THANK YOU: It’s great to be back at St Andrews following my role as Acting Director of Schools during Term 2. A huge thank you to Mrs Barton and our wonderful school team for doing such an outstanding job in my absence. I’m very fortunate to have such talented people.

Thank you also to students and parents for your very warm welcome back. St Andrews is such a great school.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION: Kindergarten Orientation was a huge success. We had many excited little children during the sessions and it was a privilege to witness their smiles. We really look forward to officially welcoming our new kinders in 2014.

Thank you to Mrs Smith and her many helpers for all their hard work to make the experience so wonderful for the children. Well done!

PARENT BODY: At Tuesday’s Parent Body meeting, the committee very kindly committed $2800 towards our air conditioning program. The combined amount from the Parent Body and proceeds from the fete is approximately $20000.

We are now sourcing quotations regarding how many air conditioning units we can install throughout the school. I will inform the school community shortly.

Thank you so much to our Parent Body for your commitment and hard work. It is fantastic that we all have a shared vision to achieve the goal of air conditioning units in every classroom within five years.
STUDENTS LEAVING ST ANDREWS: If you know that your child won’t be returning to St Andrews in 2014 please let the office know ASAP. It is important information, as it will help us to plan accurate class structures for next year.

CHANGES TO PERSONAL DETAILS: If parents/carers change their contact details eg: home phone, mobile or email, it is imperative that you inform the school office so that we can change the details on our computer system. We continue to try and contact some parents and find that their number no longer exists or has changed. Please make us the first place that you think of when changing your personal details.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Batty
Principal

HOME READING PROGRAM: Wednesday 13th November 2013 will be the last day students home readers will be exchanged for this term.

We will be commencing stocktaking our home readers for the end of the school year on Wednesday 20th November 2013.

We ask that all students return their home readers on this day in order to ensure the smooth completion of our Home Reading Program for 2013. If you are unable to locate the home reader please advise the classroom teacher and we ask that you contribute $5.00 towards the cost of replacing the book.

Thank you for another successful year of home reading.

Dina Leuzzi
Home Reading Coordinator

BUS PASSES FOR 2014: If your child is in Year 2 this year and has a bus pass, forms have been sent home as you will need to reapply for primary Year 3. Also if you are going to be using a bus for the first time in 2014 you need to get a form from the office.

All applications need to be returned as quickly as possible to Mrs Chapman in the office.

If you have any questions regarding Bus Passes please phone Mrs Chapman in the school office.

St ANDREWS AT FISHERS GHOST : On Saturday, eleven students walked with their families and some SAPS staff to represent our school in the Fisher’s Ghost street parade.

We gathered at the old Campbelltown Showground and waited for a long time before we could begin to move off. As the theme of the parade this year was Spring Colours to represent your School we were dressed in cardboard sign boards with bright big flowers on them, each colouring representing a value at our school.

A highlight for the teachers was seeing the students calling out our school rap song as they walked along Queen Street. They did us and themselves proud. We can’t wait for next year’s parade!
BUSHFIRE FUNDRAISING: St Andrews school will be holding a “Helping Hands Fundraiser” - Funds will support the SchoolAid’s Bushfire Appeal encouraging Aussie kids in schools to help kids in crisis, currently focusing on those impacted by the catastrophic fires in the Blue Mountains.

Students will be encouraged to donate coins over weeks 6, 7 and 8. Donations will be collected each morning by their classroom teachers. Coins will also be collected at afternoon assemblies in week 6 and week 8.

For each $10.00 collected a “helping hand” will be displayed for students to watch our donations grow.

Congratulations to the 2013 Athletics Age Champions:

Brooklyn Ropata, Joshua Stubbs, Tiarna Vongthongthip, Jack Moseley, Aqeelah Osmany and Aarushi Sharda.

SRC FUNDRAISER: Last Thursday 31st of October, the SRC ran a fundraiser for the schools debating team. As the regional champions, they have progressed to the state competition, which will be held at Stanwell Tops next week. Students were encourage to dress up in Halloween gear and participate in a variety of activities over lunch. The day raised over $820.00. The SRC, debating team, Miss Finne and Mrs Boyles would like to thank everyone for their support.