

NEWSLETTER



*Growing Caring,
Courageous and
Responsible minds*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Alisha Campbell

Hello St Andrews Families,

It has been a busy few weeks here at STAPS.

Literacy and numeracy targeted teaching groups

Our targeted teaching groups are currently finalising their first 5 week cycle. Over the coming weeks we will complete summative and formative assessment tasks with our students to determine learning growth as well as next learning goals for our new cycle. Parents will receive the next lot of learning tasks which will outline to you what your child will be working towards, how you can help at home and provide the assessment data we collected. This has been an important improvement to our teaching and learning program as the learning tasks keep parents up to date in their child's learning development.

Silent auction night

What an incredible event this was! Not only was it lovely to come together as community again but we also raised a whopping \$6300. This is an outstanding effort and our school wants to thank all those who donated, bid on items, and advertised for our school. Our event organisers Rachel Powers, Carla Perry, Ingrid Oosterhuis, Camilla Tadich, Maya Fitton, Jane McLeish and Sarah Buelow worked tirelessly to bring it all together. These funds will go towards subsidising our band program and purchasing and updating our literacy and numeracy resources including new literature for the library.

Working Bee

We had a massive turn out to the working bee last weekend. The front and back of the school look neat and tidy and we finished our wicking beds in the kitchen garden. It is a big effort to give up time on a Sunday and we would like to thank all those families who contributed and Bob our school council president for organising it.

Mural

Last week a mural was installed on the front wall of our school. This was completed by a wonderful local artist Andrew J. Bourke. 5 of our superstar dads combined their powers to mount our new art work and their efforts are appreciated by all in our community who now get to view this art work.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 of scholastic book club is now out, orders will close Friday 25th March. Most orders arrive within 1 week of purchasing.

So far we have raised \$260 to be able to purchase more books for our library, we will focus on increasing our non fiction section and adding Indigenous literature resources.

All ordering is 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, select our school, and your child's class p/1/2 or 3/4/5/6.

UPCOMING DATES

Curriculum Day:

Friday 11th March

Labour Day public holiday

Monday 14th March

School Photos

Wednesday 16th March-full school uniform

5/6 students leadership day

Thursday 17th March at Diamond Creek Community Bank

Hotdog Lunch

Friday 18th March

Come and Try Music

Friday 18th March 11:30

SCHOOL REVIEW

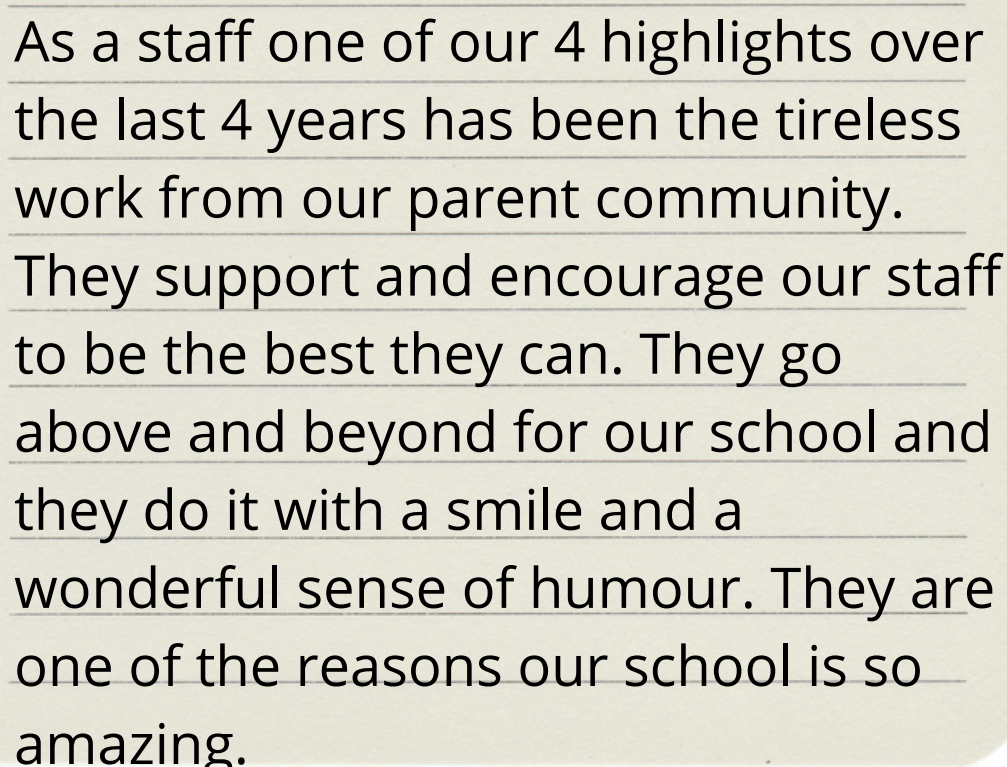
Over the next 2 terms St Andrews Primary School will be going through a school review. This is a rigorous process which looks at our achievement over the last 4 years and helps us set targets for the next 4.

A part of this process is our pre review evaluation and we were hoping each one of our parents might take a few minutes to fill out this short survey reflecting on our successes the last 4 years.

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Feedback from consultations with the whole school community is a critical piece of the jigsaw. A well supported, transparent pre review evaluation should engage and empower the whole school community to contribute to a shared understanding of how well the school has performed over the life of the current 4 year Strategic Plan.

Below is a snapshot I wanted to share with families about what our staff had to say, I think this speaks volumes of the community spirit at St Andrews Primary School



As a staff one of our 4 highlights over the last 4 years has been the tireless work from our parent community. They support and encourage our staff to be the best they can. They go above and beyond for our school and they do it with a smile and a wonderful sense of humour. They are one of the reasons our school is so amazing.

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.



Japanese Cultural Day @ STAPS

Wednesday 30th March 2022



Japanese Music
Taiko Workshop
Obento Box Making
Paper Planes Film
Fan Traditional Pattern Design
Paper Planes Competition



STEM

This week we had Patrick from Yarra Valley Water in to teach us about water. He chatted to us about four major ways we can save water – By understanding the water cycle, sticking to 5 minute showers, using a full load when washing and turning the tap off when brushing our teeth. We had a lot of fun and learned a lot! Look out for the little water watchers that might end up on your tap at home to help remind you to save water.



ORIENTEERING

Our first week of orienteering in the senior class was a blast! We looked at how to tag plates and then navigate the school and remember the locations of icons. Robert from Orienteering Victoria showed us what certain map symbols mean and we had a go at trying to navigate the school using that knowledge. We had to pay attention to where items were located and manage to stay cool when exploring so we didn't miss anything!



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

Last week they completed lesson 1

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?



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

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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 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

