NEWSLETTER

Growing Caring, Courageous and Responsible minds

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Alisha Campbell

Hello St Andrews Families,

It is hard to believe that it is the end of week 8, the weeks are flying!

We are noticing our students energy levels are dropping, this is normal for this time of the term particularly when you reflect on the fact that this is the longest consecutive amount of weeks the students have been at school since 2019.
A few tips to help with those energy levels:

- switch off devices at least 2 hours before bed.
- earlier bed times than usually especially as it starts to get darker earlier.
- Sunday night wind down
- hots baths and nature walks

Red Cross Visit
This week the Red Cross came to visit to provide a free incursion. the one hour workshop involved engaging discussions and interactive activities to help students:

- Understand and discuss the importance of being prepared
- Prepare their mind for the thoughts and feelings that may arise before, during and after an emergency
- know what to pack in an emergency kit

Each student was then given a pillowcase to decorate and take home, to start their own personal emergency kit.

Playgroup:
Do you have a spare rug at home that you'd like to donate to our playgroup room?

Incursion/Excursion term 2
On compass you will find a permission form for next terms incursion/excursion these program 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

School Voluntary Contributions
A reminder these are on compass, families wanting to set up payments plans can contact Michelle in the office.

OSHC
Our OSHC program this term has been a wonderful success, Rhiannon has worked hard to make it a safe engaging space.
Our term 1 introductory fee offer expires at the end of this term and our original fee structure will resume in term 2
Before School Care (Breakfast is included) 7:15am - 8:45am
Flat rate $15
After School Care (Afternoon snacks included) 3:25pm - 6:00pm
Flat rate $20

Scholastic Book Club
This term our scholastic book club raised $400 this will go towards the continual updating of our library books

UPCOMING DATES

Cultural Day with Kerry
Wednesday 30th March
9-3:30 Parents are welcome to assist and watch the 11:00 Taiko performance

Assembly
Friday 1st April 3:00pm
Run by our p/1/2

Last day of school early finish
Friday 8th April
2:25 dismissal
OSHC open

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
STAURDAY OCTOBER 22ND

FUNDRAISING MONEY

I wanted to update our community on how we have been spending our fundraising money.

This term we focused on refreshing our guided reading sets. These are sets of texts that our teachers can use with small groups to introduce different text types and help them develop core reading skills.

We have also finalised the spending of our library grant. This has seen the introduction of Indigenous literature and literature that centres around the theme of wellbeing. Tracey and Rosemary (our wonderful volunteer) are busy in the library sorting through all our books to make sure they are on our cataloguing system. Once this is complete students will be able to borrow these texts to take home.

SCHOOL REVIEW UPDATE

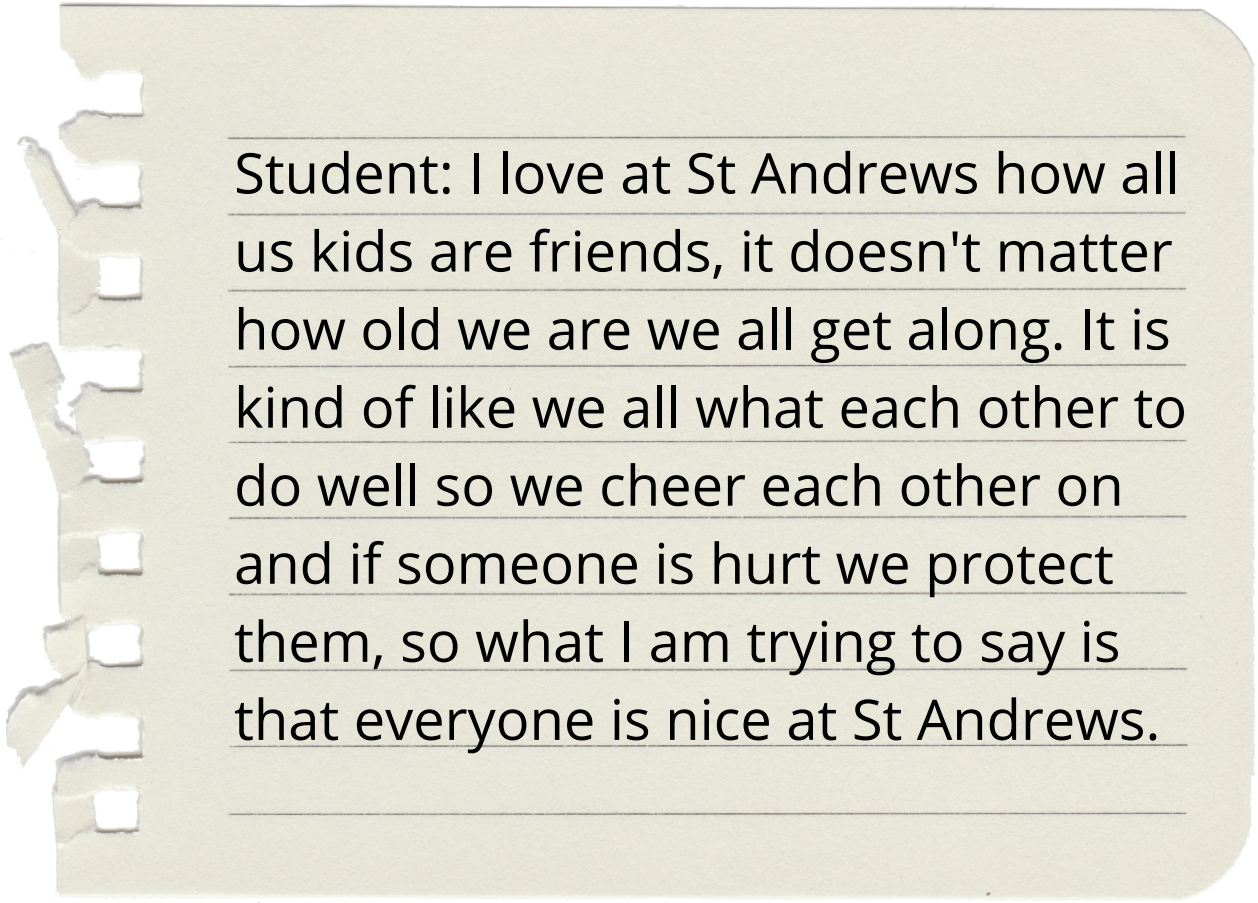
Thank you to those families who completed the school review survey. This valuable information will be used to inform our 2022 school review. The dates for this has been set:

Thursday 7th April: Alisha, School Education Improvement Leader and School Reviewer to map out our review day.

Wednesday 25th May: School Review panel convenes for formal school validation day

Thursday 9th June: School Review panel convenes for Final Review day

One of the common themes that has been coming through from the feedback from staff, parents and students centres around the amazing community feel we have at St Andrews and the way our students get along. One of my favourite comments is below that I wanted to share with you.



JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Japanese Cultural Day

Wednesday 30th March

Invitation to our STAPS community to watch the Taiko workshop 10-11 in the 3-6 room.

You will need to be double vaccinated.

Students will need to bring an empty lunchbox container to use as an Obento.

The Obento food will be a snack, so please being fruit snack and a small lunch for the day.

The Taiko Workshop is very loud, so for students sensitive to noise, it is recommended they bring noise cancelling headphones, earplugs etc.

Schedule for the day

9-10	Japanese Music
10-11	Taiko Workshop
11:30-12:30	Obento Box Making
12:30-2:00	Paper Planes Film
2:45-3:25	Fan with Traditional Pattern Design /Paper Planes Competition

Students are welcome to bring a *hachimaki* (Japanese bandana) to wear for the day.

Looking forward to a *tanoshii* day.

Kerry Sensei

SPORT

We had a bunch of fun at sport this week with bee dances and orienteering. The P-2s had a look at how bees use dance to communicate and we then had a go at doing our own dances to communicate where we'd hidden an object around the room. Turns out we're quite good at using our bodies in creative ways to do non-verbal communication. Robert joined the 3-6s for some more orienteering and we had a crack at navigating using the maps of the school he'd made for us. We're progressing quite well with our map knowledge and were much more confident this week, helping us to do a freestyle relay at the end of our session!

SPORT

This week was all about indigenous games in the P-2 Sports on Wednesday. We had a bunch of fun learning about some different indigenous games – arrkene irreme and chiba. As chiba is dodgeball style game we also explored some war dances and looked at the haka too. The Grade 3-6s had another great week of orienteering and we all tried different maps this time, forcing us to really use the principles of map orienteering to navigate correctly. Soon we'll be able to navigate in unfamiliar territory with our new-found skills.

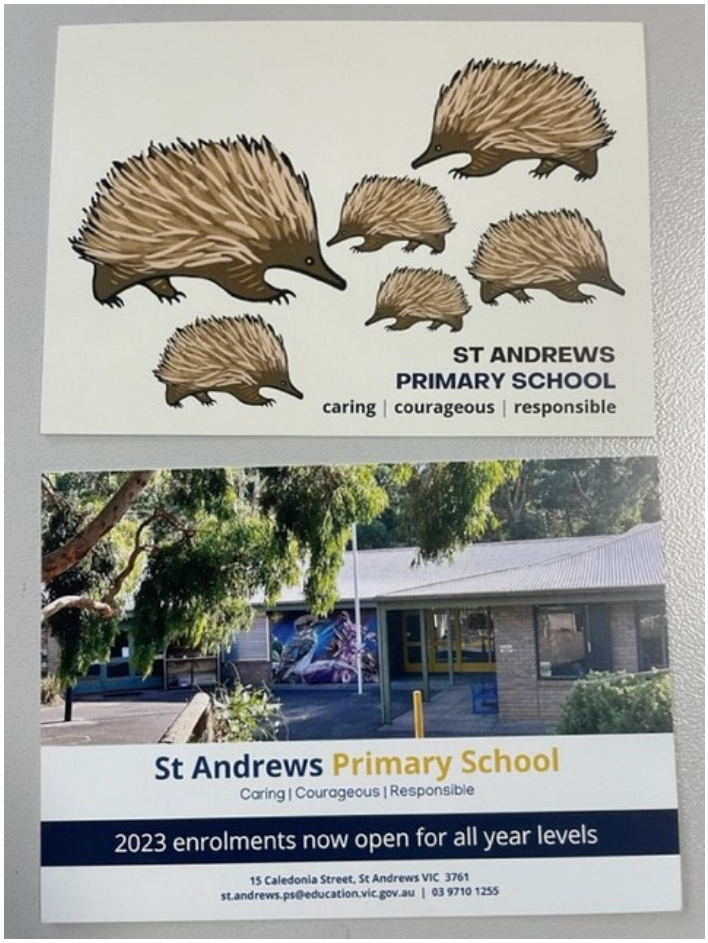
ENROLMENT 2023 AT STAPS

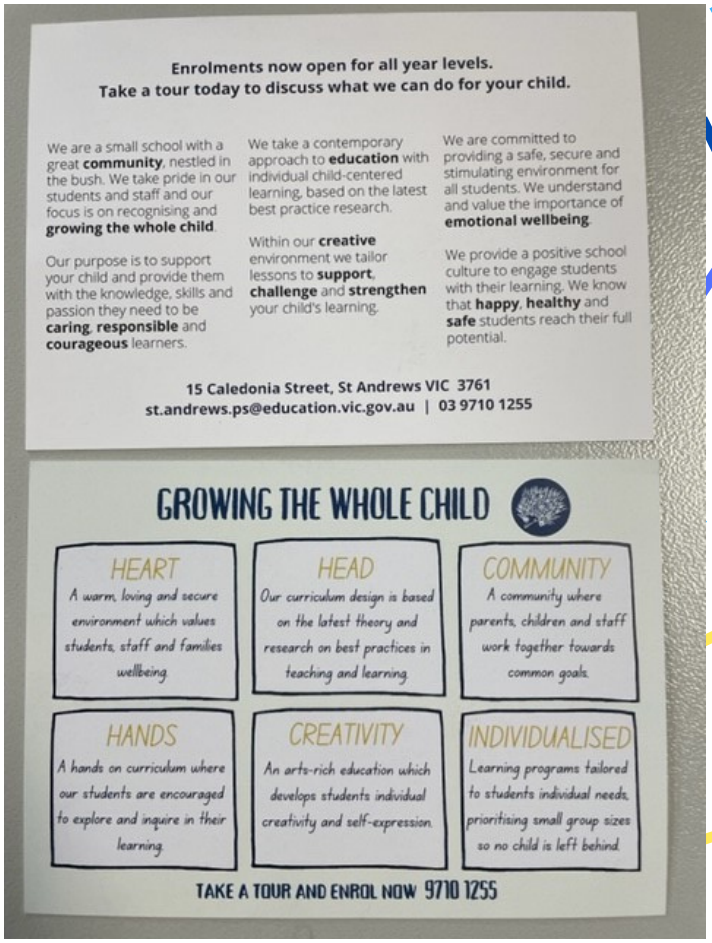
At STAPS we are on a bit of an enrolment BLITZ trying to share with our community all that is great about St Andrews and why they should choose our school to send their child. Hopefully you have seen our wonderful billboard in Hurstbridge and a few of our promotional posters.

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

GROWING THE WHOLE CHILD

St Andrews Primary School

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@dhsv.org.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

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

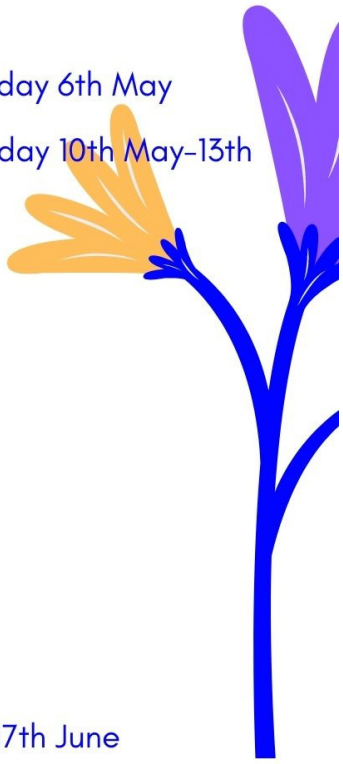
School review validation day- Wednesday 25th May

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