

NEWSLETTER



*Growing Caring,
Courageous and
Responsible minds*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL DESK

Hayley Styles

What a term we've had! We have been so fortunate to enjoy a huge range of sporting activities this term, ranging from basketball to judo, games at Kaboom Sports and great competition at Hooptime. It seemed very appropriate to end our busy term with Footy Day! Lunch was a hit and kids and parents alike had a ball at our morning parade (and dance party). We love seeing parents at mornings like this. The joy on the students faces, sharing their day with their family members, truly brings so much happiness and pride.

We were so glad to welcome a huge range of guests to our Learning celebration as well. Student artworks took pride of place, many workbooks were shared and I think we can speak for everyone when we say that the kahootz quizzes (and cake) in the senior room really topped the afternoon off. Thank you to the staff for their terrific organisation and to everyone for coming along and joining in.

We were sad to end the term, sharing the news of some departing staff, Kerry and Rhiannon. We wish the both of them the very best of luck with their new opportunities. We are in the process of recruiting a new OSHC coordinator and I will be taking Japanese in Kerry's absence.

With much planning occurring in the last few weeks of term, we are excited to be bringing in our final term with a range of exciting events and learning activities already lined up for our

students. What better way to kick off than with Portsea Camp! See Page 2 for a full list of Term 4 dates.

As you're aware, without our amazing school community, we would not be the STAPS that we all know and love. In Term 4, there are a lot of events that we urge you to join in with and support. The first being the St Andrews Festival.

Some of our terrific parent members have been working hard to support the organisation of this festival and we've now hit crunch time. As the hub of the festival, we will be holding a **Working Bee** on **Sunday October 16th** that we encourage you all to attend. Our *amazing Parents Club* are running a range of terrific activities on the day of the festival and we need as many helpers as we can get. A **volunteer timetable** will be shared in the first week back and we urge everyone to support this terrific fundraising activity.

We are so fortunate to have an amazing parent community that have been the driving force behind fundraisers such as this. Our current Parents Group have been able to raise funds that have been used for line marking, discounting band lessons, funding events and activities at the St Andrews Fair, and support the upgrading and improvement of many areas throughout the school grounds. If you can spare some time, prior to or on the day of the festival, this is the perfect time to join our parent community and support their amazing fundraising endeavours.

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TERM FOUR @ STAPS

Portsea Camp (Years 2-6) Wed 12th - Fri 14th Oct

Working Bee Sun 16th Oct

5/6 Soccer Spectacular Friday 21st Oct

St Andrews Festival Sat 22nd Oct 1pm - 9 pm

Diwali Celebration October 24th

Seniors Afternoon Tea Wed 26th Oct

Cup Day (Public Holiday) Tues 1st Nov

Book Fair from Wednesday Nov 9th

Special People Afternoon* Tea Fri 11th Nov

Seniors Leadership Day Excursion Wed 16th Nov

Flying Bookworm Theatre Performance Thurs 17th Nov

School Nurse Visit Tue 29th Nov

Swimming Lessons Week Mon 12th Dec - Fri 16th Dec

Graduation and Concert Thur 15th Dec

Last Day of School 2022 Tues 20th Dec 1:30 finish

Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day) Date TBC

2023 Foundation Student Transition Sessions

Mondays
November 14, 21 & 28
9am - 10:45am

Final Transition
Mon Dec 5th
9am - 12noon
with parent
community lunch

All the World's a Stage Performing Arts Project - throughout the term

Interschool Sports Friday 9am from Oct 28th until Nov 25th

Assemblies Fortnightly from Oct 14th Friday 3pm

School Council Tue Oct 18th and Wed Nov 23rd

MATHEMATICS: PROBLEM SOLVING

Our teaching staff spent Monday 5th September with some of our cluster schools exploring mathematics - especially problem solving.

We looked at the ways we approach and plan for maths, and we explored some different problems to help stretch our brains, and to provide opportunities for talking and learning about teaching maths.

Have a go at this game with your family, and enjoy the talking, explaining and exploring that fluency games (which can change to suit everyone's learning level) can provide!



I LIKE... Number Rules

Fred was thinking of a number rule. He asked the class to choose numbers to test so they could try to work out what the rule was.

If the number they chose fitted his rule, he wrote it on the board under 'I like these numbers'. If the number they chose didn't fit his rule, he wrote it under 'I don't like these numbers'.

After the class had chosen four numbers, this is what was on the board:

I like these numbers

15

5

I don't like these numbers

18

22

What could Fred's rule be?

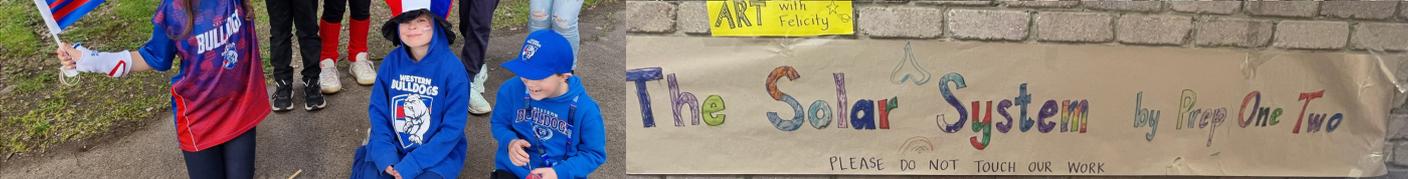
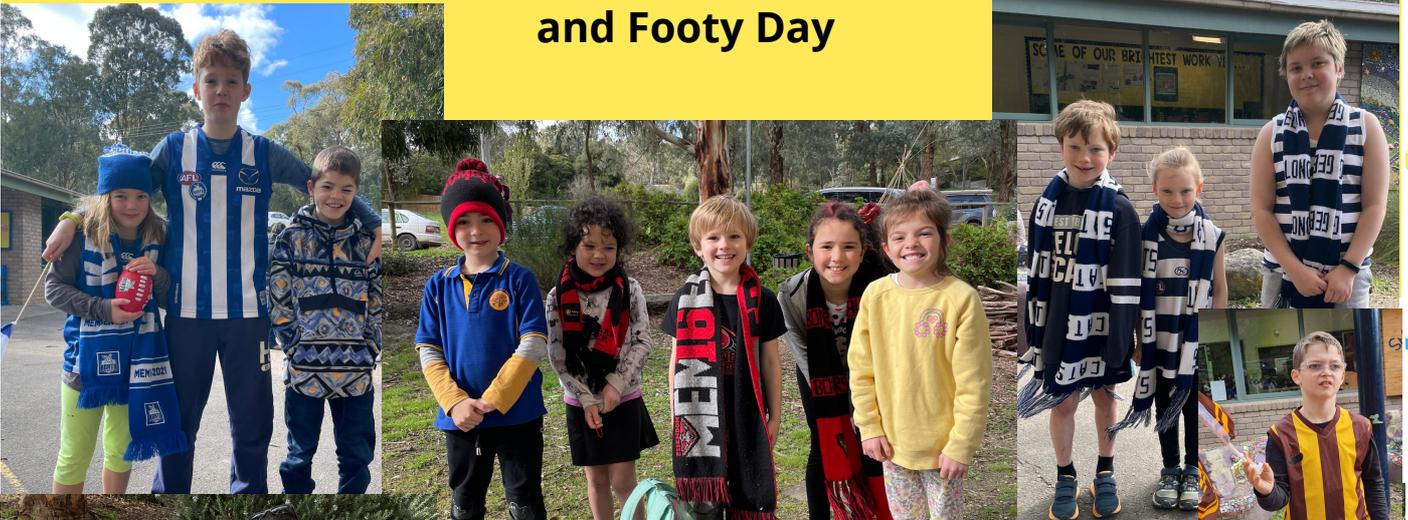
If you were in Fred's class, which number would you choose next to test your idea?

How could you find out Fred's rule in the smallest number of guesses?

Play your own version - where you choose the rule!

END OF TERM 3 CELEBRATIONS

Student Learning Celebration
and Footy Day



STEM NEWS

We began our countdown to the end of term this week. We had to think about how to make a waste free school and were able to choose any aspect of the circular economy to achieve that. We investigated textile waste, metal waste, water waste an a host of other things that we looked at this term. In the older grades we thought about how we can make some concrete actions to supplement the learning of the term and achieve outcomes in our school and home lives. The ideas so far have been fantastic such as designing a school tap system that circulates and filters water, a completely self contained garden design, a green club which comes up with sustainable initiatives and many more! We'll continue these into next week too and it'll be exciting to see where these ideas go.

Have a great break everyone!



COME AND TRY PE NEWS

Our come and try students joined us for Judo! We are going to be doing Judo with Vincent for the next four weeks. He's an amazing teacher and has been teaching us to breakfall to avoid injury, roll properly and the history of judo and jiu jitsu. We're extremely luck to have him and look forward to building our skills over the next few weeks.

