

NEWSLETTER



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Courageous and
Responsible minds*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL DESK

Hayley Styles

What a busy fortnight we've had here at STAPS. From all accounts, it sounds like the family night at the pub was a huge success and enjoyed by all. We also had a terrific turn out at our working bee on the Sunday and achieved some tremendous things. The cleanup in cubby land was much appreciated by the kids this week and the bamboo tee pee in the front of school is another lovely addition. I want to share my most sincere thank you to our amazing parents that get involved and make these amazing things happen. We are so lucky to have you!

With students that clearly follow in the footsteps of their philanthropic parents, our recent Poppin' PJ Day was another success. Spearheaded by School Leader, Mira, with an eager team of helpers; Wade, Amira and Charlotte, their special day raised well needed money for HoMie, who help with youth homelessness in Melbourne.

Our students all looked very cosy in their PJs, dressing gowns and oodles, and enjoyed a lunch time filled with fun activities run by our leaders, and some delicious movie popcorn and hot chocolates while they spent the afternoon enjoying their Space themed movies; Lightyear and Home. Hailed as a big success by all, I hear our leaders are already organising next term's fun day.

We were really lucky to get to spend last Wednesday with our new Acting Principal. Carlyne spent the day at STAPS, getting to know our lovely community and preparing to jump into the classroom as of today.

We feel very lucky to have Carlyne join our team and look forward to seeing her wealth of skills and knowledge play out in our beloved little school. Carlyne will be working in the Acting Principal role every Monday and Tuesday and teaching the middle leaders with Felicity.

UPCOMING DATES

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)

Wednesday 7th Sept
School Council Meeting

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

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MEET OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER CAROLYN

I am **very** excited to be joining the STAPS community on Monday and Tuesdays as Acting Principal. I had a lovely day last Wednesday, meeting and working with Hayley and the wonderful STAPS staff, and saying hello to the students (and meeting some of the parents). I have now had my first "official day", and it was great to work with some of the middle students this morning in Reading and Maths.

I have been a teacher and leader in schools for over 30 years, mostly in the outer east of Melbourne. and I will continue working on Wednesday-Friday at Ainslie Parklands PS in Croydon. I am passionate about learning - particularly hands-on learning, and love many of the special and unique things about STAPS - I think we make a "good fit".

To share a little bit about me...

I love books (some people say I have too many picture books - but I don't think you can have to many!), cooking and sewing... and I love milk chocolate!

My favourite colours are red and blue.

Paul (my husband) and I love going away in our camper van, and we have 2 grown-up children - Em (25) and Jonathan (21). I love spending time with my family, and we all love going to music theatre and performances as well as relaxing with good food and friends.

I look forward to getting to know the St Andrews PS community, and being part of the learning journey in this place. Please come and say hi and help me to learn names and families!



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COMMUNITY NEWS

With all of the amazing work that's gone into upgrading our canteen and vegetable garden, it's time to get into the fun stuff. We're on the lookout for a volunteers and would love to hear from you if you're interested. Feel free to spread the word as well, being a community school, the community is invited to join in.

Gardening Helpers

Keen to get on top of planting before Spring hits, we're looking for some green thumbbed volunteers to come and join us in the garden. If you're keen to lead the way, let us know, otherwise, just bring along your gloves and gardening tools and join in the gardening on Wednesdays from 2pm.

Canteen Survey

Our amazing Tracey has been working closely with some of our parents and students to come up with a menu for our up and coming school canteen. Moving well beyond hot chocolates, we have grand ideas and would love to get your thoughts on what you think of our proposed menu. If you could complete the following survey we'd be greatly appreciative, and if you're interested in volunteering your time, please let us know.

Parent Opinion Survey

As you will see on Compass this week, our school is conducting a survey to find out what our parents think of our school. This annual survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to give us an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate as the survey results help to inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.



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SCHOOL EVENTS

STEM News

In Week 4 we looked into the third R of Reduce, Reuse, Recycling - Recycling. As part of understanding recycling we had to investigate what can actually be recycled! It was interesting to see what we can and can't recycle and the misconceptions we had. In Grade 5/6 we investigated what we can actually recycle in our council and had to use our knowledge and the internet to help locate our appropriate council. We then made a presentation that would teach people about recycling and how it works! In Grade 2/3/4 we had a look at the different items that could appear in either the linear or circular economy and sorted them accordingly, helping us learn what makes an item special for the circular economy. In Grade P/1 we made recycling trucks - with a twist, they had to be able to automatically sort recycling and move independently. There was some incredible designs produced!



Classroom News

Our students have been enjoying learning all about Space and Earth Sciences. Their final venture will be into the field of natural disasters before they commence their final student projects.

Having been developing their non-fiction reading skills in Reading and report writing skills in Writing classes, we're really excited to see what they come up with to share with you all on their learning celebration on September 9th.

ST ANDREWS PS COME AND TRY SESSIONS

Is your child starting school in 2023? Come along and join in the fun
Join our Pre School Facilitated Playgroup too. Every Thursday at 9:30 am

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS
12:45 – 1:30PM

Aug 19 – **Storytime**

Aug 26 – **Science**

Sept 9 – **Art**

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

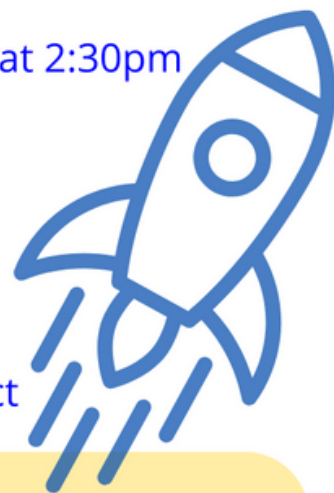
Come and Try Sessions - *Fridays 12:45 - 1:30pm*

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

TERM 4: Portsea Camp - Wed 12th - Friday 14th Oct

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

School Council - Wednesday 3rd August and 7th September



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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



Friday 12 August opening night from 5pm: Glow golf, local DJ, roving entertainment

Saturday 13 August – 11am-2pm: Free community lantern making workshop

Saturday 20 August – 11am-2pm: Free community lantern making workshop

Thursday 9 September from 5pm: 'Spring Moon' event from local composer Aiv Puglielli.

FREE Silent Disco, 5pm – 7pm. Come along and dance like nobody is watching!

Saturday 13 & 20 August, Friday 26 August & 2 & 16 September and Thursday 8 September

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