

NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hayley Styles

Welcome back for Term 2 everyone. While it's been a chilly week, it's our school has been brimming with excited voices, happy to be back at STAPS.

Many of the students excitedly took part in their first band session with Jayden yesterday and are eager to get on the instruments next week. It's not too late to join or sign up for lessons.

The classes all looked into Anzac day and what it means this week, prior to commemoration on Sunday. Isla and Isobel's classes were in for a real treat when they brought Dad's slouch hat in to share. We will be commemorating Anzac day on Monday at 10:30am with a special assembly.

For those of you with little ones, the first 'Come and Try' session is on Monday in the library with Jen. We can't wait to enjoy our new library space with our community.

Well done to everyone for the smooth transition to Compass. You'll notice more information popping up for you as the term progresses.

We are excited to start up a few special projects this term, one of which welcome Felicity back into classrooms with music mentor Matt Stonehouse to teach music. Ryan is also here full time now, to facilitate some extra teacher development.

We also have Chess clun starting on Tuesdays at lunchtime. Students are invited to join for a free trial next week and can sign up by completing the attached form.



TERM 2 DATES

Wed. 28th April 3:45pm
St Andrews PS AGM
School Council

Mon. May 3rd
Senior AFL Girls Gala Day

May 11 - 13th
NAPLAN

May 19th 9am - 12noon
Open Morning

Monday May 31st TBC
No School - Report Writing Day

Every Thursday from 9:30
Playgroup with Felicity

Every Tuesday Lunchtime
Chess Club

Every Friday Morning
Senior Interschool Sports

Friday 3pm - Even Weeks
Student Assemblies

Come & Try Sessions

Mon. 26 Apr. 10am - **Storytime**

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**

Fri. 23 Jul. 10am - **Library** with Tyler

Mon. 9 Aug. 2:30pm - **Wellbeing**

Fri. 27 Aug. 9:15am - **Book Week**

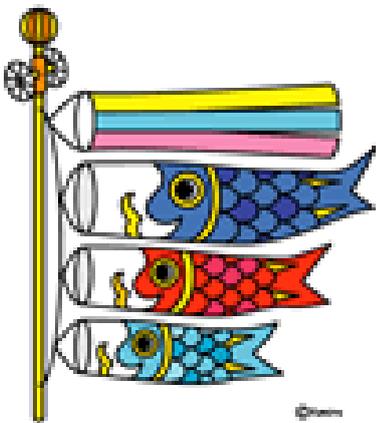
SPECIALIST CORNER



WITH CHAN

Welcome back to another term of S.T.E.M! This term we'll be all about the digital world. The start of the term will concentrate on increasing student understanding on how to use Microsoft word and Excel as well as fundamental elements of computer work such as how to save accurately and some basic problem-solving skills. Towards the end of the term we'll enter the online space and explore strong passwords, how to discern accurate information and identify trustworthy sources. To allow students some creative problem-solving time off screen students will also be given the opportunity to build using concrete items related to the theme of each lesson. These themes will be connected to real world problems and explored as part of their computer lesson as well.

JAPANESE WITH KERRY



Konnichiwa.

Term 2 promises to be an exciting term in Japanese.

Leading up to the Olympics in Tokyo next term, our Senior students will be looking at various places in Japan and how to communicate about going places. 2/3 students will be learning about Japanese primary schools and how to communicate about what is in their classroom. Whilst the P/1 class will focus on numbers, numbers, numbers.

Kodomo no Hi

Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day) is celebrated on the 5th May. Students will be learning about the significance of the Japanese *Koi* (carp). Keep an eye out for the student made *Koi Nobori* which we will begin to create next week.

OUR STELLAR SWPBS STUDENTS

We are so proud of the students who have reached their latest SWPBS target this fortnight!

Indi, Hazel, Jango and Harrison have all earned 50 Echidna Cards!

Over the coming weeks, we hope you will all start to notice the Echidna Card notifications pop up on your Compass Apps.



TERM TWO

ST ANDREWS PRIMARY GRADE P/1 OVERVIEW

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Welcome back Everyone! The children have settled back into our daily routines very well after the holiday break. We continue to start our day with developmental play, which makes for a very relaxed entry into school.

Reading Helpers: Are you available between 9-9.30am to listen to the children read their books for their reading folders? Please send Jen a message if you can help out with this and some further information can be sent out to you.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 2

Literacy

This term we are reading fairytales together whilst practising reading strategies such as predicting what will happen next and making connections between the story and our own lives. We will begin to learn/revise two letter sounds (such as ck/sh/ee) during Term 2. In Writing, we are improving our letter formation and writing more interesting sentences as we recount events and make up stories.

Numeracy:

Our major focus areas will be Number and Place value, Time, 2D Shapes, Location (and simple mapping) and Collecting Data. This term we will continue cement the Preps understanding of numbers to 10, consolidate correct formation of the digits and seeing smaller groups within larger numbers (eg: automatically seeing that 4 and 3 make 7). Grade 1's are practising making 10's to work with numbers to 100 and beyond.

Integrated Inquiry

Our Topic is 'Explorers and where I call home'. We are learning about maps and finding out more about our local area. From there, we will 'zoom out' to learn more about the different parts of Australia, and then possibly even some places around the world!

Special Events or Activities

Walking Excursion: On Thursday 20th May, the Prep One class is going to explore St Andrews. We will have lunch at the park and walk on some local trails to look for things we have learned about. Parent helpers welcome. Please email Jen if available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ASSEMBLIES

Even Weeks at 3pm

OPEN DAY

May 19 at 9am

SCHOOL COUNCIL & AGM

Wed. April 28th

COME AND TRY SESSIONS

Starting Mon. Apr 26th

CURRICULUM DAY

Mon. May 31st

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays at lunchtime

TERM TWO

ST ANDREWS PRIMARY GRADE 2/3 OVERVIEW

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Welcome Back Everyone! After only a week of being back, the students have already settled in nicely to the school routine. Over the holidays, both Tyler and Hayley drove up to Warrburton to visit our site for this years' 2/3 camp. It is safe to say that we are both so excited for the students to take part in what looks to be a fun-filled experience!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 2

Termly Overview

Literacy

This term, in Reading, we are focusing on developing reader independence through practicing reading quietly to ourselves, reading aloud to others, listening to audiobooks and recognising patterns in words when we get stuck. In Writing, we will be continuing to work on our spelling, grammar and phonetic code skills, to help us with our narrative writing. With such an imaginative class, we can't wait to see what crazy and adventurous stories everyone creates.

Numeracy

In Numeracy this term, the class will be learning all about shapes, symmetry and angles. Whilst also developing their addition and subtraction skills.

Integrated Inquiry

With the schools overarching Inquiry topic being; 'Explorers and where I call home', the students will be learning all about key explorers throughout history and develop a timeline of significant events in relation to Australia's settlement. They will also be looking at reasons why people migrate and how these reasons have changed throughout time.

Special Events or Activities

This term the class will be taking part in a Park Explorers Program, run by Parks Victoria. The students will have an opportunity to take part in a 'Wellbeing Benefits of Nature' webinar, as well as receive a visit from a local Parks Victoria Ranger who is keen to share his knowledge of nature and the environment. This program will not only support the Explorers Inquiry theme from this term, but also offer a strong introduction to the Animals and Nature Inquiry theme to be covered in Term 3.

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OPEN DAY

May 19 at 9am

SCHOOL COUNCIL & AGM

Wed. April 28th

COME AND TRY SESSIONS

Starting Mon. Apr 26th

CURRICULUM DAY

Mon. May 31st

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays at lunchtime

TERM TWO

ST ANDREWS PRIMARY GRADE 4/5/6 OVERVIEW

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Welcome back to Term 2!

There is one major change for you and your children to be aware of this term. Hayley will be a full-time principal and Ryan will teach the 4/5/6 class for the entire week. This arrangement will likely change again at the beginning of Term 3.

Regards,
 Ryan



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 2

Termly Overview

Literacy

Reading - Students will attend fortnightly literature circles (book clubs). They may bring their books home occasionally to make sure they have read to their agreed page.

Writing - The focus this term will be narratives and recounts.

Numeracy

The students will cover the following this term:

- Multiplication
- Measurement (area, perimeter, volume, capacity)
- Division
- Chance

Integrated Inquiry

Our inquiry focus for term 2 will be "Multi-Cultural Australia." This unit will explore the history and geography of all Australia's peoples and cultures and is chiefly concerned with 20th century history.

Special Events or Activities

Interschool Sport - every Friday.
 History Box Incursion - 26th of May.
 Grade 5 NAPLAN - 11th-13th of May.
 Library/Buddies - alternating weekly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ASSEMBLIES

Even Weeks at 3pm

OPEN DAY

May 19 at 9am

SCHOOL COUNCIL & AGM

Wed. April 28th

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Weekly starting Fri.

Apr 30th

CURRICULUM DAY

Mon. May 31st

GIRLS AFL GALA DAY

Mon. May 3rd

Music Lessons & BAND

WITH JAYDEN AT STAPS

To book in for band, email the school.

To book individual lessons, contact Jayden
directly on 0430 061 095 or
jwilson@ripplesidemusic.com

HURSTBRIDGE HURRICANES PRESENTS

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BEGINNERS CLINIC

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY BASKETBALL?

MAY 14TH,
21ST & 28TH

3 sessions for
\$25
or \$10 per session

4PM - 4.45PM

HURSTBRIDGE BASKETBALL STADIUM

GREYSHARPS ROAD, HURSTBRIDGE (NEXT TO THE HUB)

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Bookings at : <https://www.trybooking.com/BQSGP>
Contact Amy: amy@hurstbridgehurricanes.com



Compass Tip



Have you logged onto
Compass yet?

For those of you already on it
with children at high schools,
you can link multiple accounts.

To do this, you will need to log
into your first account > select
the 3 line icon in the top left
hand corner > select the switch
accounts option > select the
blue '+' button in the bottom
left hand corner > add their
other account with another
school.