

NEWSLETTER



*Growing Caring,
Courageous and
Responsible minds*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Alisha Campbell

Hello St Andrews Families,

We have had an incredibly smooth start to term 1.

Our focus this year is on learning growth and developing our students emotional toolkits. Having small differentiated literacy and maths groups has really allowed us to target the learning needs of all our students, by determining what they don't know and teaching them next steps we are ensuring no child is left behind.

Our resilience program is well underway and our students have had the chance to meet Hugh van Cuylenburg and begin learning about gratitude empathy and mindfulness techniques.

Parent information night

Thank you to the families who were able to make it to our information night we hope this gave you a clear picture of what we are hoping to achieve this year and the structures, processes and programs we have in place to help us.

Working Bee

We have a working bee happening on Sunday from 8am, pushed out on compass is a visual of the different jobs that we require your assistance with. I will be on the BBQ cooking bacon and egg sandwiches for our hard workers.

Scholastic Book Club

We had a wonderful uptake of book purchasing for our first catalogue and these should all be handed out soon.

All ordering is done online via the scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Simply sign up, select our school, and your child's class p/1/2 or 3/4/5/6.

Football

It has been so wonderful to see our students participating in an AFL clinic the last 2 weeks during PE, they have had an amazing time developing their ball handling skills.

Playgroup

Is happening every Thursday morning from 9:30-11:00 operating out of our multipurpose room. This is a parent led service and we encourage all our families and community to utilise this.

To keep up to date please visit our playgroup Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/520970038074255/?ref=share>

Music Lessons and band

These started this week and the student enthusiasm has been overwhelming. It is wonderful to see our bands working and supporting each other. Jayden is looking forward to seeing what they can achieve this year

UPCOMING DATES

Come and try STAPS

Monday 28th February 11:30 with Jen
Friday 4th March 9:15 with Chan
Wednesday 9th March 11:30 Japanese with Kerry

Pancake Day

Tuesday 1st March

Assembly

Friday 4th March 3:00pm with our p/1/2 class leading

Yarra Valley Water incursion

Friday 4th March in STEM with Chan

Curriculum Day:

Friday 11th March



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SCHOOL COUNCIL

On February 15th we had our first school council meeting for 2022.

Our School councillors for this year are:

Chan Ruwandeniya- staff
Michelle Commerford- business manager
Alisha Campbell Principal
Robert Powers- President
Theo Vouthas- Vice President
Laura Wells- Treasurer
Ingrid Oosterhuis
Gabriel Baldessin
Jane Mcleish
Tegan Bailey

We ratified several policies which can be found updated on our website
<https://www.standrewsps.vic.edu.au/about>

School council was also presented with this years annual improve plan which can also be found on our website and outlines out main goals and actions for this year.

A lot of our discussion at our meeting centred around enrolments for 2023, from this we formed a small sub committee which met this week to put some ideas and planning forward. We are hoping to utilise social media, real estate board and community word of mouth to spread the positive messages about St Andrews Primary School in the hope of increasing our enrolment numbers. We value feedback from all our families so if you do have any ideas we would love to hear them.

We would also encourage you to share our social media publicity in the hopes of reading a wide audience.

The school council and PFA have a lot that we want to achieve this year, if you have any time to assist in fundraising and events we would love you to join our PFA team.

SILENT AUCTION/PUB NIGHT

A massive effort has gone into putting together our term 1 family event which will take place tonight. We will have the opportunity to come together as a community and bid on some wonderful donations that have been provided to our school. Funds raised from our fundraising this year will go towards:

Subsiding school band

New literacy and numeracy teaching resources and gardens and grounds.

The STAPS community would like to thank

Rachel Powers

Ingrid Oosterhuis

Camilla Tadich

Maya Fitton

Jane McLeish

Sarah Buelow

For their amazing hard work in bringing this all together.

St Andrews Primary School

Raffle and Silent Auction Fundraiser

Friday 25th Feb, 5 – 9pm

St Andrews Hotel

Last bids 8pm



How to bid: Book a table at the pub, come along & bid

Can't make it? Scan the QR code, which takes you to our Facebook page, send message with name, contact number, lot # and maximum bid

Thank you to our amazing community for your donations and support



Lot # 1

Deidre the Dragonfly
welded metal sculpture
(handmade & priceless)
(reserve \$150)



Lot # 2

Antique Perennials
tray of 12 plants
(\$160 value)



Lot # 3

St Andrews Hotel
Meal voucher & alcohol
hamper
(\$100 value)



Lot # 4 A & B
St Andrews Water

Cartage
water cartage #1
(\$200 value)

water cartage #2
(\$200 value)



Lot # 5

GP Tilt Tray Services
\$150 worth of towing



Lot # 6

Valley Rural
\$250 voucher
donated by
Halls Funerals



Lot # 7 A & B

A local Baker
\$50 voucher #1

\$50 voucher #2



Lot # 8

Nikki's Organic Fruit
& Veg
\$50 voucher



Lot # 9

Boy Named Sue
\$50 dinner voucher #1
& bottle of Punch
wine



Lot # 10

Boy Named Sue
\$50 dinner voucher #2



Lot # 11

Hurstbridge fine meats
& Provision
\$80 voucher



Lot # 12

Under the Picke Tree
\$100 meal voucher



Lot # 13

Kinglake Distillery
500ml Single Malt
Whisky
(\$100 value)



Lot # 14

Four Pillars Gin
Bottle of Gin
(\$70 value)

JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY

On Wednesday March 30th we will be having a Japanese Cultural Day this will involve a Japanese Taiko Workshop

'Taiko' is a Japanese drum.

As part of Japanese, all students at STAPS are invited to attend the Japanese Taiko Workshop.

Through this energetic and hands-on workshop, students will learn how to play the Taiko, the importance of teamwork and manners, and a little bit of Japanese language.

Kiyomi Sensei is a very engaging and experienced teacher of Taiko.



On this day we will also be making bento boxes, watching paper plans and participating in a paper plane competition.

STEM

Our second week back in S.T.E.M. and we chatted about how we can use our three types of thinking in any given S.T.E.M. session. We started our first challenge for the Term and looked at researching water. The Prep -2s had a look at how to conduct an experiment to measure water loss through evaporation and how liquids change to gas. The 3-4s investigated principles of experiments and thought about how to design an experiment so it's fair. The 5-6s investigated how plants take and use water so they can develop an effective water distributor for the plants next week. We had a lot of fun with the water syringes and found out how much water can evaporate from a cup on a hot day!



FOOTBALL HAPPY SNAPS



FIRE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Our 5/6 students are very fortunate this term to be able to participate in a fire safety program ran by Q a CFA member and one of our Grandparents and Elly a project officer with the community Based Bushfire Management team in the Department of Environment. The program hopes to educate our students on the risks of living in a high fire danger area, encouraging them to think proactively about ways of reducing and managing the risk

They will participate in 4 lessons:

Lesson 1) Will cover CFA and fire trucks

- What does CFA/FFMV stand for
- What do they do?
- Who can join?
- Why would you call them?
- How would you call them?
- Truck Specific:
- What is it called?
- How many crew can it carry?
- What do they all do?
- How much water does they tank hold?
- What tools and equipment do you think they carry?

Lesson 2) Will cover FDI ratings and demonstrate how to use:

- Fuel moisture meters
- McArthur Wheels
- -Large FDI signs

Lesson 3) Will cover Fire Ecology + Indigenous Burning

Lesson 4) Will cover Mapping

- Maps
- Compasses
- GPSs

We are hoping our students will then use the knowledge they have gained from these lessons and prepare something to showcase in our community

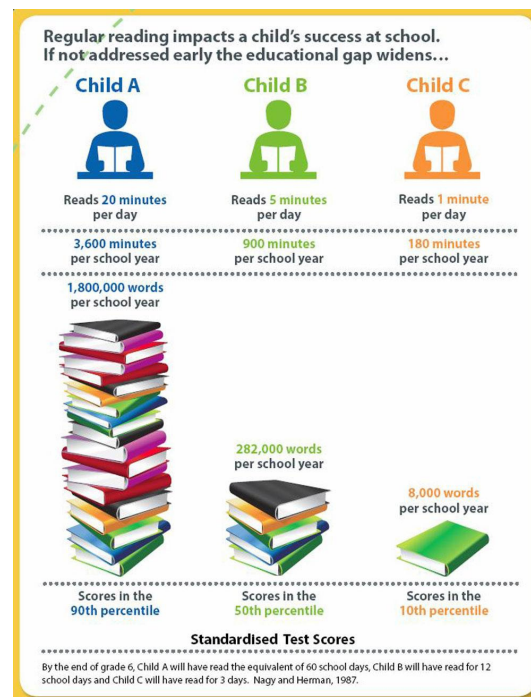


HOME READING AT STAPS

Each of our students has been given a take home diary. This is a place for our students to record their nightly reading.

In primary school research suggests that the biggest impact on student success at school is how often they read/are read to at home. 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference. If a student reads 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear 1.8 million words per year.

To encourage our students to read each night we are going to award milestone certificates at assembly for when they reach 50 nights, 100 nights, 200 nights of reading!



RESILIENCE PROJECT

MONDAY 15
Draw an emoji to describe how you are feeling today! Why are you feeling this way?

TUESDAY 16
What are you looking forward to most tomorrow?

WEDNESDAY 17
Tomorrow you're to do a random act of kindness for someone. Write down what you plan on doing. Don't forget, because tomorrow's question will be about the act of kindness. Good luck!

THURSDAY 18
What emotion did you feel after doing your random act of kindness? Draw the face.

FRIDAY 19
Think of someone very special in your life. It could be a family member or a friend. What is your favourite thing about this person?

What is your happiest memory with this person?

JANUARY 21

MON 18

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TUE 19

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WED 20

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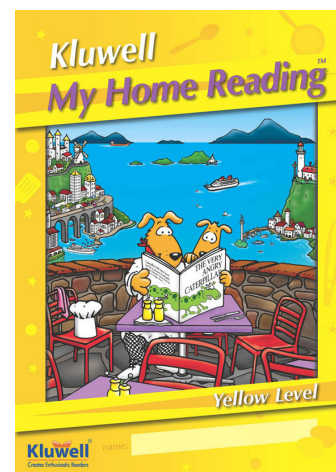
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SPELLING AT STAPS

This year we are implementing the sound waves spelling program.

Sound Waves Spelling follows a logical and thorough scope and sequence. The program is organised around the 43 phonemes (sounds) of Australian English and the graphemes (a letter or letter combination) used to represent them in written language. Instruction builds from Foundation to Year 6, starting with simple phoneme-grapheme relationships before exploring more complex relationships, morphology and etymology.

Four areas of teaching

Phonemic awareness, synthetic phonics, morphology and etymology
Informed by research on the best practices for teaching spelling, the program incorporates four key areas of teaching:

- Phonemic awareness: the ability to work with phonemes.
- Synthetic phonics: phonics instruction that involves teaching phoneme-grapheme relationships.
- Morphology: knowledge of the meaningful parts of words: prefixes, suffixes, and Greek and Latin roots.
- Etymology: understanding of word origins and history.

students can access this at home by logging into

www.fireflystudents.com.au

p/1/2 class code: woke601

3/4/5/6 class code: going5



ENROLMENT 2023 AT STAPS



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.



Session dates and times

Monday 28th February 11:30am -12:15pm
Hands on play with Jen our Prep teacher

Friday 4th March 9:30am-10:15am
STEM with Chan

Wednesday 9th March 11:30am-12:15pm
Japanese with Kerry

Friday 18th March 11:30am-12:15pm
Music with Felicity

To register your
interest in
joining our
sessions please
call our office

9710 1255

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



School Tours

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

To make a booking please call 9710 1255

or email
alisha.campbell@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

For further details call 9710 1255 or visit our website
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TERM DATES 2022

2022 term dates

2022 Victorian school term dates

	Start date	Finish date
Term 1	28 January Students start 31 January in government schools	8 April
Term 2	26 April	24 June
Term 3	11 July	16 September
Term 4	3 October	20 December

Prep students have the following Wednesday's off

Wednesday 2nd Feb
Wednesday 9th Feb
Wednesday 16th Feb
Wednesday 23rd Feb
Wednesday 2nd March

Current proposed curriculum days:

Friday March 11th - Small Schools NESST Day
Monday September 5th- Michael Minas Maths PD
Monday October 31st- Report writing day
1 more TBA

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM ONE @ STAPS

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

ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL - Monday 31st January

Parent information night- Wednesday 23rd February

p/1/2 4:00-4:40

3/4/5/6 4:30-5:00

AFL clinics- Wednesday 16th and 23rd of February

St Andrews Pub family dinner- Friday 25th February 5:00pm

Curriculum Day: Friday 11th March

Labour Day- Monday 14th March

School Photos- Wednesday 16th March

Year 6 small schools leadership day Thursday 17th March

Japanese Cultural Day/Taiko Incursion- Wednesday 30th March

Last Day term 1- Friday 8th April

Anzac Day- Monday 25th April

Start term 2-Tuesday 26th April

Assemblies - Odd Weeks. Friday @ 3pm

School Council- Tuesday 15th February and

