Message from the Principal

What a busy time we are having! 100 days of Kindergarten, Athletics Carnival, Fire in the Fields, NAIDOC and Education Day. What a wonderful way to celebrate Public Education!

I would like to thank all of the staff for their very hard work at this time. I know that many parents understand the commitment to teaching that our staff have, however, at this time a number of our teachers are working much longer hours and giving their personal time to ensure that our students are the luckiest in the state.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our community for their continued support and positive approach. It really does take a village to raise a child, and lucky for St Andrews, we have the most wonderful village.

Please see the information below regarding parking and driving around our school. Our children are most precious and we all need to make sure we keep them safe. If you see someone endangering the lives of our students, please do not hesitate to contact Macquarie Fields Police station on 96050499. Please continue to be a valuable part of our village.

**DRIVER SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL:** Each year in NSW children are injured and sometimes killed around schools. You can help to make our school a safer place by obeying the road rules and being patient and understanding at the peak traffic times of 8.30am and 3:30pm.
Obeying Parking Signs and Road Rules

Disabled Parking: Unless the vehicle you are driving displays a current Disabled Person’s Parking Authority and is carrying a disabled person you must not park in these areas.

No Parking: This sign means that in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stand your car, except when you stop to pick up or set down goods or passengers. At no stage are you allowed to leave your car. This rule also applies to parking across drive ways, whether the gate is closed or not. DO NOT PARK ACROSS THE DRIVEWAYS.

No Standing: This sign means that in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stand your vehicle except to stop to pick up or set down passenger

No Stopping: This sign means in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stand your vehicle at any point on the road, kerb unless there is a medical emergency.

Bus Zones: This sign means that in the direction of the arrow you are not allowed to stand your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

School Zones: The signs school zone and 40km School Zone mean the speed limit is 40km/h, This special speed limit applies on school days and during times shown on signs.

Did you know?

- More children around schools are killed and injured at the start of school (8:30 to 9:15am) rather than at the end of the day due to parents rushing to get to work and there being more freely flowing traffic.
- Parking a little away from the school and walking to collect your child would make a big difference to the safety of all children.
- The fines for speeding 20km/h above the school zone limit, around the school area can result in a penalty up to $750.

That the answers to the parking problems around the school lies with parents.

- Obey the road rules
- Park and walk
- Be patient at peak times

UNSW COMPUTER COMPETITION RESULTS:
UNSW Computer Skills Competition -62 students participated and were awarded

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| Credit            | Shishir Sankula, |
|-------------------| Lakshmi Alapakkam|
|                   | Chloe Bray       |
|                   | Nawaal Adams     |
|                   | Jacob Hong       |
|                   | Zahra Huda       |
|                   | Ryan Imam        |
|                   | Areeb Pirwani    |
|                   | Shalini Shah     |
|                   | Neha Arghode     |
|                   | Anurag Dhar      |
|                   | Varshini Rajashekar|

| Participation     | 47 Students      |

I have asked the Police to visit the school. Please do not risk a fine.
CRUNCH AND SIP CUPS: So that all our children can participate in our school Crunch and Sip program our school canteen is now making Crunch and Sip cups. These are small cups of fruit and vegetables that the children may purchase before school for only $1. Try one if you have run out of fruit and vegetable supplies!

MILO T20 CRICKET CUP NEWS: Milo T20 Cricket cup was held at Raby Sports Oval on Tuesday 22nd July. 14 students and Ms Bond attended the day. The sunshine was nice and warm but the winds were bitterly cold. All boys turned up with enthusiasm and excitement and ready to play with their own equipment.

Eight other local (public and catholic) schools participated in a round robin event. Our boys were split into two teams. One team called “green” and the other “white”. Sadly, both teams were down two players in each team but the boys all rotated in different positions throughout the games and were praised for their sportsmanship. They all tried their best. Unfortunately, Milo T20 didn’t give Ms Bond the final scores.

Together both teams won and lost games during the morning rotation of 3 games. Even more importantly both teams went into the final and played against each other. All boys played well.

Thank you to all the parents for transporting the boys to and from Raby Oval.

We look forward to participating again next year. Please check out all the photos on the website.
Miss Bond

LIBRARY NEWS:

BOOK WEEK 2013 “READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE”

Book Week is fast approaching – August 17th - 23rd.

We will be celebrating Book Week this year on TUESDAY 20th AUGUST with our K – 2 BOOK CHARACTER PARADE. We are asking all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and they may like to bring a copy of that book to carry during the parade.

Our Book Parade will take place on the Primary oval at 10.00am. Parents are very welcome to attend and watch the parade.

Earlier this year we also had an author visit by Yvette Poshoglian and a Book Fair. It’s been a busy year in the Library!

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE: Don’t forget that the Reading Challenge ends in August so keep reading and get that challenge finished.

The Library Staff

WANTED!!!!!

Learner Pipe Bands & Drummers to join our active Pipe Band

***Free Tuition Provided****

Where: Ingleburn RSL Club
When: Monday from 6.30pm
Ages: All (Families welcome)
What we offer: Free music tuition
Fun outings travel formal performances
Social events

Contact: Anne 0402 344 801
Peter 0418 403 141

Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST)

2013 Trial: During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed.

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Principal (Rel)  Deputy Principal (Rel)  Deputy Principal
as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students’ education provisions.

Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child’s involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the school on 0296031333.

Telephone Interpreter Service
If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Hi Kids!

Thanks for joining your schools Jump Rope for Heart team. Together, we can have fun and help others. Your school Jump Off day is coming up soon so get skipping. Simply ask family and friends to help you raise money for a great cause! Why not try to use the internet to get sponsors. It’s fun! Log on to www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart and follow the directions! All you need to do is Click, Flick and Skip!

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.
**Kindergarten Farm Excursion**

**Morning Tea**
When we arrived at Calmsley City Farm, we sat down with our friends and enjoyed some morning tea.

**Tractor Ride**
One of our favourite parts of the day - the tractor ride. The farmer took us on a bumpy tractor ride around the farm. Whilst on the tractor we saw some goats, cows and birds.

**The Pigs**
We got to look at the big pigs. They enjoyed sleeping and eating. We were careful not to put our fingers near them as they had a sign on the fence, telling us they can bite.

**The Whip Show**
We waited patiently for the whip show. The farmer was so clever at ‘cracking’ the whip and doing tricks. Some of us got to have a turn with her help!

**The Nursery and Petting Farm**
We visited some of the baby animals and gave them a gentle pat. We then got to follow and pat some of the lamb and goats in the petting farm.

**Milking ‘Daisy’ the Cow**
One of our other favourite parts of the day, was when we had a go at milking the cow, Daisy. It was a little bit tricky, but we had a really good try.

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