HAPPY HOLIDAYS: The last day of Term 3 is this Friday 27th June. Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing everyone return relaxed and reenergized for a new school term.

Students return to school on Tuesday 16th July. A reminder that our office will be closed all day on Monday 15th July as all teaching and non-teaching staff will be involved in a whole day of professional development which will take place off school site.

DISRUPTIONS DURING WEEK 1 NEXT TERM: A letter went home with students on Thursday regarding major communication disruptions taking place during the first week back next term. The Department of Education Regional technology team will be installing a new school server throughout our school and this will leave us with one phone line and no internet access for the week. Please be patient when trying to contact the school by phone. We ask that unless it is urgent please call into the school rather than tying up the phone line. We appreciate your understanding and support during this time.

PICK UP AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY: A note went home with students this week re school procedures for student pick up at the end of the school day. Please support these procedures in the interest of student and staff safety.

This note can also be found on the school website under the section called NOTES.
**PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS:** It is important to note that schools are not responsible for administering non-prescribed medications. Items such as Panadol, Nurofen etc are to be administered by parents before school and when a child arrives home. A parent can visit the school throughout the day and administer non-prescribed medication at the admin office.

In terms of administering prescribed medications the school has a common law duty of care and will follow the doctors instructions. The points below are paramount for this to occur:

- Parents of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request. The principal will provide the form to the parent. If parents have difficulty in completing the form they should ask the principal for assistance.

- Students must not carry medications unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student’s parents that this is a planned part of the student’s health care support. Please note: Students’ immediate access to prescribed medication is very important for the effective management of conditions such as asthma. Students and parents need to be advised of this requirement so that students are not left without access to critical medication.

- It is the Principal’s responsibility to fully inform relevant staff of the management implications of students requiring the administration of prescribed medication.

- Except in an emergency, only individual staff members who have volunteered and been trained, will administer prescribed medication to students.

- The Principal will oversee implementation of the course of action that he or she has determined is necessary for the support of the student’s health needs.

- It is the Principal’s responsibility to ensure that all copies of the written medical advice and any other relevant documentation are stored in a secure and confidential manner.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** A huge thank you to our Parent Body for organising a really successful Movie Night. We had close to 275 people attend. The event was a fundraising activity for our classroom air conditioning program, however it was also another way of our school community getting together. It was a great night.

**HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**CAPTAIN:** Mrs Conway brought some great news to my attention this week. A former student of St Andrews PS, Precy Zea, was elected school captain at Hurlstone Ag. This is a wonderful achievement and testimony to the great teachers and school community at St Andrews.

**CHILD PROTECTION LESSONS:** During Term 3, classes will be involved in the Department of Education’s Child Protection Modules. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk through how to keep children safe and learn about the risks in society. If you have any questions about the learning modules talk to your child’s classroom teacher.

**Principals Tip of the Week:**

**BEING A GOOD FRIEND:** Friendship is defined as the caring relationship, which exists between two or more people. Having friends is important to everyone, so helping your child to develop skills in establishing good friendships is an important parental role; one which is supported at school. Much is said about the traditional ‘three R’s’ in education, but there are really ‘four R’s’ and the fourth ‘R’ is relationships. School is about learning to live as a community member, and relationships and friendships are the glue that keeps communities together.

Here are some ideas and advice for developing healthy friendships:

- Be honest and truthful.
- Be there when your friend needs you; be helpful.
- Respect people’s feelings and belongings.
- Share your feelings and be a good listener.
- Be kind and caring.
- Invite people to join in your games and activities.
- Never talk about people when they are not there.
- Always keep your promises.
- Be prepared to forgive and forget; it is human to
make mistakes.
• Ask for help when you need it.
• Be the kind of friend you’d like to have.

Making and keeping friends requires a lot of effort. It’s not always easy and sometimes friends do things, which are hurtful. A good friendship is one in which the people involved all work together to make it an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone. Be prepared to step in and help your child if you sense that their friendships are not appropriate or suitable. It is important to remember that parents can’t approach other children on school site and sought out their child’s problems. Talk to your child’s teacher if you are unsure what to do or other parents.

Have a great break!

Mr Batty
Principal

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART:** St Andrews Public School is very excited to announce that in Term 3, we will be hosting a Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser!! More information will come as we get closer to the date so keep your eyes and ears open for future updates. In the meantime here’s a little something to consider:

Where does the money go?

• 10% is returned to the school to spend however they wish 90% is used by the Heart Foundation to fund ground-breaking research into the causes and treatment of heart disease, patient care and support.

• World Class Scientists funded by the Heart Foundation are currently investigating:
 ➢ The causes of congenital heart disease
 ➢ Links between obesity and cardiovascular disease
 ➢ Sedentary behaviour and its effects on cardiovascular health amongst children
 ➢ New drugs for treating heart disease

Benefits of participating in Jump Rope for Heart

• Jump Rope for Heart fits into the National PE Curriculum

• Jump Rope for Heart encourages a whole school approach to promote physical activity
• Skipping at recess and lunch times can contribute to the recommended 60 minutes of moderate intensity physical
• Activity for children and young people
• Skipping increases confidence and self-esteem in students

http://www.heartfoundation.org.au

**PUBLIC SPEAKING:** Rachel Foong, Varshini Rajashekar and Shequina Pereira represented St Andrews Public School at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Local Finals held at Macquarie Field Public School on Wednesday 19th June. All three students spoke with confidence in their prepared and their impromptu speech. I was very proud and congratulate them on their performance. Rachel Foong received a Highly Commended and Shequina Pereira won the senior section. Shequina will now represent the local area at the regional finals to be held in August.

**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.
NOTES:

Cake Stall Update: Year 5 students were asked to bake and decorate cupcakes and bring them in on Friday 21st June. They were sold at lunchtime in the Infants and Primary for 50c each and we had lots of students to help sell them at lunchtime.

4-6JB baked over 4 dozen cupcakes, made Anzac cookies and honey crunches. They did eat a few along the way to ensure they tasted yummy. On the morning of Friday 21st June, 4-6JB spent the morning session mixing up icing sugar with colouring, organising sprinkles, marshmallows and choc chips. They spent 2 hours decorating the 4 dozen cupcakes. They were so excited to be a part of this experience.

We would like to thank all the students, parents and Teachers who spent countless hours at home making cupcakes and delivering them on Friday. Some were decorated with m&ms, some had edible glitter and some looked like they were too good to eat. We raised $213.35 for the Year 6 farewell.

A big “thank you” to Mrs Johnson for all the organising, sorting and preparing during the morning of the cupcake stall. She is a valued member of staff and we appreciated all her help.

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.

Richard Batty
Principal

Donna Barton
Deputy Principal

Chad Harris
Deputy Principal
Here are some photo’s of 4-6JB painstakingly decorating the cupcakes using their vivid imagination.

Year 5 teachers.

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YEAR 6 PARENTS:

Has your child been accepted into a Private, Catholic High School or an Out Of Area High School for 2014?

If so could you please send a copy of the acceptance letter to Mrs Brown in the school office.

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School Resumes

TUESDAY

16TH JULY 2013

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