies and start to develop our subtraction skills.

For Inquiry this term, we will be starting our new topic on Indigenous Perspectives. Our unit starts with a fantastic whole school cultural experience incursion today and an excursion to CERES Community Environment Park on Friday. Hopefully the students find our unit this term just as exciting as last term!

Starting next Friday, the whole of the senior class will also be taking part in Interschool Sport. Our three sporting options this term will be; football, netball and T-ball. At this stage we won't need parent helpers to help with lifts to and from away games but we will send out a Compass notice if this changes.

One last note, we will have NAPLAN this term for our year 3 and 5's. If you wish to withdraw your child from partaking in any of the NAPLAN testing, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at tyler.ellis@education.vic.gov.au

Warm Regards,
Tyler Ellis
Senior Classroom Teacher

JAPANESE

Konnichiwa!

This term, students at STAPs will continue to explore Japanese culture and language in fun and engaging ways.

The theme for Japanese in the Junior class is Fruit, comparing fruit in Japan and Australia, learning fruit vocabulary and adjectives to describe the fruit. They will discover the Japanese sweet Fruitsu Sando (Fruit Sandwich). By the end of term, I hope the Junior students will be able to run a Fruit Juice Stall.

Senior students will complete the Traditional Patterns unit, comparing the meanings of Japanese and Indigenous Australian patterns, before designing their own pattern for a surfboard/skateboard/basketball and describing it in Japanese. Following on from this, the theme will be Japanese Curry, looking at ingredients, recipes and making oishii (delicious) Karee (curry). I hope the Senior students will be able to run a Japanese Curry restaurant by the end of term.

Stay tuned for invitations to these events at the end of the term.

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me at kerry.barrett@education.vic.gov.au .

Regards,

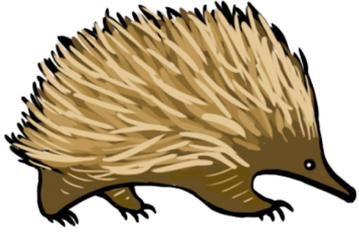
Kerry Barrett
Japanese Sensei

STEM

Hello all you wonderful STAPS community!

This term in S.T.E.M. we'll be looking at Medical careers in S.T.E.M. and the thinking involved in crises management. We'll be exploring mock scenarios and learning some strategies to sequentially step through our action plans for a crises. The P-2s will mainly focus on medical careers and what they might look like. We'll explore the roles of a Doctor, Paramedic, 000 Operator and a scientist. So if you have anyone in those careers who'd like to chat to the kids about their role please reach out and let us know. The Grade 3-6s will concentrate on how to think like a crises responder and forming action plans during a crises. Hopefully we'll come home with some more knowledge on what to do if a wacky event happens!

Warm regards,
Chanaka Ruwandeniya



Come and Try St Andrews Primary School

Is your child starting school in 2023?

St Andrews Primary would love for you to come and try our school, meet our staff and experience what our amazing school has to offer.

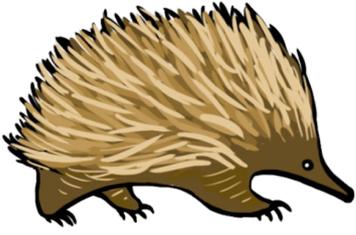


Come and Try
Art with Jen

Wednesday 4th
May
11:45-12:30

Call to book your
place
9710 1255

For further details call 9710 1255 or visit our website
<https://www.standrewsps.vic.edu.au>



School Tours

This term our Principal Brad is offering personal tours of our school.

To make a booking please call 9710 1255

or email bradley.ryan@education.vic.gov.au



Some of our key characteristics:

- A community driven and inclusive school with welcoming and friendly atmosphere
- Child-centred learning - focus on the whole student as an individual
- Supportive and aspirational
- Real learning as the basis of teaching

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.

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

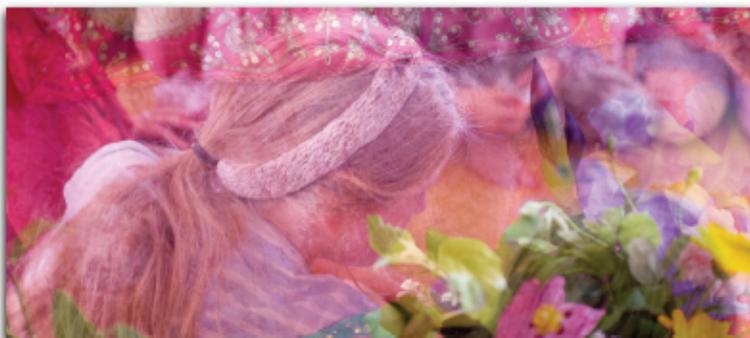
"I really loved the open and gentle way everything was explained to my daughter. She came away so well informed and empowered too. It was a great experience."

"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."

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

