

# STAPS NEWSLETTER

**It has been a busy and focused learning start to Term... and this week is EDUCATION WEEK. We celebrate STAPS with an OPEN MORNING this Thursday 16th May, 9:00 - 10:30 am, all are welcome to come along and see STAPS in action - and to celebrate our wonderful school!**

*This newsletter is also a celebration of STAPS, particularly over the last week of Term 1 and the beginning of Term 2, and it is choc-full of photos from the range of amazing experiences that have occurred.*

We began Term 2 with **Banana Day Celebrations for Years F-2**, the **arrival of our first Cubby** (made by the St Andrews Mens Shed) and the wonderful experience of **Camp Woorabinda for the Years 3-6s**.

*Our camp photos have now arrived, and we have shared some photos in this newsletter (pages 6 & 7) and more will be available to view at our Open Morning.*

## THANK YOU!!

**A HUGE thank-you to the team from the St Andrews Mens Shed for our wonderful brand new cubby! This will be the first of 3 wonderful cubbies in our STAPS village!**



Our Year 5s and 6s at Leadership Day... see more info on pg. 5



A celebration of the St Andrews Festival can be found on pg. 3

**Term 2** has got underway with gusto, and you can catch a glimpse in this newsletter, and there is more to come!

There is an **overview of our Term 2 learning focus areas** on page 8, and our **excursion to the city and the Immigration Museum** is currently being planned.

The Senior students have an extra sporty term - with **District Cross Country** next week, and **Inter-school Sport** underway and occurring most Fridays. *The fixture is included on the Term 2 Diary Dates page which is the last page of this newsletter.*

**Cubbyland** is up and running, with the STAPS students meeting on two different occasions to create our shared understandings and student-created rules for playing in Cubbyland together.

We are currently **reviewing some of our school policies** to ensure they are up to date and we will share these over the term. One of the first policies to be updated is the **Mobile Phone (and related devices) Policy**. This will be shared and implemented over the next weeks, as will our **updated Parent Handbook**.

**I want to take a moment to say how proud we are of our wonderful students.** I have seen many examples over this term of our students caring and helping each other out, both in the playground and in the classroom, including teaching and coaching others to improve or give new experiences a go... **they most certainly live out the STAPS values of being Caring, Responsible and Courageous!**

Regards, Carolyne

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# ST ANDREWS PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

*Come and feel what's special about St Andrews PS!*

All current and prospective families are invited to come and experience the amazing St Andrews Primary School community in action.

Visit our classrooms, chat with our wonderful students and staff, tour our school and learn about our educational programs.



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[www.standrewsps.vic.edu.au](http://www.standrewsps.vic.edu.au)

**THURSDAY**  
**16th May**

**9:00 – 10:30 am**



**Caring – Responsible – Courageous**



# St Andrews Festival

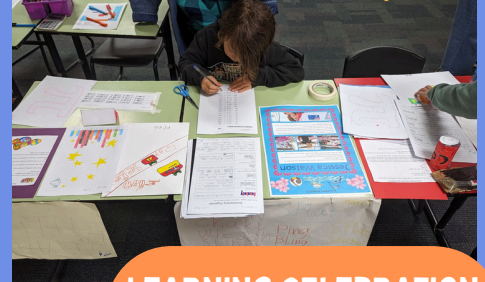




# The Last Week of Term I



OUR COMMUNITY WALK... EXPLORING THE SMITHS GULLY TO ST ANDREWS WALKING TRACK...



LEARNING CELEBRATION TO END OUR TERM...



THE EASTER EGGS WERE YUMMY... THANKS EASTER BUNNY!



EASTER EGG HUNT... AND A VISIT FROM A SPECIAL BUNNY!





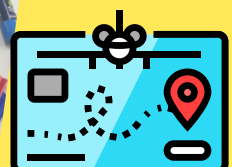
## Leadership Day (Year 5s and 6s)

On Wednesday 1st May 2024, the Year 5 and 6 students headed to Panton Hill Primary School to take part in a **Leadership Day** to learn and build skills in being leaders. There were multiple schools from the region attending and the STAPS students joined in with other schools to take part in activities that would give them more skills in being leaders in our school community. The activities were: *Initiative games, Public Speaking, Problem Solving, and Running a Project*. At the end of the day, Golden Guitar winner Andrew Swift talked about his journey and the leadership he has displayed during his career and then played a number of tunes including his hit single "Head full of honey". This was an incredible opportunity for our students to build these skills ready for high school as well as throughout their life journey.



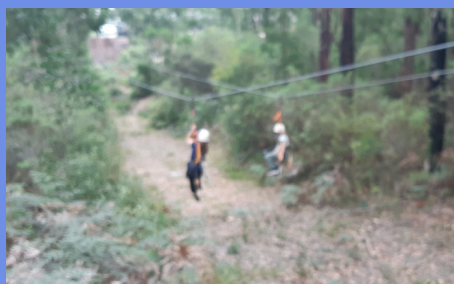
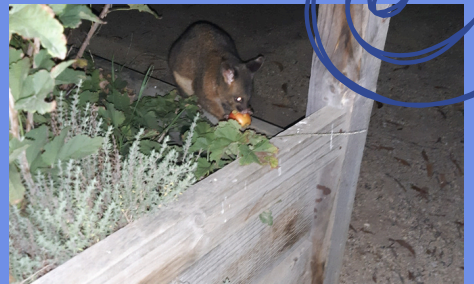
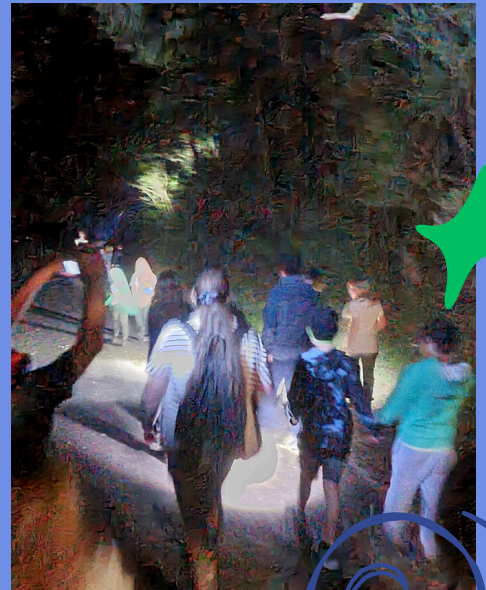
## STEM Summary

These first two weeks of term 2 we have explored the **nature of food and fibre**. In the Juniorsthis has meant exploring what food is for, it's role in our bodies and how it can impact our energy and mood. We found out that different foods are crucial to different areas of the body. We then explored the types of foods that were good for the different and vital organs of our bodies. In the Seniors we have investigated how food is produced, what *food miles* are and how we can have food travel either very far or not far at all to us. We then used maps to calculate how great or small these distances are, and practiced our research skills to arrive at the data we were interested in.





# Some snapshots from our time at Camp Woorabinda





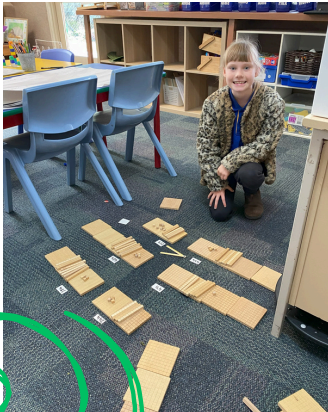
# and more from Camp Woorabinda!





## Juniors exploring Place Value

**Place Value** - understanding numbers and our base ten number system is one of the *Big Ideas in Mathematics* we explore in the first 3 years of school. Our **Junior Learning Community** has been exploring making and naming and comparing numbers, with some students working on numbers to 20 and beyond, others working towards 120 and our Year 2s working on both 2 and 3-digit numbers.



## Term 2 and Great Journeys

During Term 2 our **Integrated Learning** focuses on **Great Journeys** - including Journeying through time and exploring journeys undertaken through history and now - by civilisations, explorers and migrants and refugees.

We began by exploring items from the past, and the Junior Learning Community are continuing to explore *Past and Present*, whilst our Senior Learning Community are thinking about *journeying around our world*.

In **Literacy**, in Term 2 we are exploring *Information Texts and Reports* in Reading and Writing, and will also explore retelling stories through personal narratives. We continue to build our sound/letter understandings for Reading, Writing and Spelling through *Little Learners Love Literacy* in the Juniors and *Soundwaves* in the Seniors.

In **Mathematics** this term we are exploring: *Place Value and Addition and Subtraction, Time, Length and Perimeter, and Fractions (and Decimals)*.



## UPDATES, REMINDERS and more!

### Library Truck

We visit the Library Truck on Wednesday mornings, usually visiting once a fortnight. **Don't forget to send your Library Truck books back on Wednesdays.**

*If students don't yet have access to borrowing from the Library Truck a form can be collected from the school office.*

## PFA Thanks!

Our wonderful fundraisers led by the PFA team have already raised almost \$3000 this year - with thanks to all those who helped at the BBQ/Cake Stall and Raffle sales at St Andrews Festival.

**Funds raised support our school in a number of ways, including covering 50% of the costs of our wonderful Band program.** Thanks to all for your efforts and work and a HUGE thanks to our PFA team of Rachel and Ingrid.



### Cubblyland Creations!

## OSHC

STAPS OSHC offers  
**Before and After  
School Care.**

Bookings are  
required - and these  
can be made by  
contacting the school  
office, or by  
messaging the  
OSHC mobile on:  
**0427 245 921**

## Our wonderful artists...

The students worked hard in Art in the first weeks of term, creating wonderful Mothers' Day (and special people) gifts. They had a "base idea" to work to, but every tag made demonstrated the unique and creative talents of our wonderful students!





# STAPS COMMUNITY NEWS

## Digital childhood survey

How can tech be used to benefit our kid's well-being?

Participation involves a 25-30 minute online survey

This study has received Deakin University ethics approval (ref. no. HEAG-H 03\_2024)



## MINI HURRICANES

### THURSDAY 9TH & 16TH MAY

### 4PM - 5PM

### ONLY \$20 FOR AGES 5 - 9

[www.hurstbridgehurricanes.com/programs](http://www.hurstbridgehurricanes.com/programs)



# STAPS COMMUNITY NEWS



## MyTime WARRANDYTE

### Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

#### FIND US AT:

Warrandyte Community Church  
57 Yarra Street, Warrandyte  
Park & Enter at back of building  
Fridays Fortnightly 9.30am - 11.30am

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Unwind and  
share experiences  
with others who  
understand



[mytime.net.au](http://mytime.net.au)



## MyTime term plan

[mytime.net.au](http://mytime.net.au)

Fridays, fortnightly

| DATES           | GROUP ACTIVITY  | CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY                   |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 19th April 2024 | Coffee & Chat   | Blowing & Catching Bubbles            |
| 3rd May 2024    | Mini High Tea   | Paint Hand Print Pictures             |
| 17th May 2024   | <b>Make:</b> Decorate & Plant Herb Pots (all materials supplied by Bunnings)              | Treasure Hunt around the Play Space   |
| 31st May 2024   | <b>Guest Speaker:</b> Kate Dawson, Carer Gateway. Discussing Services provided for carers | Songs & Stories                       |
| 14th June 2024  | Coffee & Chat   | Build a Toy Village                   |
| 28th June 2024  | <b>Make:</b> Kid's Edible Fancy Treats (all materials supplied)                           | Let's Be Wombats<br>Make Wombat Masks |

**NO SESSION ON EXTREME OR CATASTROPHIC FIRE RATING DAYS**

\*activities may vary depending on group interests and ability.



It's support  
for you



It's free to  
join



Professional  
support



Pre-school aged  
children are welcome







# DIARY DATES TERM 2 2024

**Term 2 begins:** Monday 15th April

**Year 3-6 Camp:** Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th April @ Woorabinda Camp (with ACPS)

**St Andrews Festival Art Show Celebration:** Saturday 20th April

**School Council:** Tuesday 23rd April 4:00 pm

**Curriculum Day:** Wednesday 24th April

**ANZAC Day Holiday:** Thursday 25th April

**Leadership Day (Years 5-6):** Wednesday 1st May

**Bush Dance Taster:** Friday 3rd May

**Mothers' Day:** Sunday 11th May

**STAPS Open Morning:** Thursday 16th May 9:00 - 10:30 am

**District Cross Country (Years 3-6):** Wednesday 22nd May

**School Council:** Wednesday 5th June 4:00 pm

**Whole School Excursion to Melbourne and the Immigration Museum (by train):** Wednesday 5th June (details to come)

**June Solstice Community Evening:** Friday 21st June (details to come)

**Last day Term 2 - 2:25 pm finish:** Friday 28th June

**Inter-school Sport (Years 3-6):** weekly on Friday 9:00-11:00 am:

3/5: against Kangaroo Ground PS @ STAPS

10/5 against Panton Hill PS @ PHPS

17/5 against Arthurs Creek PS @ ACPS

24/5 against Wattle Glen PS @ STAPS

31/5 BYE

7/6 against Panton Hill PS @ STAPS

14/6 against Kangaroo Ground PS @ KGPS

21/6 against Arthurs Creek PS @ STAPS

28/6 against Wattle Glen PS @ WGPS

**Assembly:** usually 3:00 pm fortnightly on Fridays

**Friday 10th May, 24th May, 7th June, 21st June**

and a short Assembly on **Friday 28th June** (starting at 2:10 pm before our early finish)

