Mr Batty is currently on sick leave and will be returning on Monday 24th August. He is recovering from his medical procedure and is in good spirits. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Health Care Plans

I would like to remind the families of St Andrews PS to update any changes to their child’s medical conditions. This can be done by contacting the class teacher and discussing changes to their Health Care Plan. This is often done in consultation with a doctor.

Education Week

Thank you to those parents and grandparents who attended our Education Week Open Day. We were pleased to welcome over 250 parents on the day. It was fantastic to see the parents/grandparents visit the classrooms and celebrate the learning that takes place at St Andrews. The picnic lunch was a resounding success with many smiles being mirrored by children and their parents as they shared lunch and played in the playground.

Tree Day

The school joined in the 20th Year of the National Tree Day program and was one of over 3000 sites planting trees to mark the anniversary. Over the last 20 years, 22 million trees have been planted. The staff and students planted over 50 plants and trees to beautify our school and support the environment. Thank you to Campbelltown Council for your donation of trees and to Mrs Lawrie for her organisation.
K-2 Book Character Parade

Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia. Running from Saturday August 22 to Friday August 28, the theme for this year is Books light up our World. Every year Book Week, run by the Children's Book Council of Australia, aims to highlight and promote the importance and enjoyment of reading among young Australians.

To celebrate Children’s Book Week, our school will be holding a Book Week Parade for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children. We will be asking children to dress up as their favourite book character and invite you to join us to watch the children parade in their costumes.

The Book Week parade will be held on Wednesday 26th August at 10.30am on our Primary oval (in the event of bad weather, alternative arrangements will be made). Children may choose a character from a book they have read and help their parents prepare their costume at home. The child may like to hold a copy of the book in which their character appears when they are in the parade.

If you have any questions regarding our Book Week Parade, please contact Mrs Borthwick or Mrs Austin in the Library.

UNSW COMPETITION RESULTS

UNSW Computer Skills Competition – 29 students participated and were awarded:

2 Distinctions - Lyvia Li, Jordan Gray
6 Credit – Aden McAlpine, Nashita Choudhury, Llewellyn Govender, Karl Mascarenhas, Aviral Sharda, Lakshmi Alapakkam
1 Merit – Naweed Uddin

20 Participation Certificates.

UNSW Science Skills Competition – 42 students participated and were awarded:

2 Distinctions- Corrie Liam, Jordan Gray
9 Credit – Karl Mascarenhas, Aviral Sharda, Ben White, Eesha Sonje, Harashada Chaure, Rachel Foong, Nicholas Rolls, Naweed Uddin, Phylicia Zhuang
7 Merit – Amira Chaaban, Sameen Jubayed, Lyvia Li, Harrison Lowe, Lakshmi Alapakkam, Shusanth Selvam, Anton Truong

24 Participation Certificates.

Kindergarten 2016

If you have a child, or know someone who has a child, ready to commence Kindergarten next year could you please collect an enrolment form from the office. We will be providing details regarding orientation activities later this term.

Skoolbag

A reminder that the school uses a program called Skoolbag. It is available for both android and apple devices. To install it, just search for our school name 'St Andrews Public School' in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. You will receive important alerts, reminders of school events and copies of the newsletter straight to your “smart” device.

Earn and Learn

Woolworths are once again conducting this program whereby families can collect stickers from shopping in store and the school receives resources in exchange. A collection box is available in the school office with all earned resources used to support learning. Stickers can also be deposited in the box labelled St Andrews located outside Woolworths at Eagle Vale shopping centre.

Nepal Earthquake

Thank you to the St Andrews for your generosity in supporting the school’s Nepal Earthquake appeal. We raised $654.45 to support the rebuilding in Nepal. I have heard many stories over the last few weeks where members of our school community have been touched by this disaster. This money has been sent off to School Aide and I would like to thank Mrs Martino for her hard work in supporting this worthy cause.

New Parking Zones

Parents would be aware that new parking zones have been established outside the school. This has been in consultation with local council in an effort to improve the traffic flow along Ballantrae Drive. In recent weeks, it has become apparent that a number of parents are parking in breach of the indicated signs. This is placing our students’ safety at risk by increasing traffic congestion and limiting visibility with students crossing the road away from the crossing. When picking up your child, please be mindful of the parking restrictions and help to support the school in maintaining student safety.

A copy of the new parking restrictions and penalties can be found on the school website.
Smoking
As you may be aware Smoking is prohibited on all school premises. This ban is detailed in the Department’s [Drugs in Schools policy](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studentsupport/headlice/). This includes students, employees, visitors and other people who use school premises, including community groups.

Certain rules and regulations prohibit smoking within 10 metres from children’s playgrounds, public swimming pool complexes, public transport stops and stations, spectator areas of sports grounds and within 4 metres from an entrance used by pedestrians to get into or out of a building or school gate.

Thank you for supporting our school and students by abiding to these regulations

COMMUNITY NEWS

CAMPBELLTOWN JUNIOR OZTAG

2015 SUMMER REGISTRATIONS

*** NEW COMPETITION***

LYNNWOOD PARK, ST HELEN’S PARK played MONDAYS

Registrations being held:
Monday 10th & Monday 17th August 15 4.30 – 6.00 at Lynnwood Park
VICTORIA PARK, MINTO played THURSDAYS

Registrations being held:
Thursday 13th & Thursday 20th August 15 4.30 – 6.30 at Victoria Park, Minto

Comp kicks off first week in September 2015

Registration $70 per player

For further details contact
Prue: 0410 649 393 prue@oztag.com.au

Head lice

Head lice are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. If your child does have a case of the Head Lice it would be greatly appreciated if you could inform the school.

**The facts**

- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

**Treatment**

- daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)

**Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice**

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Father's Day Gifts are on sale at the canteen with prices starting from $1.00. Limited stock only