

ST ANDREWS PS



newsletter

December 11th 2023

With Christmas just around the corner, the festivities have been amping up at school. We cannot wait to celebrate with you over the next week!

We have a busy end of the year here at STAPS, with swimming lessons running daily this week and our School Christmas Concert, band performances and Graduation tomorrow night.

Our days here at school are packed with fun but can also be very busy for our little people. Everyone's a little tired and looking forward to the summer break. In the lead-up, it's important to take each day at a time and try and be patient and understanding of each individual's needs. There are some **tips further on that may come in handy at home.**

We are very excited to be working with our current staff, as well as our new teachers, over this week to celebrate our achievements of 2023 and plan for an even better year in 2024. We have some exciting new ideas and cannot wait to share them with you all shortly.

I'd like to take this opportunity to **thank our wonderful School Council**, and to **farewell our retiring members** - Tegan Baillie and Shannon Gilleland. Thank you especially Tegan, for your support and work on School Council over many years.

The **PFA and Fundraising have done an AMAZING job again this year, as have the students** - with Band Night, Pies, Raffles, Cherries, Colour Fun Run, and more over the year! Final totals in next week's *End of Year Newsletter* - **but I can confirm we are getting swings!**

2024

Dates for your Diaries

Australia Day Holiday: Friday 26th January

Curriculum Day: Monday 29th January

First Day School: Tuesday 30th January

March Long Weekend:

Curriculum Day: Friday 8th March

Labour Day Holiday: Monday 11th March

St Andrews Festival: Saturday 23rd March

Last Day Term 1: Thursday 28th March

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

Term 2 begins: Monday 12th April

Year 3-6 Camp: Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th April - *Woorabinda Camp (with Arthurs Creek PS)*

Curriculum Day: Wednesday 24th April

ANZAC Day Holiday: Thursday 25th April





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!**



FINAL DAYS TO ORDER!!!

ST ANDREWS PRIMARY CHERRY DRIVE

ORDERS CLOSE MIDNIGHT 13 DECEMBER



5KG FOR \$60

Support a Yarra Valley farm and our local school by buying fresh cherries for Christmas.

We have teamed up once again with Wandin Valley Farms to supply us with 5kg boxes of delicious quality cherries

COLLECTION
18 DECEMBER
BETWEEN
3 - 4:30PM

ST ANDREWS PRIMARY SCHOOL
15 CALEDONIA STREET
ST ANDREWS 3761



<https://events.humanitix.com/staps-cherry-drive-2023>

END OF TERM FOUR

Diary Dates



Swimming Lessons 11 – 15 Dec

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

NOTE No Assembly – Friday 15 Dec

Graduation and End of Year Concert at Wadambuk (St Andrews Community Centre) Wed 13 Dec

5 pm BYO Picnic Dinner

6 pm Christmas Concert and Graduation

Year 6 Celebration Day Mon 18 Dec

Cherry Collection Mon 18 Dec 3 pm – 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 **gathering for the Final Assembly at 1:10 pm with 1:25 pm dismissal**

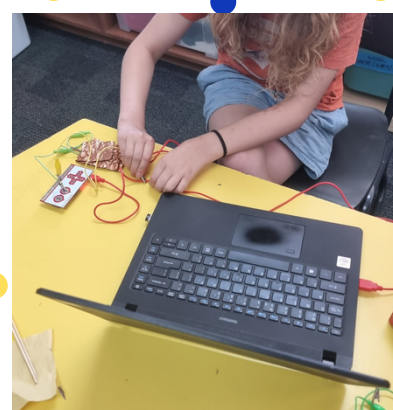
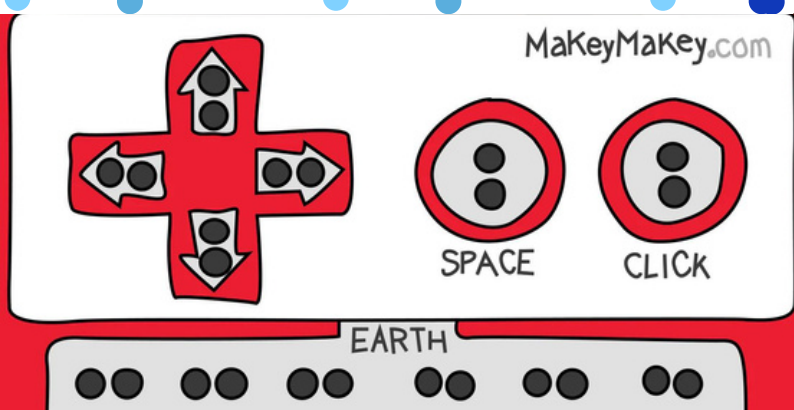
'STAP'S MARKET

a huge success!



STEM *Summary*

This week was all about how we could connect our understanding of circuitry to digital technologies. We explored how to make and set up a Makey Makey and investigated how these conduct and use electricity. In the senior grades we identified how the circuits flow and where the electricity comes from and is moved around. In the junior grades we tested how different substances could affect the Makey Makeys in different ways. It was really cool to see how we can make digital signals with our hands and paper clips!



offers and IDEAS...



We take readers home to build literacy skills, but how do we help our children practise maths regularly without feeling like more schoolwork? **Town Squared** makes maths a reward!

Our school has the opportunity for families to access this world-class resource at a heavily discounted rate.

Sign up at <https://www.townsgquaredgame.com/my-school-offer>

And use our code **SUMMER50** to access the discount.

Keep your child's maths momentum going over the break!

More information

Town Squared helps all children find their own level and motivates them to move beyond. The maths puzzles adapt to your child's capability, providing additional challenge or support wherever they need it. Reluctant or anxious learners can enjoy building their skills in a supportive game world, and those needing extension can challenge themselves to reach the highest levels of the puzzles.

TO GET THROUGH TO THE END OF THE YEAR...



It's almost the end of the year and the kids are tired, and getting restless.

Here are some tips to keep them (and you) happy through the home stretch.



Stick to routine

As tempting as it is to slip into summer-relaxed mode, don't abandon the **routines and structures** you've relied on all year. Now that it's light outside later, the kids may be clamouring for you to move back bedtime, but they still need to be tucked in **at a reasonable hour**. **Regular routines**, including healthy snacks and lunches, also help kids cope with the excitement of end-of-school treats and activities.



Take it outside

Research shows that spending **more time outdoors** improves children's concentration in school, lessens aggression and improves their ability to cooperate. It's "a giant relief valve for everyone in the family," writes outdoor lifestyle expert Rebecca Cohen in *15 Minutes Outside*, a month-by-month collection of 365 easy and enjoyable ways to get out of the house and connect with your kids.



Plan ahead

If you're planning a trip, pick up a few books about the places you'll be visiting. Tying your vacation to literature or literature to your vacation—is a great way to encourage reading in those last week of school and into the summer. Your child might also enjoy writing and illustrating a letter of introduction to next year's teacher, or to a younger student who will be in her grade level the following year telling them what to expect and how to prepare.



Acknowledge progress

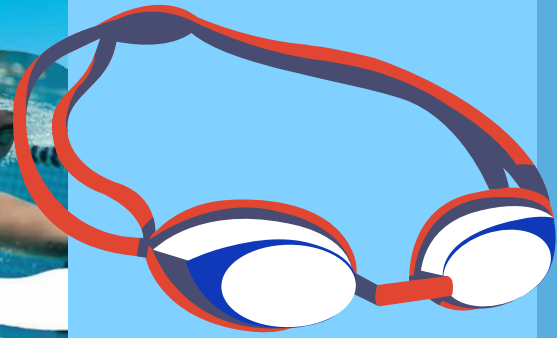
Encourage your child to reflect back on their school year and think about what they've learned, what was challenging, how they dealt with it and what they're proud of. You can sit down together to sort through all the artwork, projects and writing that they have collected over the year and choose a few pieces to keep as mementos. "There was a lot of, 'Omigosh, look at what my writing used to look like.'" It's a real motivator for kids when they look back at their work. It reinforces just how far they've come.

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

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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_TjFRP0s



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**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

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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**

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HURSTBRIDGE JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

2024 SEASON

JUNIOR GIRLS REGISTRATION

