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Mother’s Day Breakfast

A huge thank you to our Parent Body and many volunteers for spoiling mums last Friday. We had over 240 mums attend the breakfast with children. It was a very special time. I trust and hope all mums also got spoilt last Sunday.

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Many volunteers took some time off work and juggled commitments and we are very thankful. Thanks to our dads for serving and looking after our mums.

Principal’s Topic of the Week

Pocket Money

Teaching children about the value and the responsibility of money is an important life experience. Teaching money management skills to children will lead to a much better chance of them being financially wise as adults. One of the best ways to teach children about money is through pocket money. Pocket money helps children learn a range of financial and personal skills. Children will learn that in order to achieve the things they want, they will have to set goals, have a budget and then stick to it.

Deciding on how much pocket money is appropriate and whether it will be given with or without conditions should be discussed well before the introduction of pocket money. Will the money be given for the completion of chores? Will there be an opportunity to earn more for extra chores? Will all children receive the same amount? Obviously, the amount will be based on family values, finances and what you expect them to buy (e.g. school lunches?).

One great way to teach your child the importance of money management might be to use the ‘one third’ rule. For example, if you gave your child $6 a week, they would save $2 for investment, $2 would be set aside for a goal (e.g. toy) and $2 would be available for spending now. As an added incentive for saving towards an investment, you could supplement their savings when they reach specific targets. An example might be that for every $20 they save, you will add a bonus of $5. An important aspect of saving for investment is to set up a bank account for your child, so that they come to understand how banking works and get a sense of the concept of interest.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

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Principal: Mr Richard Batty
Deputy Principal: Mr Chad Harris
Rel. Deputy Principal: Mr Stuart Keast
12th May 2015
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

CANTEEN NEWS
The Canteen will close its roller shutters at 9:00am and re-open after the morning assembly. During this time all lunch orders are to be made at the rear counter. Entry is via the hall.

Home Reading News
We would appreciate parents who are in a position to volunteer an hour to an hour and a half of their time on a Wednesday morning to join our present team of dedicated parents to exchange Home Readers across Years K-3. Please contact Ms Dina Lo-Castro 96031333.

KOREAN TOUR 2015
A small group of families will be travelling privately to Seoul, South Korea in the first week of the September holidays. Final planning has commenced but there are still places available. If you would like more information please contact Mrs Pereira or Mrs Boyles.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Ingleburn RSL Campbelltown Community Pipes and Drums are seeking Learner Pipers and Drummers
Ages from 8 - 80+
Free instruction * and theory lessons
Monday 7:00pm to 8:00pm
Ingleburn RSL- Chester Rd Ingleburn

Email: irslccpd@gmail.com

* $25.00 yearly membership per person

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

Principal’s message continued
It is also important that children understand the importance of giving to others. They need to learn that one of the benefits of money is that it enables you to support and share with other people, whether it is in times of need or for pleasure, such as presents.

For parents, giving pocket money can be made into a wonderful ‘teaching opportunity’ for the whole family.

Have a great fortnight!
Mr Richard Batty, Principal

Our NAIDOC Assembly will be held at 10:15am on 12th June 2015. All are welcome to attend.

SPORT NEWS
Primary Athletics Carnival
It's hard to believe that the Primary Athletics Carnival is just around the corner! The Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 9th June (Week 8) at Campbelltown Athletics Centre. The price for the Carnival will be approximately $8.50. Permission notes will be distributed as soon as possible!

Congratulations to Jackson Ropata, Elijah Baker-Manu and Bryce Ball who represented The Fields in the Under 11 Rugby League Carnival on 5th May 2015. After numerous postponements the boys finally managed to compete and compete they did! It was a great carnival with the boys winning two of their four games. In the semi-final the boys had a close fought match against eventual joint winners, Horsley. The game was evenly matched but, with an unlucky bounce of the ball, Horsley dived over with 2 minutes to play and held on for a close win. Throughout the day, the boys showed great sportsmanship and dedication. The boys played most of the day with no reserves and this was a testament to how well the boys played. Jackson Ropata was named an Outstanding Player from the carnival. In his second year in the 11 he played with his heart on his sleeve. He didn’t back down from the opposition and made some great last effort tackles.

Well done boys on representing The Fields and St Andrews Public School with pride.
Today in 2S we baked some delicious ANZAC biscuits with Miss Butler.

First Miss Butler got everything ready so we could bake our biscuits. Next we washed our hands so we didn’t share our germs. After that we put the ingredients in the big bowl. Then Padraic and Shaylee stirred the dry ingredients together. Matilda and Charlie then poured the wet ingredients into the big bowl. After that Maira and Cameron used their hands to mix the dough together. Then everybody got to roll some dough into small round balls. The dough was soft, squishy and very delicious. Next we squished the dough gently with two fingers. During lunch Miss Butler baked the biscuits. Finally we got to eat two ANZAC biscuits each. We shared our ANZAC biscuits with Mr Batty and Mr Keast.

2S was excited to make and eat ANZAC biscuits.

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Huff and Puff – Play Project for Year 1

Year 1 students were fortunate to have Anne visit us last Tuesday, 5th May at St Andrews.

Students from each class were involved in learning about the importance of physical activity that makes us “Huff and Puff” every day. Students learnt about the benefits of physical activity and fun ways to do physical activity safely indoors. They even created their own indoor games with simple equipment that made them “Huff and Puff.”

This will help us all get ready to take up the Premier’s Sporting Challenge and Infants’ Athletics Carnival by remembering to do 30 minutes of physical activity each day.