

'ST ANDREWS P'S



newsletter

November 11th 2023

After last week's shorter and quieter week, we still have much to celebrate about our wonderful school and school community. **Congratulations** to our Whittlesea Show placegetters; **thanks** to our school leaders for their organisation of events - such as Spooky Day, and the upcoming Pet Day; and **thanks** to our wonderful parent community for all you do!

Coming Up

Transition/Come and Try Fri 17 Nov

Senior Future Stars HoopTime Reg. Final Tues 21 Nov

Transition/Come and Try Tues 21 Nov

Pet Day & School Council Wed 22 Nov

Transition/Come and Try Fri 1 Dec

STAPS Market Afternoon TBC Wed 6 Dec (*details to come!*)

Swimming Lessons Dec 11 - 15

Statewide Transition Day (Yr 6 to Secondary) Tues 12 Dec

Graduation and End of Year Concert TBC

(*most likely Wed 13 Dec*)

Learning Celebration & Festive Community Morning Tea

Tue 19 Dec

Last Day Wed 20 Dec 1:25 pm dismissal

Full events schedule on the last page

I wanted to take a moment to especially thank the many people who help look after our buildings and grounds.

We are proud of our school, and we all enjoy our beautiful surroundings.

Thanks to the families who came along to the Working Bee - we can see the results of your labours - including the weeding, whipper snipping, pruning, and mulch moving completed. Thanks to Carl (the goat) for his contribution to reducing the blackberries, and to Bob (our School Council President) for organising the Working Bee. Also thanks to Rachel and team for the ongoing care of our gardens.

Thanks to the team from Heartwood Tree Care for their work on removing the dead tree, in preparation for the fire season - and for the time given to winching the long log into position as a log seat. It looks great!

Thanks to Joe (our cleaner and regular grounds care provider) for caring for our school - for your current work, and your work to come, mowing and working around the grounds to help us prepare and manage the bushfire season. (*We also appreciated the extra mow of the oval in preparation for Inter-school Sport last Friday.*)

Whittlesea Show Congratulations!

Congratulations to all our students for their wonderful work on display at the Whittlesea Show over the weekend.

A huge congrats to our place-getters and commendation winners!

2nd: Year 3 2D Art - Emilia

2nd: Year 3 Poetry - Emilia

2nd: Year 4 Poetry - Noah

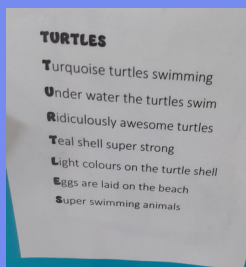
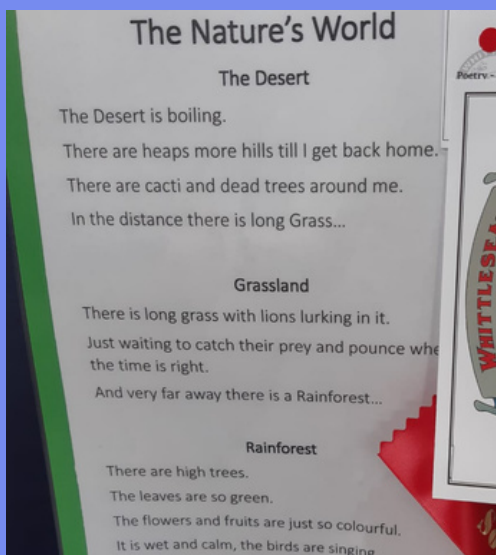
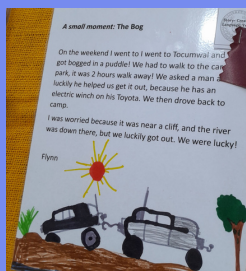
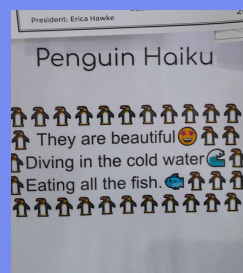
5th: Year 2 Writing - Flynn

Commendation: Year 3 Poetry - Max

A mighty effort for our wonderful school on our first entries in the show.

We are very proud of all our students!

You can see these winning entries, and all the students' entries, on display in our office area.



PET DAY

Pet Day is an initiative of our Year 6 leaders, and we look forward to meeting a range of pets on Wednesday 22nd November.

Pets are welcome with their owners and adults to visit our school at 9:00 am and the event will be completed by 10:00 am.

The day will include a pet parade, and pets are requested to be on a lead/leash or in an appropriate cage or carrier at all times.

All pets are the responsibility of the owner and their parents.

Our Year 6 team (Martha, Kai, and Cal) would like to remind you to be sensible in what pets come to school, and that if you know your pet is prone to barking, nipping, or biting it must be in a cage or pet carrier.

Please think of your animal – and if it would become stressed with too many people or other pets around, one idea is to bring a photo of your pet rather than bringing your pet to school.

Please note, the event will only go ahead if the weather is fine, and not too hot.

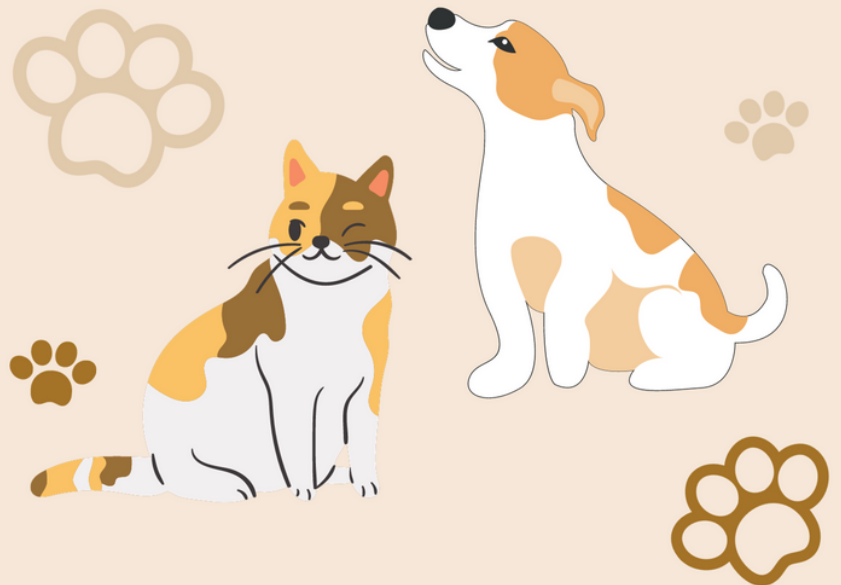


STAPS

Pet Day!!!!

22 November 2023!!!

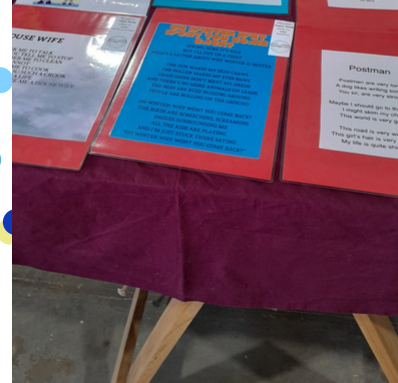
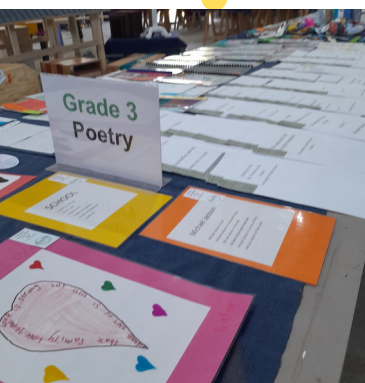
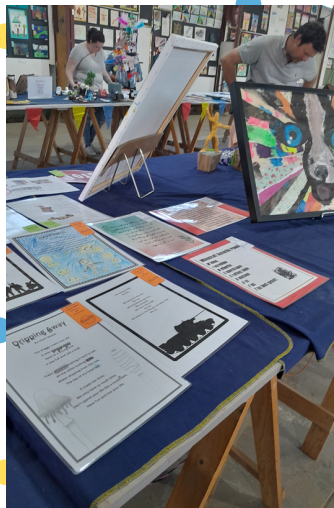
Prizes! Awards! Parade!



Pets are welcome at school from 9:00 - 10:00 am and are the responsibility of their owners and their parents. Please keep all pets restrained, and they must be other pets pet-friendly and good around crowds! Thanks!



'STAPS' @ The Whittlesea Show



AROUND THE 'SCHOOL

over the last week...



This week, our school grounds received regular maintenance which included a visit from the arborists. They have ensured the safety and health of our school's flora. Unfortunately, one tree had to be cut down. *The spectators didn't mind the show!* They worked hard to save the long trunk for us to use, and we now have a long seat/balancing log against our water tanks fence!



CALM YOUTH

Calm Youth has continued to join us - with 2 sessions to go. This has been a great opportunity for our senior students who are nearing the completion of their PURPOSE THROUGH PASSION portfolio. Keep up the good work!



in our

CLASSROOMS

JUNIOR LEARNERS



In Japanese, the Junior Learners have been learning about vehicles. Can you read our labels?



MIDDLE & SENIOR LEARNERS



We want to congratulate our Senior students on their fantastic performance in the last Interschool Sports Games for 2023.

The games this term included Rounders, Cricket, and Basketball.

We are proud to announce that our school, STAPS, emerged victorious against Kangaroo Grounds in both basketball and cricket.

Well done to all the players involved!



in our

COMMUNITY

St Andrews Fire Brigade Open Day

Sunday 19th
November
10am-2pm

Major
Raffle

Tickets
available at
St Andrews
Market or On
the Day

Kids Fire Truck
Races



Jumping
Castle



Show
Bags

Face
Painting



67 Caledonia St
St Andrews



Nillumbik Shire Council is currently developing its first **Reconciliation Action Plan**.

A RAP is a formal commitment to support First Nations people's rights, culture, heritage, needs and aspirations. It will outline the shared approach Council will take to progress reconciliation and work alongside all Aboriginal people in Council's services.



They are now **seeking expressions of interest for membership to the Nillumbik Reconciliation Working Group**. Expression of Interest close Thursday 16 November 2023.

The RAP Working Group membership will comprise up to 15 people including:

- 1-2 identified seats for Traditional Owners (Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation)
- 3 identified seats for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community members
- 1 identified seat for a representative from Nillumbik Reconciliation Group (NRG)
- Other seats will be filled by key internal and external stakeholders as required.



For more information and to apply, please complete the EOI form on Participate Nillumbik: [Reconciliation Action Plan \(nillumbik.vic.gov.au\)](https://nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

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After Hours Mental Health Nursing Service

Ever feel like you're not coping?

Sometimes stress, anxiety, depression or grief can be overwhelming. Our Mental Health Nurses provide a chance to talk with someone over the phone, video call, or face-to-face to get on top of things early.

The After Hours Mental Health Nursing Service can help people experiencing mild mental health issues like anxiety, stress, depression and grief.

We can support you by:

- Listening to your needs and concerns
- Helping you know what steps to take next
- Providing recommendations for ongoing support services
- Checking in on how things are going down the track

This service is free of charge and no appointment is needed.



Speak to a Mental Health Nurse

Over the phone: 1300 003 509 (freecall)

In person: 36 Wellington Road Box Hill

Available between:

6pm-11pm Monday to Friday
2pm-7pm Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays

For more information

Email our friendly team at ahmhrs@healthability.org.au, or visit healthability.org.au directly or by scanning the QR code.



If you or someone you know are in an emergency or crisis, contact 000 or Lifeline on 13 11 14.



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pridespace

Welcome to Pridespace!

Pridespace is an inclusive social group for young people aged 16-25 who identify with the LGBTIQ+ community. Free food & activities provided!

who's invited?

young people aged 16 to 25

where?

headspace Greensborough
L1/78 Main Street
Greensborough VIC 3088

when?

4:30pm to 5:30pm, on
Thursday November 16
Thursday November 30
Thursday December 14

Drop ins welcome, or register here:



tinyurl.com/e2bkswsz



Parent Support Seminars Term 4 2023

Family wellbeing: ways to reduce family conflict

- How to make the most of family time
- Using routines to support wellbeing
- Communication tips for building positive relationships
- Managing sibling flights and family conflict

When: Wednesday 25 October 2023

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

Cost: \$25 per adult, \$40 couple and \$16.50 concession

Bookings: Essential via

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLQJS>

Helping your child with their emotions

Developing emotional intelligence

- Understand why feelings matter
- Help children identify and manage their feelings
- Learn ways to develop your child's emotional skills

When: Wednesday 1 November 2023

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

Cost: \$25 per adult, \$40 couple and \$16.50 concession

Bookings: Essential via

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLQKJ>



Helping your anxious child

- Learn how anxiety can affect children
- What you can do to support your anxious child
- Helpful and unhelpful responses to your child's anxiety
- Where to go for further help

When: Wednesday 8 November 2023

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

Cost: \$25 per adult, \$40 couple and \$16.50 concession

Bookings: Essential via

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLQJL>

Building your child's resilience

- What is resilience?
- Where does resilience come from?
- Why is resilience important?
- How you can build resilience in your child
- Tips for building supportive relationships
- Tips for building confidence

When: Wednesday 15 November 2023

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

Cost: \$25 per adult, \$40 couple and \$16.50 concession

Bookings: Essential via

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLQJC>

Looking after ourselves as parents

NEW Parent Support Seminar

- Learn why self-care is so important
- Tips for mental wellness
- Strategies for boosting mood
- Other support available

When: Wednesday 22 November 2023

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

Cost: \$25 per adult, \$40 couple and \$16.50 concession

Bookings: Essential via

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLPWL>

Please note all of the above seminars will not be recorded.

For more information

Please contact Joan Lauricella, Family Support Worker at joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au or phone 9430 9100



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HURSTBRIDGE HURRICANES

MINI HURRICANES

Intro to basketball for ages 5 - 9

FRIDAY, NOV

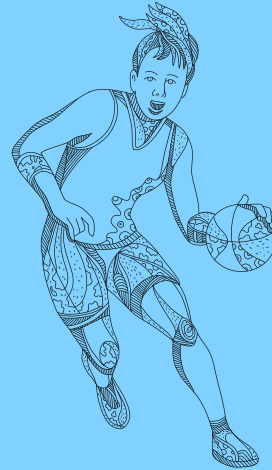
17TH & 24TH

5PM - 6PM

@ HURSTBRIDGE BASKETBALL STADIUM

\$20 FOR TWO SESSIONS

WWW.HURSTBRIDGEHURRICANES.COM/PROGRAMS



\$25 only
Fully refundable

Pre-Registration now open!!



Why Hurstbridge Junior Football Netball Club?

- Great welcoming family Club
- Focus on fun & kids playing footy
- Country footy Club feel
- Strong Club history
- Division 1 Senior Club
- 2023 Junior Finalists
- 2023 Premiership Team
- Great coaches and families

- Auskick
- Under 9s (Mixed)
- Under 10s (Mixed)
- Under 11s (Mixed)
- Under 12s Girls
- Under 12s Boys
- Under 13s Boys
- Under 14s Girls
- Under 15s Boys



COME ALONG AND TRY AND TRANSITION TO SCHOOL FOR 2024

at St Andrews Primary School

TERM 4 SESSIONS:

SESSIONS 1, 2 & 3

Friday 3rd, 10th and 17th Nov

9:00 am - 10:45 am

SESSION 4:

Tuesday 21st Nov 9:00 am till 10:45 am

SESSION 5:

Friday 1st Dec 9:00 am till 12:00 pm

Parents are invited to come along and join us for a BBQ lunch afterwards

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO JOIN US!



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Email: st.andrews.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.standrewsps.vic.edu.au



You are welcome to come along even if you haven't decided on your child's school for 2024, and you are welcome to join us if you are starting school in 2024 or 2025!



TERM FOUR

Diary Dates



Curriculum Day – Staff in Berry St Training (no students) Mon 2 Oct

PJ Day Thu 5 Oct

Visit to CFA Station Wed 11 Oct

Referendum BBQ & Bake Sale Sat 14 Oct

Practice Relocation Day to Hurstbridge PS Tues 17 Oct

School Council Wed 18 Oct

Senior's High Tea @ Wadambuk Thu 19 Oct

Soccer Day – Years 3–6 Fri 20 Oct

Year 6 Student Leadership Day Thurs 26 Oct

World Teacher's Day Mon 30 Oct

Spooky Day Tue 31 Oct

Colour Explosion Fun Run Wed 1 Nov – NOTE NEW DATE

Whittlesea Show (STAPS art & writing displayed) Sat/Sun 4 & 5 Nov

Melbourne Cup No School Tue 7 Nov

Senior Future Stars Hoop Time Regional Final Tues 21 Nov

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Transition Sessions over Term – see Transition Page

3–6 Interschool Sport

Fri Mornings: 6, 13 & 27 Oct & 3 & 10 Nov

Student Assemblies

3pm Fridays : 6 & 20 Oct, 3 & 17 Nov, 1 & 15 Dec