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High School Students Entering School Grounds:
Over the past few weeks we have had some minor issues regarding some high school students entering the school grounds to pick up siblings on a Tuesday afternoon. The issues are around disrupting some of our classes learning time from 2.45 to 3.10. Our school expectations are that if a high school student is with their parent they are more than welcome to wait with their parent in a quiet manner. If a high school student is picking up a brother or sister and is not with a parent then they are not allowed to wait past our school office building, which is located at the front of the school. They are to wait on the grassed area in front of our school hall.

Principal’s Topic of the Week
My Principal’s topic this week is about Parenting.

Parenting: Self esteem is an important factor in how we cope with life. The confidence that children carry through to their adult life depends largely on us, parents and teachers, how we treat them and what messages we give. Some of the key ingredients to boosting children’s confidence and self-esteem are:

1. Discipline: Teaching children to behave well and show self-control and consideration towards others makes them more confident. Firm discipline which allows children to make mistakes and learn from them actually increases their self-confidence.

2. Affection: Affection is the chicken soup for the soul. Being cuddled and held, danced with, lying or sitting together reading a book, are all ways of helping children to feel good about themselves.

3. Making a Contribution: Valuing our children’s input to the family increases their self-esteem. They know they matter because the family needs their input.

Principals Report
Reminder – Staff Development Days: This year the NSW Department of Education and Communities announced that there will be two staff development days in Term 2 2013. The extra day has been designated for teaching training around the National Curriculum that begins next year. The dates for the two days are Monday 29th of April and Tuesday 30th of April. Students don’t attend school on both of these dates. Term 2 resumes for students on Wednesday 1st May.

Richard Batty          Donna Barton           Chad Harris
Principal              Deputy Principal       Deputy Principal
4. **Enjoyment:** When we spend time with our children we need to choose activities that we enjoy doing ourselves. We need to take time to enjoy our children; gifts and treats do not replace us or our time.

5. **Praise:** Our children need specific and real compliments. Make sure that they are not always related to achievement; acknowledge the effort as well. Sometimes children need to know that they are valued because they are a nice human being. They value our compliments most if they are honest, realistic and specific.

Being a parent is an important job; a job that is full of trial and error. Underpinning the task is an unrelenting commitment of love and protection for the most important ‘asset’ anyone could ever have.

As a father of three children I know how challenging and rewarding parenting can be. I continue to wish parents well in this very important journey.

Richard Batty
Principal

**GALA DAY JUNIOR CRICKET TEAM:** I’d like to congratulate all of the students involved in the St Andrews Gala Day Junior A and Junior B cricket teams. All students who participated displayed a great sense of sportsmanship and respect to themselves, their teammates and to the opposition teams. We had a lot of nervous students as this was their first time playing in a primary sport but they all showed an enormous amount of courage, enthusiasm and pride. Both teams won all of their three matches convincingly. All in all it was a very proud day for St Andrews Public School. I am sure they are all looking forward to the next Gala day.

Miss Wendt

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**VEGGIE PATCH AND MARKET GARDEN UPDATE:**

We had our second market garden stall last week. Kevin, Jordan, Brandy-Lee, Emily and Rabbie sold 11 pumpkins, 2 eggplants and 5 capiscums. Kevin and Jordan were the best spruikers with the loudest voice. We raised $17.50 for our garden shed.

4-6JB has been busy planting new veggie seedlings in the patch. We have watched the seeds grow into seedlings and have now planted Squash, Snow Peas, Beans, Pumpkin, Corn, Broccoli, Lettuce, Strawberries, Cauliflower, and Cabbage. 4-6JB are showing lots of interest in the veggie patch. We don’t use any pesticides or chemicals in the veggie patch.

Our worm farms are also producing large quantities of worm wee which is fantastic for our veggie patch. Its organic fertiliser and has a strong smell but great for our garden.

4-6JB students wanted to taste pumpkin that they had watered and watched grow, so Miss Bond and Ms Johnson decided to cook pumpkin chips. The scene was set, tables organised, tools discussed, frypan switched on and a cooking session began. The students of 46JB were excited to taste the pumpkin chips and enjoyed the texture so much that they wanted more, but with some seasoning.

Mr Butler was invited along and tasted the pumpkin chips and gave the taste a 10/10 but we lacked presentation. Mrs Barton also popped in and gave the pumpkin chips a 11/10... and Mrs Sivell said they were 9/10... We must be growing some pretty special pumpkins to get such positive reviews so keep an eye out for our next market garden stall if you want to buy a pumpkin.

Miss Bond

**ST ANDREWS MORNING COFFEE CHAT:** St Andrews Public School are excited to announce we will be starting our weekly FREE coffee chats, every Tuesday morning. This community initiative will commence on Tuesday 2nd April between 8:40-9:20am. There will be FREE coffee, tea and biscuits for parents, after you drop off your children to begin their school day. Come join us near the Kindergarten silver seats. (front of the school)
MULTICULTURAL PARENT GROUP: We are holding our Multicultural Parent Group afternoon tea sessions again in 2013. We would like to invite all our 2012 parents and any new families to come along and meet the ESL teachers. Enjoy a light afternoon tea and find out more about the school and events planned for this year. Hope to see you there!

Date: Wednesday 10th April
Time: 2:20-3pm
Venue: Meet at the flag poles near the front office at 2:10pm

St Andrews Public School Makes a Splash at the Regional Swimming Carnival!

On Tuesday, 19th March, we had 16 super-fish compete at the Sydney South West Regional Carnival, didn’t we make a splash! We had many successes during the big day and students making it through to the NSW PSSA State Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre. The students who made it in individual events are:

Latesha Neufeldt
3rd 11 years 50m Freestyle,
3rd 11 years 50m Backstroke
and 11 years 50m Butterfly

Meagan Lam
2nd Senior 50m Breaststroke

Also, our relay teams were excellent our junior girls relay team excelled in the heats, and progressed through to the finals, they were ranked 1st going into the heats. Our “awesome four-some” finished a close second. The girls have also progressed through to the State Carnival. The Junior Girls Relay Consisted of: Savannah Coen, Melissa Neufeldt, Zarina Pereira and Joanna Lill.

Every Competitor should be extremely proud of themselves and their achievements. We will be looking forward to the NSW State Carnival in April.

Thanks Mrs Coen

S&S JAZZ ST ANDREW:
Jazz and Hip Hop classes for boys and girls from 3 years of age.

Wednesday & Thursday afternoons right here at your school. It’s not too late to join. Classes from $4.00.

No exams, annual concert loads of fun!

contact Miss Ray 0412694422 or Miss Lisa 0418431104.