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Message from the Principal

REGIONAL DANCE: Last Thursday I had the great privilege of attending the South Western Sydney Dance Festival held at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush. St Andrews PS had not one, but two dance groups performing at the festival. The festival showcases the top performing school dance groups across the entire South Western Sydney Region. Both of our dance groups were just awesome and we are all proud of each and every member of the groups. Attached to this newsletter is a note from Mr McGlinn about the festival. I would like to thank Mr McGlinn and his team of helpers for yet again putting in hours of work behind the scenes and producing the most amazing costumes. I encourage the community to look at our school website and look at the front page. Well done girls and boys!

COLLECTING CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL: Thank you parents and family members. Things are really improving at pick up time and the majority of people are adhering to our home time procedures. Remember, our school policy is that Kindergarten parents are to wait on the grassed area until the 3.00pm Kinder bell rings and then go and collect their children from classrooms. Our Year 1 and 2 parents are supposed to also wait on the front-grassed area or in front of the hall until the 3.10 bell sounds. In the meantime teachers will be walking Year 1 and 2 classes out to the grassed area so that parents can collect their children. Primary parents can wait on the grassed area, near the administration building or under the primary cola. There is no need to be waiting outside classrooms or walking around the school.

Again, thank you for the improvement.
FINAL MUFTI DAY FOR FETE FUNDRAISING: Next week’s mufti day is our last Mufti Day for Fete fundraising. All money is going towards purchasing some air conditioning units for our classrooms later in the year. Every cent that we raise from Fete this year will go towards our air conditioning plan. I encourage the community to get behind our fete again this year and dig deep. The more we raise, the more air conditioning units we can purchase for summer.

YEAR 5 CANBERRA CAMP: Not long now until our Year 5 overnight Canberra Camp. Students are getting very excited and teachers are continuing to plan what I believe will be a wonderful experience for our students. Please see you child’s teacher is you have any questions.

BOOK FAIR: Book fair is all systems go next week and I encourage parents and students to purchase books from the library. The library will be open Monday to Wednesday from 8.30-9.10 and 3.15-4.00. Happy reading!

Principal’s Tip of the Week

Peer Pressure

PEER PRESSURE: Having a group of friends is one of the most important aspects of being a child and a teenager. A ‘Peer Group’ is a group of friends about the same age. ‘Peer Pressure’ refers to the effect that this group of friends can exert on an individual. Peer groups can be a very positive influence on a young person’s life, but they can also cause them great stress, including their parents!

Peer groups help a young person to have a sense of belonging and a sense of being valued. It provides them with a sense of security and of being understood by others who are going through the same experiences. The peer group can provide a safe environment for young people to test values and ideas, develop friendship skills and provide positive reinforcement and encouragement for the young person to develop their personality and identity.

Peer pressure often creates extra stress for young people as they want to ‘keep in’ with friends, and do things that help them belong to the group. There is nothing worse for most young people than to be shown up or embarrassed in front of their peer group. Not all young people respond in the same way to peer pressure. Some are simply more independent than others and can withstand or resist the pressure better. Research indicates that young people who do not receive support at home are more likely to be influenced by their peer group.

The two best supports for young people who feel they are under pressure from their peer group are family and friends. It is very important for parents to keep the channels of communication open. As parents, you can provide the support to help your child resist pressure from friends or the wider peer group. Being able to talk things through with your child can enable them to see how they are being pressured unfairly or unnecessarily. Having a good friend (or two) can be critical in helping your child put things into perspective. Two people can resist pressure better than one and provide an alternative viewpoint that can then influence peer group views and actions.

Peer groups are part of growing up and they will cause a great deal of pleasure and at times, some grief. By being aware of, and connected with your child’s friendships, you are in a better place to monitor and support them if ‘pressure’ arises.

Have a great week!
Mr Batty
Principal

Late Arrival: Students arriving after 9.10am must proceed to the Office for a Late Note. We encourage all students to arrive no later than 8.50am to allow for School Organisation of Canteen Orders and notes to Office etc.

Late arrival to school means your child has an unsettled start to the school day and is developing poor attendance habits. It also places your child in a situation where they are missing important messages at assemblies and class instruction at the start of the school day. In addition it also interrupts the learning of others when entering late to class.

Late attendance is monitored by our Home School Liaison Officer. Please establish a morning routine that allows your child to arrive between 8.50 – 9.05am each day.
1st GALA DAY REPORT:

We had great weather for our first winter Gala day on Friday.

Netball
The Senior A’s won all their games! Fantastic Effort Girls! The other teams had wins and losses and all players played well.

AFL
had the benefit of trainers from the Giants coaching students. Both teams Junior and Senior played 3 games and had one bye (4 in the draw each). They each won 2/3 games played, which was amazing. They had a blast.

Rugby League
had skill development for most of the day with some of the Robert Townson High School students. They had tackling, passing, set plays kicking and drills. They played a game; the junior Rugby League team won quite easily against Sarah Redfern. The score was 7-1. The Senior Rugby league team tied in a great match against Sarah Redfern 1-1.

Soccer competition
Our first gala day was a great success! The junior team came out undefeated and the senior team won 3 of their 5 games. They showed great sportsmanship and represented SAPS with pride! Well done boys and girls.

Soccer Participation
Both senior and junior teams displayed exemplary sportsmanship and should be very proud of the way they played. Junior Blues won all four of their games and Senior Blues played well but only won one of their four games.

Newcombe Ball
We had a great day. SAPS Yellow improved throughout the day particularly Year 3 who had not played before. On the way to the bus students commented to their teacher that they had a great day and they love playing Newcombe ball.

Hockey
Girls drew their 1st game and won the next 2 games. Thank you to Zarina for organising the girls team. Boys won all games! Thank you to Ronan for his organisation of the team.

Woolworths Earn and Learn: The promotion has now closed.
If you have any earn and learn stickers at home, please bring them in and drop them into the Earn and Learn box which is located inside the office. If you have any completed sheets or incomplete sheets, please also bring them in and drop them into the Earn and Learn box at the school.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to seeing our final total.

Cash or cheque ONLY

Uniform Sales
Just a reminder that Uniforms are on sale from the school office on the following days only.

Monday
8.30am - 10.30am
2.30pm - 3.30pm

Wednesday
8.30am - 10.30am
2.30pm - 3.30pm

Friday
8.30am - 10.30am
2.30pm - 3.30pm

Please note that this also includes school hats.

Cash or cheque ONLY

Richard Batty  
Principal

Donna Barton  
Deputy Principal

Chad Harris  
Deputy Principal
Movie Night
“Monster University” PG

Date: Monday
24th June 2013
Time: Commencing at 6.30 pm
(arrive early to get a good seat)
Where: Dumasques Street Cinema, Campbelltown
Cost: $6 per ticket
Due by: Friday 14th June 2013

Tickets will be given to child in class on Friday 21st June.

Children must be supervised by an adult. **TEACHERS WILL NOT BE SUPERVISING.**

**INFANTS CROSS COUNTRY** will be on the last Friday of term 28th June starting at 12:10pm on our school oval

**YEAR 5 FUNDRAISING CUPCAKE STALL;** Year 5 are continuing their fundraising for the Year 6 Farewell. They will be holding a cupcake stall for infants and primary students:

**WHEN:** Friday 21st June
**WHERE:** at lunchtime, outside Miss Bond’s room for primary and outside the hall for infants.
**COST:** All cupcakes will be sold for 50c

A note will go home to Year 5 students on Monday 17th June in request for some helpers to bake the cupcakes, at home, in preparation for Friday. All cupcakes must be brought to school ready to sell on the day (not before Friday). Year 5 teachers and students thank you for your ongoing support :)

**SOUTH WEST SYDNEY REGIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL REPORT:** Last Thursday, 6th June, thirty-two children from two of the St Andrews dance groups performed at the State Sport Centre, Olympic Park.

All thirty-two children performed an item titled, ‘Cruising the Cosmos’. This group was made up of children from every grade - Kindergarten to Year 6.

There was an audible gasp of amazement from the audience as the lights came up to reveal the spectacular costumes worn by the children. Their performance was literally out of this world.

Fourteen of the children also performed in a second item, titled, ‘Samba.’ This group was made up of seven girls and seven boys from Year 3 to Year 6. They performed an exciting Latin American dance based on a traditional Brazilian folk song about celebrating summer. In their fiery red costumes and shimmering sequins, the group sizzled.

Both items were choreographed by Mr McGlinn. He was ably supported throughout the rehearsal period by Mrs Baker and Mrs Pereira. This team of teachers and the children gave up many hours before school, during lunchtimes, after school, on weekends and even during the holidays.

At the dress rehearsal and performances at the State Sports Centre the group was supported by Mrs Baker, Mrs Fiona Pereira, Mrs Cordelia Pereira, Mrs Myatt-Kane,

Parents are reminded that the school **does not** have a nurse at school.

If your child is sick please keep them at home.

The ladies in the office do hold basic first aid certificates which only allows them to do very basic first aid.

If you are phoned to collect your child from sick bay could you please indicate how long you will be as space in sick bay is very limited and it helps soothe a sick child’s anxiety.
Mrs Rolls, Mrs Chu, Mrs Dutfield, Mrs Sweeney and Mitchell Bradley.

The group would like to thank Mr Johnson for the awesome rockets he built for the ‘Cruising the Cosmos’ item.

They would also like to thank all the teachers at St Andrews for supporting the dance groups, especially Miss Cullen who helped out at the Sunday afternoon dress rehearsal and all the other teachers, including Mr Batty, who came along to support the groups on their performance night.

We would like to thank Mrs Hesse for repairs done on the cape worn by the ‘Sun’ and also Mrs Leuzzi for helping to organise the labelling and packing of all the costumes.

We would like to thank all the parents and other family members who supported the children throughout their dance journey.

We would also like to thank the ladies in the office who book the buses and collect the money and notes and patiently answer all our questions.

Lastly, Mr McGlinn would like to thank the children. They represented their school with pride and their performance was outstanding both onstage and offstage throughout the day.

As Mrs Barton always says, "You were awesome!"

**HEALTH CARE/EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS:** If your child has a medical condition requiring a health care/emergency response plan, you would have received a copy of the plan. Please be prompt making changes and approving the 2013 changes with your signature. It is important that school staff are made aware of the most current information.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2014:
The office is now taking enrolments for children who will turn 5 before 31st July 2014 and live in the St Andrews/Bow Bowing area. Please call into the school office and collect your enrolment package as soon as possible.

If your child has a recently diagnosed medical condition and requires an individual Health Care plan, or no longer requires a plan, please contact the school for an appointment.

There are Principal and Community Awards next week, so the next mufti day will be held on Wednesday 26th June.

This is week 9

This mufti day will be CRAZY HAIR and/or CRAZY HAT and/or CRAZY SOCK.

and will be the last mufti day for the fete.

Thank you all for your support and ongoing assistance in promoting the Fete.

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