

STAPS NEWSLETTER

The term is definitely moving fast, with a number of celebrations and events already, and we're only halfway through the term!

TWILIGHT COMMUNITY GAMES THIS FRIDAY!

All free, all welcome, all fun! Starting from 4:30 pm - invite friends, neighbours, everyone!

LUNCH ORDERS START THIS WEEK!

(see attached page for info)

We've celebrated **PANCAKE DAY** - thanks to Tracey and the team of parents who cooked and served our delicious pancakes... they were very yummy.

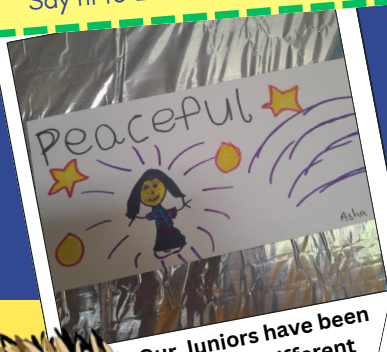
See photos on page 2

We had **COURAGEOUS SWIMMERS** last Friday morning competing in the Inter-school Swimming Sports - congratulations to Emma and Paisley for competing in the heats. Paisley came 7th in her freestyle event, and Emma came 5th in freestyle and 7th in backstroke. **AMAZING** stamina and perseverance girls!

See photos on page 4

OSHC STAFFING...

We welcome **Emma Bourke** who is joining us as an **OSHC Educator** for the next few months. Emma lives in the local area and is currently completing her studies to be a teacher. She is an experienced OSHC educator and works part-time in education support. Emma will be around some mornings and some afternoons, with Tracey continuing with some sessions. Say hi to Emma when you see her!



Our Juniors have been exploring different emotions...



Our Seniors have been exploring "What Good Readers Do"...

We visited the **LIBRARY TRUCK** last Wednesday - with browsing, borrowing, new library cards and learning a little about how the Library Service helps our community. We plan to visit the Mobile Library every 3-4 weeks - and we will let you know in the Weekly Update if it is a STAPS Library Truck week so that students can return books.



We strongly suggest that students have a **library bag** for borrowing from the Mobile Library - and it is required for borrowing from our school library. Junior students have decorated a bag at school, and senior students will be decorating one this week (if they don't have one yet!)

We had a small supply of spare bags... that all got used last week - so if an unlabelled fabric/red bag came to your house, please return it so we can re-use it as a spare bag in the future.

THANK YOU... THANK YOU... THANK YOU...

to our amazing working bee families!

There was mowing, whipper-snipping, weeding, painting, cleaning, sorting, tidying, fixing and more! The school is looking wonderful, and we are proud and thankful for our caring school community.

Some photos on page 4

RELOCATION

Thanks to all our students, families and staff for your support and co-operation with regard to our two relocations due to forecasts of Extreme Fire Danger in the Nillumbik Local Government Area. We thank Hurstbridge PS for hosting us on these days, and thank our staff for their flexibility and care. Our students have been amazing - and it's been great to have so many students present, and to see their learning and engaging continuing in a new location!

Some photos on page 5

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Pancake Day

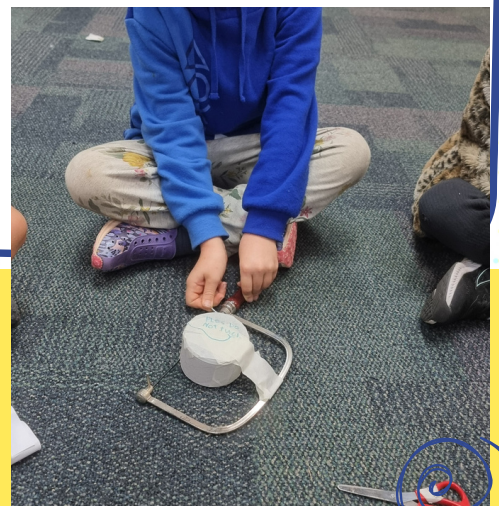


STEM & SUSTAINABILITY/GARDENING

The first weeks of sustainability and gardening were all about getting familiar with the space. We learned about the value of the garden to ourselves and our community, recorded how we felt in the garden as well as its benefits to us.

Our focus moved to the beneficial insects and pests we might find in the space, learning about which bugs and critters help and hinder the growth of our beautiful plants! We love exploring our garden!

Back into S.T.E.M. and it was an absolute pleasure to see and teach these incredible kids again. We started the term going through our holidays and just catching up, we then learned about the unit focus of communication. In the juniors we learned about what communication is and how it is done in animals as well as humans. After this we had a go at different forms of communication ourselves and thought about how we as humans communicate in different ways. In the senior grades we thought about why design communication is important and used a case study of a bridge design to show how different levels of communication influenced how clear a design idea was! With the older students, we have developed safety standards for ourselves with tools we use in our daily lives as well as tools we might need in the future. We then had to communicate these plans with our peers to demonstrate we understood how safety works in different environments. In the junior grades our focus was also on making sure that we knew where the dangerous points were on tools. We then designed and made covers for the tools to make them a little safer. There was some brilliant designs that they came up with!



Around the School

YUM! FROM OUR
VEGGIE GARDEN!

3-6 SECRET
WRITING...

F-2 CLASS
AGREEMENT...

WELCOME
to Peters
Classroom!

IN THE ART
ROOM...

JAPANESE

Around the School



INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING - CONGRATULATIONS ON COURAGEOUSLY ATTENDING PAISLEY, EMMA & NOAH!



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SCIENCE
EXPERIMENTS...



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ASSEMBLY...



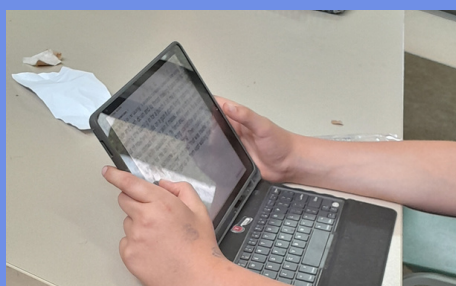
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REFURB...



WORKING BEE WORKERS!



Relocation Days



REMINDERS...

Before and After School Supervision

Just a reminder that our school playground (out the front) is supervised from 8:45 am before school, and supervised until 3:40 pm after school. Outside these times, parents are responsible for supervision of their children.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the *Schools' Privacy Policy* and the *Schools' Privacy Collection Notice*.

Our *Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy* on our website describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we will provide on how we use Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).



LUNCH ORDERS on FRIDAYS

Lunch Orders available on Fridays from Smiths Gully Cafe - see ordering info page for details in how to order! Orders close at 11:00 am on Friday.

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**

STAPS Team 2024

Principal: *Carolynne*

F-2/Junior Learning Community Teacher: Sandra

3-6/Senior Learning Community Teacher: Peter

STEM: Chan **Japanese:** Kerry

Visual Arts: Carolynne **PE:** Kerry

Sustainability/Gardening: Chan

Puggles: Carolynne (lead)

Business Manager: Michelle (Mon-Wed)

Classroom Education Support: Carissa

Chaplain/Wellbeing Support: Tracey (Wed & Fri)

OSHC: Tracey and STAPS teaching staff



STAPS COMMUNITY NEWS

St Andrews Primary School
invites you to join in our

Community Twilight Games

**FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT!**

Friday March 1st
St Andrews PS, Caledonia St
9710 1255

**Free Animal Farm &
Free Face Painting**

**Go up against the CFA
in Tug-of-War**

**Free Food – BBQ and
more from 4:30 pm!**

**Bring your family, friends
or community group**

3 Legged Race
Tennis Games
Team relays
Sack Race
Boot Throw
Egg & Spoon
& more

**Food and
Activities from
4:30 pm, events
start 5:45 pm**



COMMUNITY NEWS



Ours students will be creating artworks at school, for display at the Festival...
but separate personal works are welcome and encouraged!

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024

******Art Show Expression of Interest******

We are looking for local artists both amateur and professional, all ages, who would like to display their works during the festival.

The Art Show will be held in the

Wadumbuk St Andrews Community Centre

35 Caledonia Street, St. Andrews, 3761

Saturday 23rd March 2024

Time: 1.00pm -4.00pm

The Art show will remain on display in the centre for 4 weeks until the 20th April.

Entry fee is \$10.00 /piece. No fee for 18yo and under.

There are no commissions taken on any works sold.

If you are interested, please send us an image of your art/s to be entered and include dimensions.

Maximum of 2 works submitted.

(The committee does not guarantee that all submissions will be selected for display).

Expression of interest closes: 4th March 2024

Email: standrewscommunitycentre@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

St. Andrews Festival Committee





At St Andrew's
Festival

Sat 23rd
March

ENTRY FORMS ON COMPASS
AND AT STAPS OFFICE



The St.Andrews

Happy Hairy Pet Show

When: Saturday 23rd

March 2024

Where;
On the school
oval

Time:
Hop along from
2:30 to 3:30pm

Limited places!!

Gold
Coin
donation

Categories Include:

- Homemade pets
- Waggiest tail
- Best tricks
- Creative dress
- Longest ears
- Most unusual
-And many more

GRAND PARADE

Entry Form

Name of Owner.....Mob.No. _ _ _ _ _

Name of Pet.....

Type of Pet.....

All pets suitably restrained please

Email / Post / or drop off at Wadumbuk Community Centre

Entries Close: Wednesday 7th of March

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Diamond Valley College School Tours

All tours commence at 9:15am

Thursday 7th March 2024

Tuesday 12th March 2024

Thursday 21st March 2024

Wednesday 27th March 2024

Tuesday 16th April 2024

Friday 3rd May 2024

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Scan the QR to book your place for one of these tours:



DIAMOND VALLEY COLLEGE
165-179 Main Hurstbridge Rd
Diamond Creek VIC 3089

www.dvallcoll.vic.edu.au

Colouring Pages can be collected from the School Office... and we will do a reminder in the next few weeks!

Alowyn Gardens

School Colouring Competition!

1st prize
\$20

2nd prize
\$15

3rd prize
\$10

4 Categories: Prep, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6

**Winners announced 2pm as part of the
Alowyn Gardens Autumn Celebration
Saturday 6th April 10am-5pm**

📍 1210 Melba Hwy, Yarra Glen

See alowyngardens.com.au for more details

T's & C's- Participating schools to deliver artworks to Alowyn by the 1st of April. Limit of one entry per child. For questions please email info@alowyngardens.com.au or call Prue on 0407266916.

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DIARY DATES REST OF TERM 1 2024

Community Twilight Sports Friday 1st March – from 4:30 pm

March Long Weekend: Curriculum Day: Friday 8th March **and**

Labour Day Holiday: Monday 11th March

Naplan (Years 3 and 5) period commences Wednesday 13th March

Pi Day (Mathematics Day): Thursday 14th March

STAPS Harmony Day: Wednesday 20th March

St Andrews Festival: Saturday 23rd March

Local Community Walk: Wednesday 27th March (*details to come*)

Term 1 Learning Celebration: Thursday 28th March

Last Day Term 1: Thursday 28th March

Good Friday Holiday: Friday 29th March beginning the School Holidays
(note: during the school holidays, on Sunday 7th April, Daylight Savings ends)

Upcoming Dates for early Term 2:

Term 2 begins: Monday 15th April

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

Curriculum Day: Wednesday 24th April

ANZAC Day Holiday: Thursday 25th April

Assembly:

usually 3:00 pm fortnightly on Fridays – but during Term 1 there are some changes to this schedule

Friday 23rd Feb, Friday 1st Mar & 22nd Mar

and short Assembly on **Thurs 28th Mar** (*starting at 2:10 pm before early finish*)

