

'ST ANDREWS PS



newsletter

December 1st 2023

The last couple of weeks have been great - with Pet Day for the whole school, and our final Calm Youth session with Graduation for our Year 3-6s. The **Pet Day** was a great success - see a selection of photos and a brief report included in this newsletter.

The **Calm Youth program** has been a great success, and last week for *Calm Youth Graduation* the students presented their portfolios and shared their take-aways from the program. One of our students told his mum that what he learned would "stay in my brain forever", and students shared in Rap, speech, and artwork... it was a lovely celebration of positivity and passion. We thank the Calm Youth team for their work and leadership, and we look forward to having them visit again next year.

Recently Orianna from **Naturally Goat** (and her goat Daphne!) came to visit STAPS. Orianna lives in St Andrews, and she shared her story about starting up and running her goat milk soap business, and she gave us lots of tips for our Market Stalls. Some students had a go at milking Daphne, and Orianna answered lots of questions that the students had!

Today the **amazing Middle Learners** led our assembly, and entertained us with "The Gingerbread Dude" - there are certainly some budding actors in our midst!

The next weeks are full and busy, with **Market Day, Swimming, Transition Day** and **Concert and Graduation**, as well as our **end of year Learning Celebration** and **Festive Community Morning Tea**. Further info is in this newsletter, and will be distributed next week!

Coming Up

Market Day

Wednesday 6th December 3-4 pm

Swimming Lessons 11th - 15th Dec

Statewide Transition Day

Tuesday 12th December

Graduation and Christmas Concert

Wednesday 13th December
at Wadambuk (St Andrews Community Centre)

Year 6 Celebration Day

Monday 18th December

Learning Celebration & Festive Community Morning Tea

Tuesday 19th December

Last Day

Wednesday 20th Dec 1:25 pm dismissal

Full events schedule on the last page

Contact Us

There is never a silly question here at STAPS. If you ever need us, here's the best way to get in touch:

- Our **Office** is open with Michelle on **Monday - Wednesday**
- **Carolyn** is available most days via *phone, email or in the office*
- **Teachers** can be reached via *email* or you can *schedule meetings* at drop off or pick up daily
- Tracey, our wonderful chaplain, is available for support on **Wednesday** and **Fridays**

phone: 03 9710 1255

email: st.andrews.ps@education.vic.edu.au

PET DAY

A wonderful morning of sharing our pets "in person" or in photos was held last Wednesday. We had dogs, a cat, guinea pigs, chickens and a goat! We shared our pets' names and interesting information about them. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who supported the morning and helped with our menagerie!



in our

CLASSROOMS

JUNIOR LEARNERS

★ Positively KNOW How
the school can raise money by
selling gum
balls.
because of the chocolate it has
it is delicious. the mouth
watering gum balls will be
popular. secondly the friendship
bracelets will be a good thing for
friendship. For sure I think we should
sell gum balls and friendship bracelets.

Incidents Start
I strongly believe that
we should sell friendship
bracelet because we can
raise money for the school.
It is a nice thing to do.
Firstly peppermint ball will
be a good idea for our stall
because it will be a scrumptious
tasty treat to eat. Secondly
friendship bracelets will be

Popular. Because it will
bring friends together in our school.
We should sell friendship bracelets
and peppermint ball at our
stall to raise money for our
school.

We should sell
friendship
bracelets to raise money for
our school for a good thing
to do.

The best market in
the world
I strongly believe we
should sell friendship
bracelets and peppermint
balls. Firstly friendship
bracelets have been around
for a very long time and
everyone loves them. Also they
show belonging and friend-
ship. Secondly people will be
hungry walking around our
market! It is certain that
the peppermint balls will be
a hit once people taste the

deliciousness of the chocolate
with the tang of crunch
the peppermint gives.
These reasons, 99% sure
will get us to \$100!



- Our Market Stall unit is in preparation and production.
- Persuasive letters to Carolyne have been written (with treats!)
- Products have been selected and are in production.
- Promotional material is being prepared.

MIDDLE & SENIOR LEARNERS

'STAPS' AFTERNOON MARKET

Our Market Stall unit is in full swing!

- Persuasive letters to teachers about great market ideas have been written,
- Surveys created to inform product viability,
- Costs and budgets are being planned,
- Print and tv advertising has been analysed, and
- Promotional material (posters and commercials) are underway.

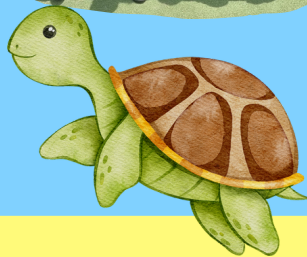
Afternoon Market Stall

Wednesday 6th December 3-4pm



'FIGHTING EXTINCTION' SHOWCASE

OUR BRILLIANT SCIENTISTS



On Friday the 17th of November some of our 4/5/6 students went to Melbourne Zoo to present work they had been doing to help endangered species. They had to design and build these projects outside of school time and did an amazing job, researching, planning and designing these showcase pieces. Once at the Zoo they heard from prominent Zoo staff and endangered species researchers and zoo keepers, after which they presented their incredible work to the zoo staff and visitors. They had a great time and did a sensational job representing our school and helping to protect our endangered animals! Thank you to all the parents involved, it was great to have your children there!



AROUND THE 'SCHOOL

over the last week...



Japanese 'I love vehicles'
Games

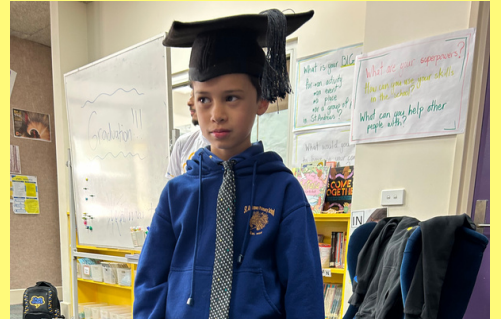


Oriana and her goat Daphne!



Market Research - Seniors
surveying the Juniors on
price, flavours etc. for their
market product.

CALM Youth Graduation



INQUIRY

Chemical Science

JUNIOR LEARNERS

MATERIALS SORTING CHALLENGE &

SOLUBILITY EXPERIMENT



This week, our junior scientists were learning to make scientific predictions and check them against results from our experiments. This time, they explored the solubility of different materials – salt, sugar, and sand. Students had to be patient and wait until the end of the session to see which materials /substances did, and which ones did not dissolve in water.

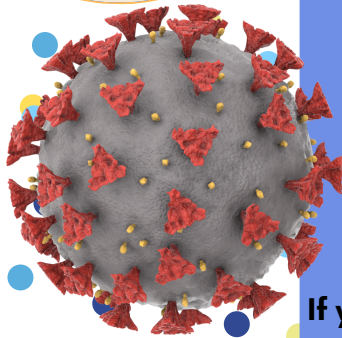
SENIOR LEARNERS

PROPERTY OF MATERIALS & VISCOSITY OF LIQUIDS

Our Seniors are learning about different properties that materials have. By experimenting with mixing in coloured oil, honey, dish-soap, water and methylated spirit students got to record, predict and assess their preconceptions against the results of the experiment. They learned that as the higher the viscosity of a liquid, the thicker it is and the greater the resistance to flow, affecting the layering and mixing of these substances. They also now understand that temperature will affect the viscosity of most materials, like in the case of our honey, which had to be heated up in order to flow out of the tube.



HEALTH & *Safety*



COVID -19

The Department of Education has asked us to share the following announcement: There is at present an increase in community transmission of COVID-19 in Victoria. You can help us keep our school as safe as possible by taking 2 important steps:

1. Ensure your COVID-19 vaccinations are up to date. Information on how and where to get vaccinated is available on the [*Get vaccinated*](#) webpage.
2. If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they stay home and get tested. The easiest way to test is to use a rapid antigen test (RAT). We have RATs available at our school for collection. Free RATs are also available from your local council where you can collect 2 packs of 5 RATs and an extra 2 packs for each person in your household. People with disability and their carers can get 4 packs of 5 RATs. You are not required to have a Medicare card and you can collect RATs as many times as you need. You can also buy RATs at supermarkets, pharmacies and other retailers.

If your child has symptoms but tests negative, please ensure they stay home until they no longer have symptoms.

If the RAT test result is positive, please ensure they stay home for at least 5 days and until there are no more symptoms.

Thank you for your support - these steps will help us all stay well.

Protect yourself in **five ways** from skin cancer



SLIP



SLOP



SLAP



SEEK



SLIDE

A reminder that STAPS is a Sunsmart School

This means it is compulsory for students to wear hats when outside in Terms 1 and 4; and for some parts of Terms 2 and 3 depending on advice from Sunsmart regarding UV levels.

Hats need to be wide brimmed;

our school hats are available from our uniform store.



STAPS CHRISTMAS CONCERT & GRADUATION

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER
@ WADAMBUK (ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY CENTRE)

5:00 pm Pre-concert Family BYO Picnic (outside)

(Inside the Year 6s will have a special celebration meal with current and former staff)

6:00 pm Christmas Concert

followed by Graduation (approx 6:20 pm)

and finishing with our amazing Bands performances

If weather permits, the picnic, Christmas Concert and Band performances are planned to be outside, with the Graduation speeches and presentations inside.

**Come along and celebrate our
wonderful STAPS community,
celebrate the festive season,
and celebrate our amazing Year 6s!**



ST ANDREWS PS

MARKET DAY

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER
3 PM - 4PM

Muffins, Christmas Ornaments, Comic Books, Colouring Pages, Pastries, Popcorn, Lemonade, Smoothies, Lego Play, Earrings, Peppermint Balls, Friendship Bracelets, Slime, Reindeer Food, Second Hand Clothing, Bracelets to make, Cold Drinks, Sweet Treats... and more!

Goods and services priced from 50c to \$10!

Visit and Stop to Shop Locally Made Goodies and Services - to raise money for our Swings!!

All out the front of STAPS!

Parents, Friends of the STAPS community, and students all welcome.

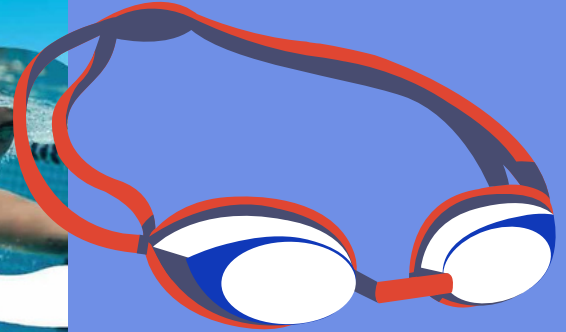


in our

COMMUNITY

Intensive Swimming Program January 2024

All ages
4 mths –
teenagers,
adults
all standards



Fast Track Swimming Lessons 5-Day Intensive Program

30 minute lessons
Cost: \$90 per swimmer



5 Day Program (Morning sessions only)

Thursday, 11th January
Friday, 12th January
Monday, 15th January
Tuesday, 16th January
Wednesday, 17th January

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____
PARENT NAME/S: _____
MOBILE NUMBER: _____
EMAIL: _____

Swimmer Name	Date of Birth	Preferred Time	Current swimmer at ESS?	New swimmer? Your level? Please check See url below
		1 8:30-9:30am 2 9:30-10:30am 3 10:30am +		
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If you currently attend Eltham Swimming School, we have your Level. For new swimmers, please check our Levels at <https://www.elthamswim.com.au/swimming-lessons/assessment-levels>

To enrol or make an enquiry, scan the QR Code or email us at enquiries@elthamswim.com.au

Eltham Swimming School, 1441 Main Road, Eltham 3095 elthamswim.com.au

Ultra Violet (UV) Water Treatment The safest and the best



At Eltham Swimming School, water safety is always our priority.

And that means developing water safe swimmers, using safe water.

We invest heavily in our water quality.

These days many facilities attempt to 'disguise' how they treat their water. If you have heard of 'SALT' or 'MINERAL' water treatment, think 'CHLORINE'. You cannot legally swim in a commercial pool if it is not treated with chlorine, and that is because it is unsafe.

Our Victorian Health regulations require chlorine. 'Salt' and 'Mineral' pools make chlorine on site (from the salt, etc). But if something goes wrong during the process, you could be in a pool with **no chlorine** and therefore be in an **untreated pool**.

At Eltham Swimming School, we use ULTRA VIOLET LIGHT plus low chlorine. It is the best and the safest way to treat water.

How does it work?

Ultra Violet light has a bad reputation when it comes to UV protection (sunscreens, etc). However for sanitising water, it excels! We keep it totally enclosed in a large stainless system (as pictured) where it works its magic. The pool water is completely sanitised each time it passes through our UV chamber and then treated with low chlorine.



This is the best system available

It makes our pool the safest and healthiest water to swim in. For more information, take a look at our Hanovia system at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-m_TjRFPDs



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in our **COMMUNITY**

**YARRA
PLENTY
WAVES**

SCHOOL SPORTS

**Swimming
HOLIDAY
PROGRAM**



Boost your swim skills & get ready for school **SWIMMING**

Full Program Fees
\$180

**MON, WED &
THURS**

8-25 January

★ ★ ★
3-PM

- Improve your swimming skills with focused coaching
- Learn from qualified and experienced coaches
- Get ready for school swimming sports with confidence
- Don't miss out on this opportunity to boost your swim skills and have fun!



MORE DETAILS

YARRAPLENTYWAVES.COM.AU

HERB NORMAN (YARRA PLENTY) INDOOR POOL
LIAT WAY (OFF SAINSBURY AVE)
GREENSBOROUGH

FUN SWIM



**YARRA
PLENTY
WAVES**

**YARRA
Swim School**

in our COMMUNITY

BE A HURRICANE!

**REGISTER
FOR
2024**



**HURSTBRIDGE
HURRICANES**

WWW.HURSTBRIDGEHURRICANES.COM



END OF TERM 'FOUR

Diary Dates



School Council Wed 29 Nov

STAPS Market Afternoon Wed 6 Dec 3 pm - 4 pm

Swimming Lessons 11 - 15 Dec

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

Graduation and End of Year Concert at Wadambuk
(St Andrews Community Centre) Wed 13 Dec
5pm BYO Picnic Dinner
6pm Christmas Concert and Graduation

Cherry Collection Mon 18 Dec 3pm - 4:30 pm

Learning Celebration & Festive Community

Morning Tea Tue 19 Dec

from 10:30 am Learning Celebration walk-through,
11:30 am Festive Community Morning Tea

Last Day Wed 20 Dec 1:25 dismissal

Student Assemblies- 3pm Fridays: 1 & 15 Dec