Last week I was witness to the excitement from our debating team, which had just won the Regional Finals.

These children have worked very hard, giving up their own time, to ensure they were prepared for success. Congratulations Rabyiat Callum, Jacinta Hong, Sophia Sharma and Zarina Pereira. You have made us very proud.

The SRC are holding a mufti day fundraiser to support the team as they go to the State Finals in a few weeks time. We wish them the very best of luck!

I would also like to thank Miss Finnie and Mrs Boyles for the endless work and passion. Their commitment to the debating team is outstanding and they have every right to feel immensely proud.

Mr Batty returns to our shores on Monday morning, refreshed after some Long Service Leave. I know you will all join me in welcoming him back to St Andrews PS, where he belongs!

Thanks
Mrs Barton
Rel Principal

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY: The Athletics and Cross country assembly will be the 1st of November (Friday week 4)

DANCE NEWS: Rehearsals for the 30th year of the Schools Spectacular are in full swing. There are 320 students in our segment, which celebrates 30 years of imagination. Ten of our primary children are leading the Waratah section of the item, while three of our infants

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children are being featured in the gumnut babies group. Mr McGlenn is a coordinating teacher and a member of the choirography team again this year. The children had their first combined rehearsal at the Anne Clark Netball Stadium in Week 1 and they will return in Week 4 for their next combined rehearsal on Monday 28 October. Three other schools in our item came to rehearse with us at St Andrews last Friday. We were joined by the Waratah group from Harrington Park PS, the Bottle Brush group from Appin PS and the Bush Bell group from Curram Hills PS. The choreography was videoed and has been sent to other schools across the state for teaching purposes. Costume construction is well underway and the St Andrews children will certainly look very striking as red waratahs. This year’s School Spectacular will be televised on Channel 9.

Congratulations to Rabiyat Callum, Jacinta Hong, Sophia Sharma and Zarina Pereira for their outstanding performance in this competition. We wish them all the best for this next phase of the competition.

Thank you to Miss Finnie who has organised and transported the team to the many debates these students have participated in throughout the last two terms. Also, thank you to the team for their enthusiasm and commitment to all the debates, training sessions, lunch time meetings and general nagging from me. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with such a talented and hard working group of children.

Thanks

Mrs Boyles

Saturday School of Community Languages enrolment information for 2014: The Saturday School of Community Languages offers high school students the opportunity to study their background community language if it is not available at their weekday school. The 2014 enrolment forms are now available to download from the website. Please encourage students with a background in one of the following languages to enrol to commence study in 2014.

The following languages are offered in 2014 and classes will be formed based on student demand: Arabic, Armenian, Bengali (Bangla), Chinese, Croatian, Dutch, Filipino, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Macedonian, Modern Greek, Maltese, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian and Vietnamese.

Information about courses offered is available in the 2014 enrolment information booklet which can be downloaded from the website: http://www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au/how-to-enrol

Please forward all complete 2014 application forms to Locked Bag 53, Darlinghurst NSW 1300. For further information, please contact Adelia Fuller, Principal, Saturday School of Community Languages, during the week on 9244 5694 or email saturdaycl-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART: Congratulations St Andrews! Our fabulous students have raised over $2,500 for the Heart Foundation. Infants were especially impressive with their fundraising. The whole program has raised over $2 million dollars Australia wide.

Thank you everyone for your support with the Jump Rope for Heart fundraising program. I will send another email with updated information regarding prizes.

PREMIER’S DEBATING CHALLENGE: Last Thursday 17th October, the St Andrews PS “Yellow” debating team competed against Canley Vale PS in the Sydney South West Final of the Premier’s Debating Challenge at Greenway Park PS. The topic of the debate was: Primary schools should have cooking lessons. Our team were on the affirmative side of the debate. Both schools presented a hard fought, well organised and entertaining debate with lots of great arguments and rebuttals.

Our team successfully defeated Canley Vale and were extremely excited. Miss Finnie and I were thrilled and when they were presented with their certificates and trophies. We both cheered and clapped louder than anyone else in the hall.

These students are now off to the State phase of the competition, competing against other regional winning teams. They will be competing at Stanwell Tops, debating for three days in November.

Congratulations to Rabyiat Callum, Jacinta Hong, Sophia Sharma and Zarina Pereira for their outstanding performance in this competition. We wish them all the best for this next phase of the competition.

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Mrs Boyles
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS: The issue 7 Book Club brochures that were distributed to all students Friday 11th October 2013 are the second last issue for 2013.

This issue will close Friday 25th October 2013 at 12pm. No late orders will be able to be processed.

Thank you for continuing to support this great fundraising resource for our school.

Dina Leuzzi

LIBRARY NEWS: The end of year is approaching quickly and the Library will be busy completing a stocktake of our resources. Students may borrow Library books until the end of Week 4 and they must be returned before the end of Week 6. Any students with outstanding overdue books will be issued with an “Overdue Note”. Any lost or damaged books will incur a cost as stated in our Library policy. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Borthwick or Mrs Austin in the Library.

EXTRA CURRICULAR PHOTOS:
The following groups will be having photos taken on Tuesday 29th October.
Children are to wear their summer uniform and if it is a sporting group they can either bring their sport uniform or wear it.

S.R.C.
Tournament of Minds Team 1
Tournament of Minds Team 2
Dance Group
Debating Yellow
Debating Blue
Public Speaking
Peer Mediators
Zone Athletics
Zone Cross Country
Zone Swimming
Senior A Netball
Year 6

Information on purchasing these photos will be available shortly.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION: Orientation will be held on Monday and Tuesday of next week and Monday and Tuesday of the following week.

If you haven’t enrolled your child for Kindergarten next year please visit Mrs Brown in the school office ASAP so that your child can be included in Orientation.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2015:
Applications for the Year 7 entry to Selective High Schools 2015 are now open.

Please return the tear off section on the Orange note to Mrs Brown in the office. The information note can also be found on the school website, under the NOTES section. Applications close on Tuesday 18th November 2013.

PREFECT ELECTIONS 2014

Boys
Elliott Start
Jayden Masilungan
Navneal Chandra
Ryan Sharma
Luke Davis
Jacob Hong
Adam Bradley
Brooklyn Ropata
Ben Sykes
Tab Brown

Girls
Julia Vergara
Marlou Mistula
Hannah Booth
Rose Hafoka
Aarushi Booth
Sadia Khaja
Zarina Pereira
Latesha Neufeldt
Beyonce Bennett
Tanvi Singh

Above is a list of the 10 boys and 10 girls who were elected as our 2014 prefect/captain nominees.
The speeches will take place on Tuesday 5th November 2013, at 12:10pm, in the hall. (Due to the limited space we are unable to allow parents to attend.)

Students are to prepare a 2-3 minute speech, explaining all the reasons why they should be elected to be a prefect or captain for 2014. These students will be presenting their speeches to years 2-5.

All staff members and students at St Andrews Public School would like to congratulate the 20 successful candidates for their excellence in behaviour, school contributions and overall presentation of themselves.