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### 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

### ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2016

Details for the Kindy Orientation are currently being finalised. Please contact the office for further details.

### 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.

### PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

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**Reports in this Newsletter**

I won’t comment on events that occurred this term as the organising teacher, committee or team have included a number of reports/news stories in this newsletter. What I will say, is that our events have been really well supported and it has been awesome to showcase the wonderful things that occur day in day out at St Andrews.

**Reminder - Newsletter Changes**

Our school newsletter will be published in Week 5 and 10 of each term and will be more of a celebration of achievements/school stories. We will continue to use notes home to parents, Skoolbag, our electronic school sign and the website to communicate upcoming events/reminders. I encourage parents to download the St Andrews Skoolbag app to a smartphone as it is a great means of reminders to parents. The Parent Body endorsed the new Week 5 and 10 format and so far we have had positive feedback.

Have a great break!

Mr Richard Batty, Principal
Term 3 has been busy in our Library celebrating Book Week 2015 with our visit from author, Kym Lardner and our Book Character Parade.

Author Visit

Kym spent two days with us entertaining students from K-6 with his storytelling, illustrations and songs. Many of our students got to feature in his performance and his humour was certainly infectious. Kym commented on our students’ excellent behaviour and he thoroughly enjoyed his time at St. Andrews, especially being treated like a Rock Star.

Book Week Parade

On Wednesday 26th August our students in K-2 dressed up as their favourite book characters for our Book Character Parade. Due to the wet weather our parade was a little different this year and we thank the teachers and parents for being flexible with the change of venue.

The variety of costumes was amazing. Thank you to our wonderful parents for creating costumes and making our day a wonderful experience for the children.

OVERDUE BOOKS

As the end of Term 3 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.

LITERACY PARENT WORKSHOP

On 21st October the Literacy team will be hosting a Literacy Parent Workshop in the Library at 2.30pm. The focus will be on helping your child to read at home. Whilst the workshop, highlights K-2 reading strategies, all interested parents may attend.

2015 NSW PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015 has closed. This year we had 120 children across K-6 complete the challenge. These children have read around 3,500 books between them and we look forward to presenting their certificates in Term 4. Well done!

TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH READING

Show your child that you enjoy reading by having lots of different reading material at home.

Encourage your child to read anytime and anywhere. Children often enjoy reading more if it is shared.

Encourage your child to read by sharing activities such as:

- Reading signs and posters
- Using a recipe together
- Reading instructions such as the rules to a new game
- Reading and writing a shopping list and finding the matching items at the shops
- Read magazines, comics, poems and rhymes.
- Looking through brochures and catalogues together
- Playing word games

Listen to your child read every day. Let your child select the book to read.

Before reading a new book look at the cover, title, pictures and talk about what the book might be about.

As you read the story talk about what has happened in the story so far and what might happen next.

After reading, talk about the story and ask a few simple questions. Discuss your favourite part of the story and why you liked that part.

Take turns when reading harder books.
UNSW COMPETITION RESULTS

UNSW Spelling Skills Competition – 60 students participated and were awarded:

2 Distinctions - Lakshmi Alapakkam, Aurva Hasnat

24 Credit – Esha Jadhav, Veronica Lwin, Amy White, Abigail Amurao, Justin Kharbanda, Xavier Lafleur Isaacs, Sherina Thamel, Isabella Urankhur, Pranav Jagadeesan, Nastha Choudhury, Oliver Corrie, Ramin Khan, Nivritti Kumar, Lyvia Li, Karl Mascalenhas, Rainer Smith, Tiarne Travers, Ben White, Riley Phillips, Esha Sonja, Bella Needham, Shusanth Selvam, Anfernee Truong, Naweed Uddin

5 Merit – Joshua Brockwell, Maithili Gulati, Khushi Kaur, Prasaad Sonje, Adil Choudhry

29 Participation Certificates.

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

11 Distinctions- Veronica Lwin, Liam Corrie, Isabella Urquhart, Jeslyn Nicole Chatelu, Ceana Howell, Harrison Lowe, Dhrupody Akid, Lakshmi Alapakkam, Rachel Foong, Aurva Hasnat, Tania Singh

9 Credit – Nashita Choudhury, Oliver Corrie, Ramin Khan, Esha Sonja, Abby Luyten, Shusanth Selvam, Anton Truong, Naweed Uddin, Phylicia Zhuang

4 Merit – Sakshi Sapre, Aviral Sharda, Jayden Brockwell, Anfernee Truong

18 Participation Certificates.

ATTENDANCE DISCO

Our Student Leadership Team would like to encourage all St Andrews Public School students to attend school on the last day of Term 3, Friday 18th September.

Our Student Leadership Team would like to celebrate student attendance on this day with a Disco (in stage groups) and encourage students to dress up on the day in a costume that falls into the themed letters of S.A.P.S. Our Student Leadership Team will be looking for ‘Best Dressed’ and ‘Awesome Dancers’ on the day and prizes will be awarded.

We look forward to dancing the day away!

Alexis and Declan (School Captains)
On behalf of the Student Leadership Team

LIFE EDUCATION

On Tuesday 16th June, the Life Education van visited our school for one week and students were presented with memorable and engaging issues and activities. Each program gave teachers and students the opportunity to develop strategies and practice the skills required to avoid the harms associated with an unhealthy lifestyle.

This year, parents were also able to attend a free parent and carer information session which assisted them in increasing their knowledge, share views with other parents and develop strategies to help raise happy, healthy children.

Children make decisions every day. We need to guide them through life’s challenges and choices, ones they will eventually have to make on their own. Life Education is a valuable resource for teachers, students and parents as it empowers children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education.

1W POEM

Sounds from Home

Dogs bark, 
Textas creak,
Guinea pigs squeak,
Rabbits growl,
Brothers sighing,
Knives chopping,
Television roars,
Bike bells ring,
Cat bells: Ding! Ding!

Aeroplanes wooshing,
Mums snoring,
Dads hammering,
Helicopters chugging,
Telephones pinging,
Mowers mowing,
Sisters moaning
Toys boom,
Cars start: Broom!
Broom!
A group of families and teachers from our school will be travelling to Seoul, South Korea during the school holidays. They will be visiting many historical and national places of interest during their stay. Their itinerary also includes a visit to an elementary and middle school. The group will have instruction in script writing and language workshops as well as attend some cultural performances. We wish them a safe journey.

Next term we hope to share their stories and photos at an information session for the Korean Tour 2016. If you require any further information please contact Mrs Pereira or Mrs Boyles.

SECOND PRIZE IN KOREAN BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION TO YEAR 5 STUDENT

Congratulations to Nashita Choudhury of 5/6FP who has won second prize in the Annual Korean Book Review Competition in the category for non-native speakers. Nashita and her parents will attend the Korean Cultural Centre in Sydney to receive her prize of a $300 gift voucher at an Awards Ceremony this week.

Through the competition, students were encouraged to discover the joys of reading Korean stories to improve their Korean language and cultural skills. Nashita reviewed a book titled The Single Shard by Linda Sue Park. This book is available in our school library.

YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA

On Friday 17th July, Year 5 students of St Andrews PS attended an excursion to Parliament House and The War Memorial in Canberra. We had to be at school by 6:45am to mark the roll and get on the coaches. On the way to Canberra there was a delay of 1 hour and 30 minutes due to snow on the road. It took 5 hours to get there.

When we eventually got there it was lunch-time, so the students had their lunch and a drink. We then went to The War Memorial for 30 minutes due to our delay. We saw a few exhibits which contained big screens that were maps. There were also real artefacts such as helmets, clothing and more.

We then travelled to Parliament House where we went to a private education room. It contained tables and chairs which were set-up like The Senate. In the room we did role-playing of the House of Representatives. The roles were Madam Speaker, Prime Minister, and Leader of the Opposition, Sergeant at Arms and a few more.

We then walked to the House of Representatives (Green House) and then the Senate (Red House) and we discussed them.

Year 5 then got back on the coaches to drive back to St Andrews. We arrived back at school at 7:15pm so we could be picked up by parents.

Overall, I had a great day going to Canberra, Parliament House and The War Memorial.

By Rainer Smith 5/6FP

WELLBEING WEEK

Last week St Andrews PS staff participated in Wellbeing Week.

This initiative aims to highlight the importance of personal health and wellbeing in the workplace. SAPS is very fortunate to have such dedicated and passionate staff who spend many hours committed to meeting the needs of their students. Wellbeing week encourages staff to also take the time to reflect on the needs of themselves and their families.

During Wellbeing week we also promoted student wellness with a before school yoga session on Tuesday. This event was very successful, with over 60 K-6 students joining us in the hall. They were all very enthusiastic and participated extremely well. What a great way to start the day! Stay tuned for details of more before school opportunities in Term 4.

Did you notice some staff "Fancy Heads" on Thursday? The students sure did and their reactions were priceless! We all enjoyed putting a smile on their faces whilst having a laugh at ourselves. There’s nothing quite like a good belly laugh to boost wellbeing.

We hope you have a happy and safe holiday break! The Wellbeing Team
Emily Denton in 1W recently competed in the Interschool Competition at Camden for equestrian. She achieved the following results representing St Andrews Public School:
- 3rd in best presented in a class of 10
- 2nd in rider class in a class of 3
- 4th in best educated in a class of 9
- 3rd in pony hack under 12 hands in a class of 7
She is still awaiting her results in sporting events.
We are extremely proud of Emily!

On Friday 11th September, Year 2 and 3 Aboriginal students went on an excursion to the Mt Annan Australian Botanical Gardens. The My Mob, My Culture: A Joint Schools Initiative cultural event also included Year 2 and 3 students from Sarah Redfern Public School. We had a fantastic day. Our guide, Jess, taught us lots of fascinating information about our Aboriginal culture. She showed us tools that Aboriginal people used to use, such as a boomerang and a nulla nulla. She also talked to us about sustainability and how Aboriginal people looked after the environment. We got to look at and touch different shells, leather jacket skin, and possum and wallaby fur. After our artefact talk, we went on a tour of the Fruit Loop where Jess showed us native fruits that we could try. We tasted native fruits such as native raspberry, finger lime and wombat berry. We learnt that some leaves, like the lemon myrtle plant, also have oils in them and when you scrunch the leaf in your hand the oil and scent is released. While Mr McDonald cooked a yummy barbeque Miss Wendt took us to play at the park. It was a lot of fun meeting the students from Sarah Redfern Public School, we all made some new friends.
Thank you to Mr McDonald and Miss Wendt for taking us on the excursion and a very big THANK YOU to Mrs Beecher for organising the day.

Excerpts taken from student journals.
This term, Year Two celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Alice in Wonderland story. The children and teachers had a wonderful time participating in a variety of activities including storytelling, craft, cooking and culminating in a “Mad Hatters Tea Party”. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who assisted with cutting out hats, cooking and serving food at the Tea Party. A special thank you to Mr McGlinn, Mr Johnson and the senior students who performed, or assisted with, the Alice in Wonderland play.

Mrs Shennan and Year Two Teachers
On Tuesday, the first day of spring, Year Two had a Tea Party. All of Year Two made a decorated hat to wear on that day. For the food, the whole of Year Two made different kinds of food but 2S made biscuits and everyone loved them, even 2S. The things we put on our biscuits were lollies, sprinkles and other yummy stuff.

We all did a parade and wore our hats. The colours of the hats were pink, blue, green, red and yellow. I wore a pink hat. I had a lot of things on my hat.

I felt very happy and it was the best day ever!

by Zubin Bindal 2S

Mad Hatters Tea Party

On Monday we made our hats for the Tea Party.

On Tuesday we made happy face biscuits. We made icing and iced our biscuits. Some people made robot biscuits.

After lunch, we put on our hats and went to the playground. We made a big circle in the playground. We brought our biscuits. We ate chips, tea cups, trifle, fairy bread and ice cream cupcakes.

After we ate our food we played a game. It was called croquet. It was fun.

by Emaan Omer 2S

Alice in Wonderland Tea Party
On Friday 11th September, Year 1 students and staff came to school dressed as their favourite worker in the community. We had a visit from the ambulance paramedics and we all took turns to climb in the back of the ambulance. We learnt about the types of accidents that we need to call 000. Some lucky students learnt how to apply a bandage or have their heart checked on the monitoring machine. After our beautiful grade picnic lunch in the sunshine, we all participated in tabloid games with our sports equipment. Our favourite activities were using the parachute and the obstacle course. Later in the day, the crossing ladies came to talk to us about their roles and responsibilities in keeping our community safe before and after school when we cross the road.

It was a fabulous day to complete our unit of work. We now know everyone has important roles and responsibilities at home, at school and in the community. Please check on the website for additional photos of the day.
**TALENT SHOWCASE**

On Monday 31st August, Creative Arts students from K-6 performed in an inaugural St Andrews PS Talent Showcase. Items ranged across all areas of performing arts including: Dance, Drama and Music. It was fantastic to have an opportunity to share the variety of talents we have here at SAPS to a capacity crowd. A big thank you to all the dedicated CAPA teachers in preparing their items, the community who came along and supported this event, and the CAPA students themselves, for all their effort, commitment and confidence. You were all amazing!

**SPORT**

**MILO CRICKET T20 REPORT**

We had a fantastic day at the Milo Cricket T20 Blast. We played teams from Sarah Redfern Public School and Glenwood Public School. Some of the teams were really hard to play against but we kept our heads up and did our best. Everyone displayed great sportsmanship and encouraged each other to have a go. It was a great opportunity for us to practice our cricket skills before gala day next term. Thank you Mrs Coen for taking us and thank you to Miss Wendt for organising the day. We all look forward to more Milo Cricket competitions next year.

Adil Choudhry, Amira Ajineh and Khushi Kaur – 4J

**BRYCE BALL**

Big congratulations to Bryce Ball for his outstanding achievements at the Sydney South West Carnival. Bryce will be progressing to the State Carnival representing our school, zone and region in the 10yrs Boys 100m.

We wish him the very best!
Infants Athletics Carnival results for the finals of the age races.

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The Infants Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday 13th August. In the morning the children participated in a variety of activities such as the bean bag shot put, noodle javelin and the three legged race. At lunchtime the children were able to enjoy a picnic lunch with their families. After lunch we had semi-finals and finals as well as a banner competition. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends enjoying the day. Thank you to everyone who supported this day.

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