

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BY HAYLEY STYLES

What a way to wrap up an amazing first term back. Our terrific staff, parents and volunteers have been working over time to improve our school, raise funds, and create some great opportunities for our students! Thank you to every single one of you.

It was so lovely to see so many of you at last week's Twilight Sports! What a night of fun! It is certain to find its way onto our annual calendar now. A huge thanks again to the parents who baked and our amazing PFA who raised some more funds for our school. In addition to this, just today, they have handed out over 150 pies and hot crossed buns to families. I am looking forward to finding out how much they have raised and organise where these funds can be used.

We also have an anonymous donor to thank who kindly called

one day to donate \$150 'just because'. We also would like to thank Bunnings and Mel Geddes for donating some terrific new garden beds for our kitchen garden. I'm looking forward to seeing it all come into bloom next term.

If you haven't already, head on over and check out our [new website](#). Thank you to Terhi for putting this together.

Our Echidna Council are looking forward to enjoying their Term 1 fundraising event this Thursday. Our students are invited to dress in their PJs or Onsie and bring a gold coin donation to join in the movie afternoon. Funds will go to new paint brushes and fruity icypoles are available for \$3 each.

You will have received a letter, inviting you to our new information portal, Compass, today. We look forward to getting all of our parents online this week and having a full roll out next term.

Have a great break. Enjoy your family time, and travel safe this Easter.

COMING UP

Wed Mar 31st

School Photos 9am
Japanese Assembly 3pm
Info Session for 2021 & 2022 Preps. 3:45pm

Thur Apr 1

Movie + PJ Day
Last day 2:30 finish

Holidays

2 Apr - 18 Apr

Now

Fees due
Join Band via email
Starting Term 2



PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

It has been a busy busy start to 2021! We have some ideas for what we want for the year but we'd also LOVE to hear from you. Follow the [link here](#) to complete a short survey share with us what you think is going well, not so well, and what could be improved upon.



4/5/6 NEWS

BY RYAN COSSENS

The week of the 15th of March was a week for democracy in action in the 4/5/6 room. Student formed “political parties” based around issues that they saw around the school. These parties spent the week writing bills to present to the “4/5/6 parliament” on Friday. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to see how our literacy focus, creating persuasive texts, could be used in practice. The much awaited day of the parliament came and by making sure that all the by the upper house (SRC).



parties were two sword lengths apart, the parliament was called to order! Debate raged for more than two hours on range of issues, including but not limited to: compulsory school uniform, the merits of removing the blackberries (and how it should be done) and how “blurting” (calling out) should be handled in the classroom. Some of these issues were passed by the parliament and will go on to be reviewed by the upper house (SRC).

PREP/1 NEWS

BY JEN BIRCH

This week in the Prep One classroom we have been using some old technology to listen to stories in small groups. It was a great novelty to sit together with the headphones on and follow along, turning the pages when the cue was heard. After the story finished, we drew a picture of something from the story. We also borrowed the Light box from the Art room to look at some x-rays while learning about the sound /x/ and then started placing other things like coloured counters on the light box to see the colours change as they overlapped.

2/3 NEWS

BY TYLER ELLIS

Over the past two weeks, the Grade 2/3's have been busy working away at their Show and Tell projects. We loved learning all about the people and places in our community. From posters to Power Points, the class went all out, dazzling us with their excellent presentation skills.

In Literacy, we have been learning our long 'i' codes. The class had a go at writing sentences containing words with the long 'i' sound in them. We had some wonderfully creative outcomes, with a special mention going out to Jango, who put extra effort into his imaginative sentences.

Twilight sports was a great hit with the class. They could not stop raving about all the fun they had with their friends and family. With only one week of Term 1 left, the students are bursting with excitement for the school holidays!



During Developmental Play, there has been lots of building occurring using the MAB blocks. Small groups have been working together on a variety of constructions, challenging themselves to improve their design a little more each day, such as building higher or stronger towers or steps. In Maths we introduced the ‘Number of the Day’, to practise representing numbers in different ways, such as tally marks, number lines and ten frames.

SPECIALIST CORNER

STEM UPDATE

BY CHAN

If you haven't heard of Chlorophyll, it's about time you did! It's super important to how plants work and without it we couldn't exist on this earth. We found out that it is very important in converting sunlight into chemical energy and it's the reason why plants are green. After that we had a go at taking out the chlorophyll from the plants by smashing leaves and dissolving them in alcohol. We learned about why it's important to keep the utensils we used clean and free from contamination. The older students had a go at designing the experiment and developed a clear question, hypothesis and method for their experiments.



STELLAR SWPBS STUDENTS

We are so proud of the students who have reached their first SWPBS target of 25 Echidna Cards this fortnight!

P/1 - Emilia, Eve, Harold, Isobel, Joshy, Maxwell, Otto & Sam

2/3 - Margot, Miska, Nelly & Noah

4/5/6 - Amira, Asha, Ivy, Jack, Jasmine, Lily, Luke, Lumi, Martha, Mira, Olive, Rahni, Truman & Wade



*Growing Caring,
Couragous and
Responsible minds*

ECHIDNA COUNCIL
PJ & MOVIE
DAY!!!

- MOVIES: 'YES DAY' AND 'FREAKY FRIDAY'
- \$3 ALL FRUIT ICY POLES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
- WEAR: ONSIE OR PJS
- THURSDAY 1ST APRIL
- RAISING MONEY FOR NEW PAINT BRUSHES

PLEASE BRING GOLD
COIN DONATIONS

St Andrews PS 'Come and Try'



Come along to our sessions to get a taste of what our school has to offer. Everyone is welcome to join any or all sessions. Come to meet all of our teachers, and learn more about our school.

Formal transition for enrolled students will commence in November

Join us for these special activities:

- **Twilight Sports**
25 March from 4:30pm
- **2021 Prep Info Session**
31 March from 3:45pm
- **Open Morning**
19 May 9 to 12:30
- **Science Activity Night**
4th August from 5:30pm

To keep up to date with information;

- Email to join our subscription group
- Follow us on Instagram @standrewsps
- Join our Facebook - St Andrews Primary School



Contact us with questions or to organise a tour.

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Mon. 26 Apr. 10am
Storytime with Jen

Fri. 14 May 10am
STEM with Chan

Mon. 24 May 2:30pm
PE with Ryan

Fri. 11 Jun. 2:30pm
Art with Jen

Mon. 21 Jun. 10am
Music with Jayden

Fri. 23 Jul. 10am
Library with Tyler

Mon. 9 Aug. 2:30pm
Wellbeing with Carla

Fri. 27 Aug.
Book Week from 9:15am