

NEWSLETTER



*Growing Caring,
Courageous and
Responsible minds*



Congratulations Harry!

Harry made it through to the Regional Cross Country competition. In a huge effort, he finished an amazing 15th. He commented that his legs were exhausted. You did us all proud Harry!

UPCOMING DATES

Play Group -

Open every Thursday from 9:30 till 11am. Bring a coffee and your children and meet some of our wonderful community. Rhiannon is running activities from 9:30 till 10:30am

Inter-School Sport

Friday 10th June versus Panton Hill @ home

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 13th June

School Council Meeting

Tuesday 14th June 4pm (on Zoom)

Pupil Free Day -

Whole Staff Professional Development Day -
Wednesday 15th June

Inter-School Sport

Friday 17th June versus Kangaroo Ground @ away

Come and try STAPS -

Friday 17th June @ 12:45pm with Jen

SAVE THE DATE
ST ANDREWS FESTIVAL
SATURDAY OCTOBER 22ND

Hello St Andrews Families,

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Brad Ryan

Some highlights of the week

I have continued to be amazed by what our students at STAPS have been doing. A highlight for me has been reading some wonderful stories from our students. The writing is amazing and I have no doubt that we have some future authors currently with us. The teachers here have done an amazing job to develop a love of reading at STAPS. This is showcased throughout our reading sessions, with students engaged in books that interest them and also are a good fit. It has been fantastic to see students receiving their certificates of achievement for their home reading. Evidence shows that this has the biggest impact on students learning, so keep encouraging and supporting your child with their reading at home.

Our students

One thing that can sometimes be taken for granted at our school is the exceptional behaviour of our students. I say this because every day we have so many examples of our students demonstrating excellent choices, switched on in their learning and taking care of each other. This shows that our values of courage, caring and responsible are not simply something written on our walls, they are alive and actioned at our school each day.

Well done to all of our students who accept and include all, try their best, work together, share, look at things from others points of view and keep persisting.

School Review

Our Final School Review Day was held Thursday 9th June. It was a chance for the panel to review feedback from students, teachers and parents, review data, discuss observations and look at the strengths and areas of opportunity for the school. From this day, our next 4 year strategic plan will be developed. This will drive school planning around our schools next steps, goal setting and yearly targets.

PPD Day - 15th June (Pupil Free Day)

The Professional Practice Day is a chance for teachers to work together to plan, assess and moderate learning. This time is given to support teacher workload and support our teachers in providing quality learning experiences for our students. To support this and allow our staff to work together, it is a School Council approved pupil free day.

Library Building Project

Over the next few weeks, we will have some workers onsite updating the Library, to ensure it is fire prepared.

Our First 2023 Enrolment!

Congratulations to Hendrick who was our first Prep enrolment for 2023! We are so excited to see what he can do at STAPS. What a legend!



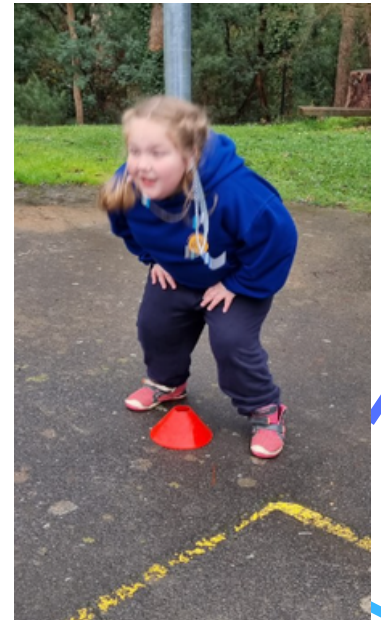
BUNNINGS INCURSION – THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

Bunnings Mernda came out to our school on Thursday 2nd June to help brighten up our old wooden bin tubs that are scattered around the school. They talked to us about plants and what different types of plants need to grow. They showed us how to look after a plant and you will see the great results around the school. It was a lot of time and we thank Mernda Bunnings for not only donating the equipment including plants and soil but also for donating their time and energy in supporting our Grade 3-6 community.



SPORT UPDATE

Indigenous games was the focus of sport last week! We played a few indigenous games to embrace the spirit of reconciliation week and they were incredibly fun. Kal boming was a traditional fire game where players had to protect a grass tree set on fire from other players who try to stamp it out. We swapped fire out for a mattress and it was a “protect the island game”. Another popular game we played was Garumba where students tested their might against on another to push each other over the line. This week was a fitness circuit where we got into some different home exercises we can do without much equipment.



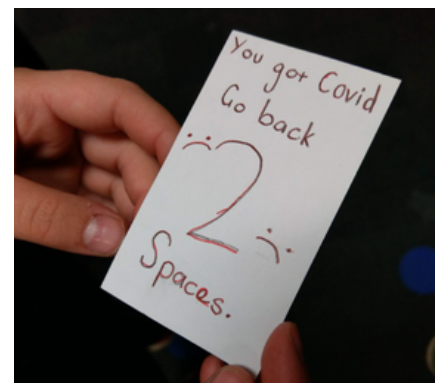
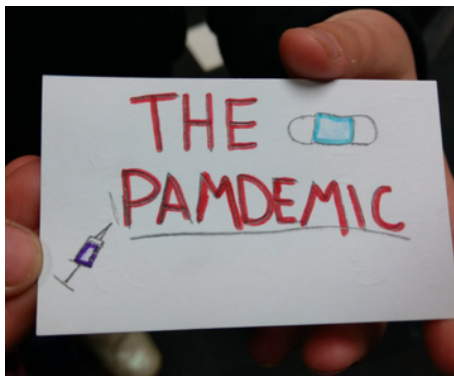
SPORT UPDATE

This week in sport we did some more ball sports skills. The students had a crack at practicing the way they throw and timing for hitting the ball with a bat. The younger kids had a crack at beginner rounders as a class and working towards playing the full game. The Grade 3-6s played a full game of rounders and we learned all about the importance of being mindful when touching the bases.



STEM UPDATE

This week we focused on life as a research scientist. We learned about different diseases that scientists have helped prevent and cure over time. The Prep-2s had an exploration into what a virus and an antibody do and made their own viruses and antibodies. The Grade 3-6s investigated a famous disease and explored how they work as well as how they were cured. After that, they made a board game based on these diseases to highlight how they work and test their knowledge of them. Some of the ideas were absolutely brilliant!





The Nillumbik **PARENTING HUB**

Cyber and Social Media Safety for Teens

Join YSafe for a parent education session on cyber and social media safety for young people.

This session will provide real-world and relevant information that can be implemented immediately to promote a safer online environment.

This online session will cover:

- Insights into popular social media platforms
- Managing cyber bullying
- Screen time recommendations
- Online Gaming
- Practical steps for setting up a cyber safe home.

Registration also includes access to YSafe's Cyber Safety Hub for 12 months.

This session is suitable for parents, carers and grandparents of teenagers and young adults.

Key Details:

Date: Tuesday 21 June 2022

Time: 7-8pm

Location: Online (via Zoom)

Cost: \$5 (free for concession card holders)

To secure a booking please visit:

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Explore/Events-and-festivals/Events-calendar/Cyber-and-Social-Media-Safety-for-Teens

For further information please contact:

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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

Friday June 17th
12:45-1:30pm

**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



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 5 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

Professional Practice Day (Pupil Free Day) - Wednesday 15th 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 17th May and Tuesday 14th June

