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ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2016

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Fete Proceeds

We have organised to have three air conditioning units installed into classrooms in approximately three weeks time. All monies raised each year go to installing air conditioning into classrooms across the school. We are almost half way to installing units in all 34 classrooms. Thank you again to the entire St Andrews school community for your support.

St Andrews Carols On the Oval

A date for your diary. This year we are holding Carols on the Oval in our school grounds on Friday 4th December from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. It will be an awesome night for the entire school community. More details will come home shortly via Skoolbag, our website, a note and the electronic sign.

Smoking Near School

New non-smoking signs have been placed at the two front school entrance points. The new regulation is that it is an offence to smoke up to 4 metres from a school entry point. Please adhere to this regulation.

Principal’s Topic of the Week

Tuning in

As parents it is important to develop the ability to ‘tune in’ to children so that you can understand how life may be for them right now. This gives you vital information about your child’s experiences, what things are most important to them and what challenges are confronting them. You can use this
Principal’s message continued

understanding to ‘tune in’ to your child’s needs so that you can respond in ways which are going to be most relevant and meaningful for your child.

Research on adolescents indicates that about three quarters report that they don’t get on well with their parents! Part of the solution might be in how parents ‘tune in’ and allow their young adolescent to express their opinions, as well as role modelling acceptable ways to handle conflict and criticism through your own behavioural responses. This sensitivity supports good parenting practices as it helps families develop loving, compassionate and respectful relationships with each other. It supports the development of a strong sense of belonging and allows the child to develop relationship skills, which will enrich the rest of their life.

The ability to tune in to children means parents need to find time to communicate with their children, ensure you listen when they have something to say, be willing to understand their point of view and be able to share each other’s thoughts and values within a respectful and open environment. For parents, this provides the opportunity to better understand the pressures and real concerns your child is facing and the opportunity to discuss and negotiate relevant solutions.

This research is based on adolescents; however, it’s crucial that we tune in to our children at a young age so that open relationships are nurtured before they become young adults.

Have a great second half of the term.

Mr Richard Batty, Principal

PARENT BODY NEWS

Parent Body holds a 2nd hand uniform stall outside the school hall. These are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month between 2pm and 3pm.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR - BUY 1, GET 1 FREE

It's almost time for our Christmas Book Fair!
The Book Fair commences on Thursday, 12th November 2015 and runs until Tuesday, 17th November 2015.

Selling times:
Thursday-Tuesday
8.30am – 9.10am
11.30am - 11.50am
3.10pm – 4.00pm

BUY 1 GET 1 FREE (free book must be of equal value or less than the lowest priced book purchased)
No novelty items will be available
No reorders

Looking forward to seeing you at our fair!

OVERDUE BOOKS

As the end of Term 4 approaches, your child may receive an overdue notice from the Library for books that need to be returned. Please return the book to the Library or a note explaining why the book can’t be returned. It is our school policy that any damaged or lost books are paid for. Thank you for your support.

COFFEE CHAT

All parents welcome!
Every Friday morning 8.45 – 9.20am (except for Gala Days) held in front of the school near the silver seats.

Be involved
Meet the staff
Have a chat
Make new friends
Share your ideas
Drop off the kids & relax

Fields Local AECG Term 4 Meeting

Date – 10/11/15
Time - 4:00pm—5:00pm
Venue - Ingleburn Public School, Cumberland Road & Oxford Road, Ingleburn
The Fields Local AECG welcomes all parents, caregivers, Community Members and Educators.
ENTRY TO GOVERNMENT SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS FOR YEAR 7 in 2017

YEAR 5 PARENTS:
Selective High Schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for Selective High School placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 10th March 2016.

If you would like your child considered for Selective High School entry to Year 7 in 2017, you need to act soon. You must apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 13 October 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. The application website opens on 13 October 2015 and closes on 16 November 2015. NO late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 13 October 2015.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

STUDENTS LEAVING ST ANDREWS

If you know that your child won’t be returning to St Andrews in 2016 please let the office know ASAP. It is important information, as it will help us to plan accurate class structures for next year.

NOT RETURNING/RETURNING LATE TO ST ANDREWS IN 2016

Child’s name: .................................................................

Class in 2015: ..............................................................

☐ will not be returning to SAPS in 2016
(please supply forwarding details)

Will be attending:
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☐ will be returning late in 2016 due to
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Date expected to return: ........................................

Reason for late return ..............................................

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Parent signature

Contact phone number: ........................................

OFFICE HOURS

Thursday 17th December 2015 8.30am – 12.30pm
Friday 18th December 2015 CLOSED
Wednesday 27th January 2016 10am – 12pm
Thursday 28th January 2016 1pm – 3pm
8.30am – 3.15pm
8.30am – 3.15pm

(8.30 – 11am Uniforms sales only)

Uniform Sales are Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8.30 am – 10.00am & 2.30pm – 3.15pm
UNSW COMPETITION RESULTS

UNSW Mathematics Skills Competition

65 students participated and were awarded:

6 Distinctions - Liam Corrie, Sameen Jubayed, Jordan Gray, Anton Truong, Anfernee Truong, Phyllicia Zhuang

17 Credits - Aiden Narayan, Adil Choudhry, Xavier Lafler Isaacs, Pranav Jagadeesan, Nicole Chatelu, Nashita Choudhury, Oliver Corrie, Nivritti Kumar, Lyvia Li, Harrison Lowe, Karl Mascarenhas, Rainer Smith, Eesha Sonje, Dhrupody Akid, Lakshmi Alapakkam, Rachel Foong, Naweed Uddin

6 Merits - Veronica Lwin, Sherina Thamel, Isabella Urquhart, Ceana Howell, Aviral Sharda, Aurva Hasnat

34 Participation Certificates.

CAPTAIN & PREFECT ELECTIONS FOR 2016

All Year 5 students who were nominated by their classmates or self-nominated undertook a self-evaluation in the areas of attendance, behaviour, uniform and contribution to the school. They each completed a questionnaire about what attributes they could bring to the position. Every nominee is to be congratulated on their excellent efforts. Unfortunately, only ten boys and ten girls could be chosen to participate in the election this week.

Boys
Pranav Jagadeesan
Ben Langham
Harrison Lowe
Delwyn Pereira
Rainer Smith
Jeremiah Myatt-Kane
Oliver Corrie
Rayaan Gamildien
Dominic Citroni
Keyaan Osmany

Girls
Hinemoa Boylan
Constance Agius
Selina Sov
Nicole Chatelu
Bethany Eade
Nabaan Chowdhury
Jemma Murray
Tiarne Travers
Nashita Choudhury
Erin Moffatt

The twenty prefect nominees were announced last Wednesday morning at the primary assembly. Congratulations to the successful boys and girls who presented their speeches to Years 2-5 on Tuesday, 3rd November.

Year 5 Supervisor
Miss C Quensell

THE FIELDS PRESENTATION EVENING

All students that represent the Fields will shortly be invited to attend The Fields Presentation Evening on 16th November, 2015 at Ingleburn RSL. Tickets will go on sale November 2nd at the School Office.

I look forward to communicating further about this very special night of celebration.
Mrs K Smith

SYDNEY SOUTH WEST ACADEMY OF SPORT

Congratulations to Jordan Gray 5/6FP in gaining a scholarship with the South West Sydney Academy of Sport, Basketball program. We know that this scholarship will provide you with many opportunities that will ultimately assist you in reaching your goals and aspirations. We are all so proud of you and look forward to seeing your name in lights in the future!

SPORT

FETE ART GALLERY

If you missed out on purchasing your child’s artwork at the school fete last term, it is still available. All art is $3. Please send money in an envelope with your student’s name and class and labelled Fete Art. All art will be available until the end of week 6.
Attending school every day is the most important part of your child’s education. We all want our children to have a great education, and the key to a great education begins with students coming to school on time, all day, every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Excellent school attendance by all students is a high priority at St Andrews Public School. Regular attendance at school enables your child/children to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and builds important coping and friendship skills. Through regular attendance at school, they can make the most of their opportunities, leading to greater social, emotional and educational outcomes, which could assist them in achieving their full potential.

This year, St Andrews Public School has introduced an Awesome Attendance Award. This award is presented to students who have an attendance record at or above 98%. All absences MUST be explained by the parent/carer (see note below) for the student to be eligible. This award is presented to these students at the Assembly of Achievement at the end of the year. The following reasons for partial absences will be exempted when considering students for Awesome Attendance:

~ If your child is sent home by the school due to illness or injury.

~ St Andrews Public School special events, eg Fete, Easter Hat Parade etc…

REMINDEERS

~ It is the parent/carer’s responsibility to provide a written explanation for absence/s on the first day upon return to school and within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. The note should include the following information:

- Your child’s name and class

- The date/s your child was absent

- An explanation of why your child was absent

- Other important information as needed

- YOUR signature

~ If your child arrives late to school (after 9.10am), they need to be signed in at the school office by the parent/carer, before going to class.

~ If you need to pick your child up early (before 3.10pm), for any reason, you need to go to the school office to sign your child out, before collecting your child from the classroom. Teachers are not permitted to release children from the classroom unless they are given an Early Leave card which will be issued by the office when you have signed your child out.

~ Absences from school on the last day of any term are included in the absence tally for your child. Please be advised that due to changes to guidelines from the DEC, as of 3rd February 2015, family holidays or travel outside of vacation periods are no longer an accepted reason for exemption from school attendance. Parents must now complete an ‘Application for Extended Leave-Travel’ form, which is available from the office.
Wow!

A little word! But just the right one to describe our big adventure to Korea.

For the first time, a small group of St Andrews P.S. students, parents and teachers travelled to Korea in the first week of the school holidays.

Upon landing, our immersion into Korean culture began. Just getting to the hotel from the airport was an education.

Highlights of the tour included eating traditional Korean meals in restaurants, markets and a school cafeteria; exploring the Third Tunnel at the DMZ (Mrs Pereira in heels); visits to a folk village and The Royal Palace; being totally entertained by a fabulous Nanta performance and an unforgettable adventure to the Seoul Tower. Just to name a few!

Our days and nights were jammed packed with the sights and sounds of Seoul, providing all of us with life long memories of our Korean experience. I know the smell and taste of kimchi will be with me for a long time.

Thank you to the students and parents who made this tour possible. Thanks also to Ms Lawrie. What a great bunch of travelling companions. Astrid didn’t even snore on the plane coming home.

A very special kamsahamnida / 감사합니다 (thank you) to Mrs Pereira whose hard work and commitment made this tour possible. Her behind the scenes efforts need to be acknowledged.

We are hoping to provide this amazing opportunity to travel to Korea for students and their parents again in 2016. I would thoroughly recommend this tour to anyone who has a desire to travel and a passion to embrace a different culture.

Start saving so you don’t miss out on the fabulous experience!

Door man ay oh/ 또 만나요 (see you later) Korea.

Mrs Boyles
YEAR 6 ‘DAY OF THE NOTEABLES’
EMILY DENTON

We are thrilled to celebrate the successes again of Emily Denton of 1W. Emily recently competed at the NSW All Welsh Show at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. Emily won ribbons for Best Junior Handler under 12 years (in a class of 20 children) and was Best Junior Club Member Handler. We are incredibly proud of her amazing effort and achievements. Emily’s and her family’s commitment to representing St Andrews at equestrian events is unwavering. Another fantastic achievement in the sporting domain!

Great work Emily!

COMMUNITY NEWS

CAMPBELLTOWN ARTS CENTRE – Fisher’s Kids
Campbelltown Arts Centre’s gardens and gallery will come alive with the return of Fisher’s Kids in 2015, with this year’s program delivering an explosion of colour, imagination and rhythm.
Kids and their families are invited to get messy and creative in hands-on art making workshops, jive to the sounds of the Jamestown Collective, interact with the Fisher’s Ghost Art Award exhibition and explore our sunny sculpture garden.
Workshops will be led by some of Sydney’s leading contemporary artists including installation artist and spectacle creator Rosie Deacon and multi-disciplinary artist and ‘blob’ fanatic Louise Zhang.
Jamestown Collective, a West African dance and percussion collective, will be creating infectious sounds and visual vibrancy for this year’s Fisher’s Kids. Jamestown brings together recycling, rhythm and dance in an exciting workshop environment.

Sunday 8th November, 10am – 2pm Tickets FREE
Please contact 46454100 between 10am – 4pm daily

Please find copies of notes & further information on the school’s website
http://www.standrews-p.schools.nsw.edu.au