

'ST ANDREWS PS

newsletter

November 4th 2023



It's been a busy and exciting last couple of weeks, with our students involved in engaging learning activities, community events, bushfire education, and emergency drills (including a Relocation Practise Day at Hurstbridge PS), STAPS celebrations and traditions, fundraising for our school, fitness activities, leadership opportunities... and more.

We are always proud of our STAPS community, but it has been wonderful to receive feedback from others about how fantastic our students have been at the community events and Leadership days!

Our Year 5/6 students recently cooked scones and jelly slice to share at the **Senior's High Tea**, and then assisted by serving and chatting with those in attendance. They did a great job!

On Wednesday 25th Oct, we welcomed **Jamie Mackenzie to our school - who led us in a session around Bushfire Education.** This included some of the science of fires, and how we respond and manage the stress of such situations. After lunch that day he supported us (as did our wonderful local CFA) with a **Shelter In Place Drill** - where we moved to the Library (our Shelter In Place space) and experienced some of the noises and experiences that might occur if we were needing to do this for real. Jamie and our CFA team led a debrief session after this. Once again we were very proud of our students for the calm and caring way they practiced and reflected on this experience. That evening I represented the school at the community discussion around preparing and responding to disaster events, ahead of the **upcoming Scenario evening.** See further information later in the newsletter about this event - all are welcome and encouraged (including children and families) to participate.

See the included photos and info about our wonderful and fun **Colour Fun Run** on page 6. It was a great afternoon, and thanks to all those involved (parents, staff and students) for a great afternoon... which brings us closer and closer to getting the swings!

This newsletter is full of photos of many other fantastic learning and community experiences over the last weeks, including:

- **Food and Cooking**
- **Relcoation Day** practice at Hurstbridge PS
- **Calm Youth - Inspiring Purpose through Passion**
- **Spooky Day**
- **Student Leadership Day** (with local schools)

We celebrated **World Teacher's Day at STAPS** on Monday 30th October - and our wonderful teachers enjoyed a well deserved morning tea, and have been presented with a book made by the students.

Finally, a huge congratulations to our Principal Hayley, on the arrival of Sebastian Alan Styles, born last week.

We send our best wishes to Hayley and Finch and big sister Layla, and we can't wait to meet Sebastian!

(Hayley is now on leave for 12 months)

Carolyne Chandler (Acting Principal)



Coming Up

- Melbourne Cup No School** Tue 7 Nov
- Interschool Sport @ Home** Fri Nov 10th
- Working Bee** Sun Nov 12th
- Senior Future Stars Hoop Time**
- Regional Final** Tues 21 Nov
- Pet Day & School Council** Wed 22 Nov
- Swimming Lessons** Dec 11 - 15
- Learning Celebration & Festive**
- Community Morning Tea** Tue 19 Dec
- Last Day** Wed 20 Dec 1:25pm dismissal

Full events schedule on the last page

AROUND THE 'SCHOOL

over the last 3 weeks...



Drills with the CFA



Interschool Sport

On Friday (28/10) we played interschool sport versus Arthurs Creek PS.

We won Basketball and Cricket, but **Rounders** sadly lost 18 to 9 there way, but we still played well. *Best and Fairest* went to Jarvis and Archie got the *Encouragement Award*.



Running Club

Bushfire Education with Jamie McKenzie



Cricket was 11 to 1. Max got *Best and Fairest*, and Wade got the *Encouragement Award*.

At **Basketball** we won 17 to 70. Harry got *Best and Fairest* and Jasmine got the *Encouragement Award*. We all did really well!

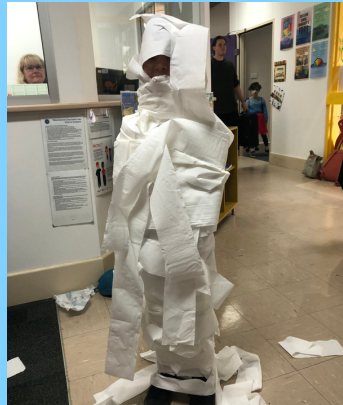
by Wade and Callum
(STAPS Sports Leaders)



CALM Youth work with Years 3-6



Relocation Day @ Hurstbridge



BOO!

Spooky Day on Halloween



Leadership Day with Local Schools



Cooking for, and Serving at, the Seniors High Tea

OUR 'FOOD & COOKING

across the school!



Solving and investigating maths problems when cooking, applying our skills in fractions.
eg. 2 oranges and 12 people – how do we equally share? What size segment does each person receive?

Middles and Seniors: Reading recipes with fluency, writing recipes with the correct structure and using a variety of verbs, Indigenous flavoured damper cooking with Chan, and following the Pancake recipe without teacher assistance.
Juniors: Reading & writing recipes, making fairy bread, pancakes and pizza dough, creating our amazing pizzas, writing about the experiences, and lots of measurement and fraction work!



yum!

yummy!



Stay tuned for the soon to be produced STAPS Favourite Recipe Cookbook from our Middles and Seniors!

'SPECIALISTS

Art, Japanese, PE, STEM



COLOUR EXPLOSION

Fun Run

Our Colour Fun Run was a huge success! Students, staff and families had a ball, got colourful and we raised over \$5000 - which means after prizes and expenses from Australian Fundraising that we made over \$3000 for the school! Congratulations all!



We raised over \$3000 for the swings!



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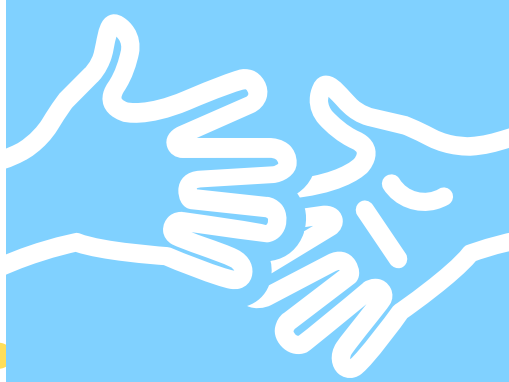
COMMUNITY

Download a copy of **Ag Vic's Farm Fire Preparedness Toolkit** today and use it to review or develop your fire preparedness plan.

The characteristics of every farm and farming business are different and require a unique approach to fire preparedness. Developing and implementing a fire preparedness plan can help you better prepare for, minimise losses, and recover faster, should your property be affected by fire.

Find and use our Farm Fire Preparedness Toolkit here

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/bushfires>



Interactive Simulated Emergency Activity Night

Do you live in St Andrews or surrounding townships?

Join us for an Interactive Simulated Emergency Activity Night!

Thursday 16 November 6pm-8pm

This night will be a (safe!) simulation of an emergency, where you will get a text message and be asked to meet in a local public space where the emergency scenario will unfold.

This activity will be a chance to practice responding to issues that arise and keeping calm during a stressful emergency.

Kids aged 10+ are welcome - they're great creative problem solvers!

Registration essential! Scan the QR code or call 9433 3160.



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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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

Pet Day Wed 22 Nov

School Council Wed 22 Nov

Swimming Lessons 11 – 15 Dec

Graduation and End of Year Concert Dates TBC

Statewide Transition Day (*Year 6s to Secondary*) Tues 12 Dec

Learning Celebration & Festive Community Morning Tea Tue 19 Dec

Last Day Wed 20 Dec 1:25 dismissal

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