

NEWSLETTER



*Growing Caring,
Courageous and
Responsible minds*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hayley Styles

I hope this finds you well and warm. We've had a lovely fortnight at STAPS. Our students have loved playing hockey and dodgeball in the yard and have continued to extend on their tremendous sand pit city in the back of school.

We are happy to welcome the Schembri family to the STAPS community this week. Bodhi and Flynn have joined Jen in the Prep-2 room and have certainly added a lovely energy to the group.

As a way of welcoming our new families, our lovely PFA have invited everyone to the St Andrews Hotel for dinner next Friday night. See Compass for details. We'd love to see you there.

We would also love to see as many handy helpers as we can at our working bee on Saturday. We have a range of jobs, big and small, and, most crucially, we need a volunteer to heat up the BBQ to fuel the troops.

For those of you that were able to attend our assembly last week, you would have seen how many eager readers we have here at STAPS. We were so proud to acknowledge their dedication to practise reading every night. A particular shout out to Sam S who has achieved an incredible number of nights read. Well done

Walking around our classrooms, I am so proud of the dedication to learning that I'm seeing from our students. The energy and participation that can be seen in their learning groups is second to none. There's a particularly enthusiasm for their Inquiry topic of Earth and Space and I'm excited to see what they have on show at our end of term celebration.

For students starting school next week, we'll be running Come and Try sessions on Fridays as of next week between 12:45-1:30pm. Spread the word to those who may be interested. We're looking forward to seeing many smiling faces, ready to join the fun!

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 3rd August
School Council Meeting

Friday 5th August
P-2 Assembly
Parent Night at the pub

Wednesday 10th August
PJ Dress Up Fundraiser
for HoMie

Monday 29th and
Wednesday 31st August
afternoons.
Student Led Conferences
(parent/student/teacher
interviews)

Thursday Sept 1st
Book Week Celebration

Friday 2nd September
Professional Practice Day
(Pupil Free Day)

Monday 5th September
Curriculum Day
(Pupil Free Day)

Friday 9th September
**Students Learning
Exhibition**

Friday 16th September
**Sports/AFL Day and Last
Day of Term**
Special lunch and early
dismissal at 2:25pm

**ST ANDREWS PS
COME AND TRY
SESSIONS**

**FRIDAY AFTERNOONS
12:45 UNTIL 1:30**

JOIN IN FOR :
ART ACTIVITIES
WELLBEING ACTIVITIES
STORYTIME
SPORTS & GAMES
SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2023?

COME ALONG AND MEET OUR LOVELY STAFF AND STUDENTS AND JOIN IN THE FUN

CONTACT US ON 9710 1255 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

MEET OUR AMAZING PREP STUDENTS

Amelia

Ever helpful and hardworking, Amelia is a thoughtful member of the class who is always looking out for others. She loves playing with friends and reading her reader. At home she loves watching cooking shows and baking cookies. Amelia wants to be a teacher when she grows up.

Bodhi

Our newest addition, Bodhi is full of positive energy and eager to explore and learn. A big David Bowie fan, he is an artist at heart and loves to draw, finger knit and craft. At home he loves to ride his bike, look after the chickens and garden. Bodhi wants to be a policeman when he grows up.



James

Our quiet mastermind, James is an expert of maths and has a memory to envy. He loves to play outside and build with lego. At home he loves to watch TV and play on his laptop. James wants to be a policeman when he grows up.

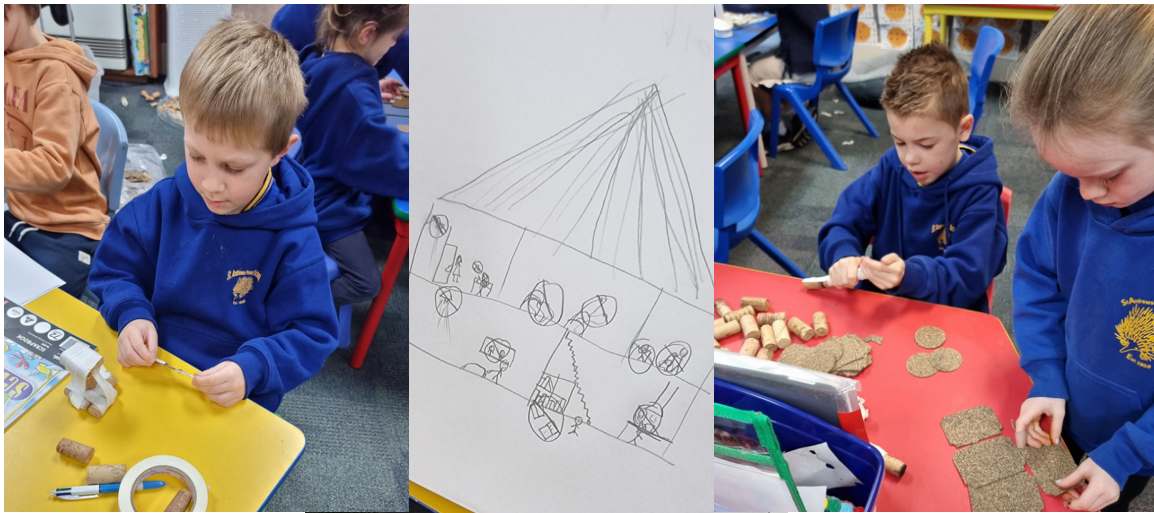
Sam

Always welcoming others with a smile, Sam is an eager, energetic and cheeky member of our class. He loves working with the teachers and writing in Maths. At home he loves to play Legoworld eat and, 'do the chickens' Sam wants to be a builder when he grows up.

SCHOOL NEWS

STEM Summary

This week was all about efficiency. We learned about common ways we could save energy in the younger grades and investigated building a house with no energy leaks. In grade 3-4 we audited a house of energy and identified ways common devices in a house could save energy. The grade 5/6s we got into how to use Microsoft Excel to compare different types of lights and how investing in more expensive lights that are more efficient is better in the long run.



CFA Cup

The CFA Cup was incredible on the weekend. The atmosphere and the players were brilliant. A huge thanks to our STAPS Players, staff and parents for representing and to the Kangaroo ground and Strathewan players that came along and to Sam and Chris from Panton Hill FC for coaching the squad and umpiring the game. It was an amazing experience for the kids with a great game of footy being played, ending in a tiny 3 point loss to Panton Hill.

We'll get them next year!



SWPBS UPDATE



Our School Wide Positive Support Program (SWPBS) is the core of our wellbeing program here at STAPS. We regularly acknowledge the positive behaviours that we see around the school and use our observations to decide upon the explicit teaching needs for our weekly wellbeing sessions.

This term we will be focusing on the STAPS value: Courageous.

With the aim of increasing students ability to manage challenging situations and develop their problem solving skills, the behaviours above will be taught regularly and acknowledged directly through the rewarding of dojo points/echidna cards.

As the name indicates, this is a school wide approach and we like to think all of our learning translates well beyond our classroom walls so please, encourage your children to share their newfound strategies with you and celebrate when they demonstrate these behaviours at home too.

TERM THREE @ STAPS

We have lots of terrific things happening this term

PJ Dress Up and Movie Day - Wed 10th Aug

5/6 Hooptime Fri 26th Aug (*details TBC*)

Student Led Conferences with Parents - Mon 29th Aug &
Wed 31st Aug (*Afternoons*)

Book Week Celebration - Thu 1st Sept

3/4 Hooptime - Fri 2nd Sept (*details TBC*)

Staff Professional Practice Day (Pupil Free Day) - Fri 2nd Sept

Curriculum Day *Staff attending Maths Professional Learning* -
Mon 5th Sept (Pupil Free Day)

Whole School Learning Exhibition - Fri Sept 9th at 2:30pm

Sports Day (AFL) & Special lunch - Fri 16th Sept

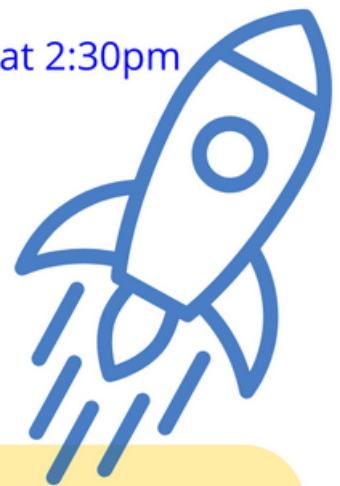
Come and Try Sessions - *Fridays 12:45 - 1:30pm*

Last Day of Term - Fri 16th Sept 2:30 finish

Portsea Camp - Wed Oct 28th - 30th

Assemblies - Friday 5th and 19th August, 2nd September

School Council - Wednesday 3rd and 31st August



COMMUNITY NEWS

Here at STAPS, we are a proud part of our beautiful community.

If you are a part of a local community group and would like to work with us or have your information shared through the school, please contact us on 9710 1255 or at st.andrews.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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**STAPS families
Alisha needs your
help.....**

Do you have any books at home that you no longer read?

I would love if you could donate them to help me set up my new school library.

**DONATE
NOW**

You can drop them into the donation bin in our library, feel free to write a little note in the front cover so I know who donated them



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The Nillumbik
**PARENTING
HUB**

**Supporting Young People
with Autism**

Thursday 11 August, 7-9pm (In Person)



Join Amaze for a two hour session on how to support young people living with Autism Spectrum Disorder

- Find out more about autism, and how individuals may experience autism differently.
- Understand how autistic people process information, and where support may be needed.
- Support strategies you can apply in your environment immediately.

To secure a booking please visit: nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Explore/Events-and-festivals/Events-calendar/Supporting-Young-People-with-Autism

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