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24th August 2018

Term 3 Week 1 - 5 Newsletter

2018 DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT	YEARS
31 st August	Father's Day Breakfast	
4 th September	Parent Body Meeting	
3 rd & 4 th September	Zone Athletics	
5 th September	Fire in the Fields	
6 th September	Infants Athletics Carnival	Kindy - Year 2
6 th September	Year 6 Cake Stall	
7 th September	GALA Day	Years 3 - 6
10 th September	Parent Workshop PaTCH Training	
18 th September	Sports Assembly	Years 3 - 6
19 th September	SSW Athletics Carnival	
25 th September	FETE	
28 th September	Year 6 Canberra Excursion	
28 th September	Last Day of Term	

OFFICE HOURS

8.30am - 3.30pm

Uniform Shop open Mon, Wed & Fri

8.30am - 9.30am & 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Girls' summer dresses & culottes are also available at
THE UNIFORM PATCH
Shop 405 Spotlight Plaza
147 Queen St Campbelltown

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to our bi termly school newsletter. We issue a whole school newsletter half way through the term and at the completion of every term. Our school also issues news stories and many photos in between these times via our school website, our school electronic sign and updates of events daily and weekly on the Skoolbag app for mobile phones. I encourage each family to download the app as this is our main source of communication. We have also recently purchased a message system on our school telephone number. We will be able to place update messages once you call the school sometime this week eg: cancellation of Gala Days, carnivals etc.

I will highlight a few inclusions from this addition of our newsletter:

Congratulations to Harsha Sheoran, Vismay Swami (junior division) and Phoebe Gilbert, Azura Pereira (senior division) for their outstanding effort at the recent Zone Multicultural Perspectives Speaking Competition. We are very proud of all these students.

Our 100 days of Kinder was again just brilliant. To see our students and their teachers dress up as 100 year old people was incredible. The commitment of parents and staff was very special and made the event even more special. I thoroughly enjoyed the morning and to see how far our kindy students have come in 100 days is amazing. Thank you everyone and enjoy some of the photos.

Throughout the year many of our students enter the University Academic competitions.

Parents are reminded when paying with POP (Parent online Payment) you **MUST** send in the Permission note to the office for the payment to be processed. Not returning the permission note may result in your child missing the activity.

Thank you for your support.

ENROLLMENTS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR KINDERGARTEN 2019

Children must be turning 5 before 31st July 2019

PREFECT ELECTIONS FOR 2019

This term, Year 5 teachers will be asking for students who would like to run for Prefect Election for 2019 including the role of School Captain. Students will be asked to nominate a peer or they can also self-nominate.

Please discuss this opportunity with your child and the role of a School Captain or Prefect. Some things you may like to discuss with your child are:

- **Our school vision and values-** *Children, First and Foremost*
- **The role of a School Captain or Prefect-** to assist/serve others through their meeting with Mr Batty, support students during play time as a peer mediator, running formal assemblies etc.
- **Self-Confidence-** know their own abilities and strengths and can bring them to their role, attempts to represent the school at whole school events e.g. Athletics
- **Proactive approach to improving our school community-** bring new ideas or solutions to implement within our school
- **Respected member of the school community-** someone who follows our school rules, wears our school uniform with pride, has great attendance etc.

Students who are successful throughout the nomination process will have the opportunity to present a speech to their peers and teachers.

More information regarding this procedure will be sent home at a later date.

Stage 3 Supervisors

Danica Yates and Christine Quensell

We celebrate the results through our newsletters and present certificates at our morning primary assemblies due to the large volume of students who compete. We will include sharing the names of our students who received distinctions and high distinctions at our Assembly of Achievement at the end of the year, due to the enormity of these achievements. Well done to all of our students for trying their best in every uni competition. We are proud of each and every one of you.

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 OC class for their amazing showcase in the hall last week. Small groups of students worked tirelessly behind the scenes to showcase a significant event/events throughout history and present them in different ways. I enjoyed going around every group's showcase and asked many questions. Our students were just brilliant.

I know our parents really enjoyed the morning, as did some of our teachers and classes who visited the showcase after lunch.

In this addition of our newsletter, our Aboriginal Education team have highlighted a number of celebrations that have occurred this term. The concert by the wonderful Christine Anu is something our school community will remember for many years to come.

Just brilliant!

Have a great second half of Term 3, take care and stay safe!

Mr Batty

Principal

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

If you have a child who will be attending St Andrews PS next year and you have returned your completed enrolment papers - please add the dates below to your calendar for Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Program.

This year we will be having three sessions across three weeks.

More information will be provided at the end of this term.

Tuesday 30th October

Tuesday 6th November

Tuesday 13th November

If you know anybody in the area who has a child that is starting Kindergarten in 2019 and they are yet to enrol, please let them know to contact the school office as soon as possible.

PARENT BODY

The Parent Body meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the staffroom, commencing at 5.30pm.

There will be an extra ordinary meeting held Tuesday 4th September, 2018 commencing at 5.30pm. We will be taking nominations for all executive committee positions at this meeting & voting will be finalised on the night. We welcome any parent who would be interested in volunteering & participating in our Parent Body Committee.

SUPPORT UNIT FUNDRAISER

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Support Unit Jelly Bean Guessing Competition Fundraiser. The fundraiser ran from the 25th June to the 6th July. The total in the jar was 1337 Jelly Beans! A big congratulation to our two lucky winners; Mr Prince (1st Place) and Jordon Truckle in 4P (2nd place). Thank you to all the students in the support unit who supported the fundraiser before and after school, and at lunch. The Unit raised enough money to buy some new equipment for the SPA.

Thank you again to all the parents, students and staff who were all extremely supportive and had a great time guessing!!



Our winners Mr Prince and Jordan Truckle (4P)

ST ANDREWS PS ZONE MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Tuesday 3rd July four students represented our school in the Zone Finals of the Multicultural Speaking Competition at Robert Townson PS. The competition consists of a prepared speech and an impromptu speech which are marked with equal weighting against students from schools in our area.

In the junior division, Harhsa Sheoran (4C) and Vismay Swami (4A) presented speeches. The junior impromptu speech topic was "Trouble". Congratulations go to Vismay for his 'Highly Commended Award' and to Harsha for winning the Junior Year 3-4 Competition.

In the senior division (Years 5 & 6) competition Phoebe Gilbert (5/6C) and Azura Pereira (5B) were up against strong competition. The impromptu speech topic was "Breaking the Rules". Congratulations goes to Phoebe Gilbert for winning the senior competition with her confident performance in both categories speech.

Harsha and Phoebe represented our school at the regional finals held in Lewisham at the Arts Unit this week.



UNIVERSITY COMPETITION RESULTS

UNSW Digital Technology Skills Competition

44 students participated and were awarded the following -

6 Distinctions - Emmanuel Aycardo, William Lam, Mahir Daiyan, Aydin Hossen, Sparsh Soni and Edward Dsouza

14 Credits- Ateej Hardas, Sofia Malik, Austin Ainsworth, Ankita Jassal, Usman Ehsan, Hugo Gilbert, Chelsey Huang, Iqra Islam, Phoebe Gilbert, Ahnaf Haque, Thusara Mallikage, Josh McKenzie, Pearl Sandhu and Mahee Uddin

4 Merits - Yafia Ibnat, Dennis Jiang, Farhaan Khadeer and Azura Pereira

20 Participation awards

UNSW Science Competition

46 students participated and were awarded the following -

1 High distinction - Hugo Gilbert

8 Distinctions - Manognya Ghanalinga, William Lam, Harsha Sheoran, Aydin Hossen, Dennis Jiang, Ifama Foiz, Phoebe Gilbert and Pearl Sandhu

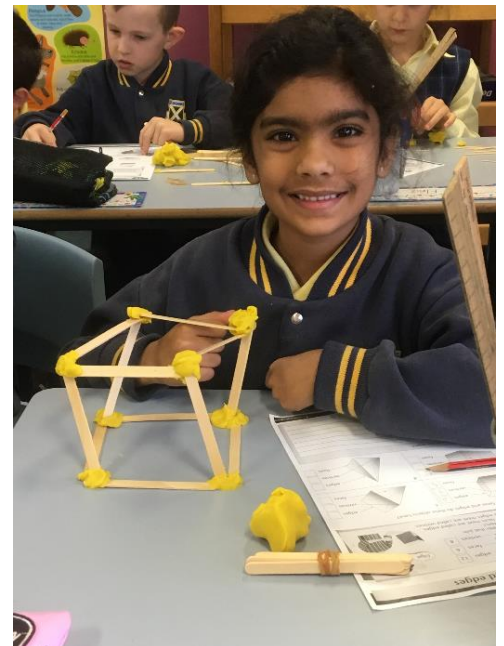
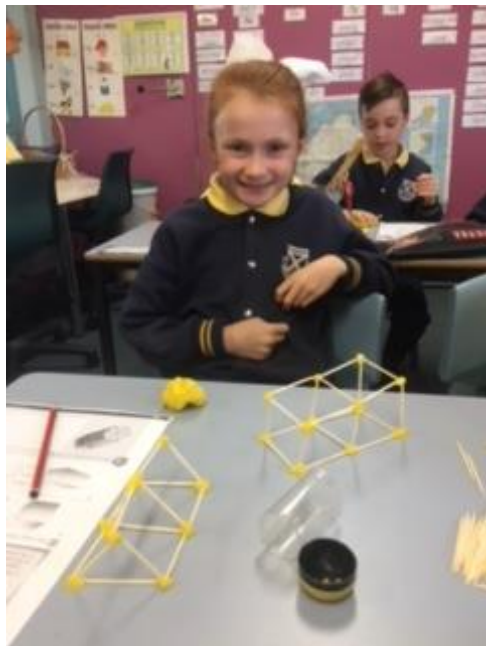
15 Credits- Emily Dawson, Yafia Ibnat, Aabisha Varatharasan, Ankita Jassal, Sahib Alam, Mahir Daiyan, Iqra Islam, Farhaan Khadeer, Bailey Reyes-McGregor, Sparsh Soni, Tajrin Anha, Ahnaf Haque, Corrinne Troeung, Mahee Uddin and Amy White

5 Merits - Ateej Hardas, Sofia Malik, Emmanuel Aycardo, Alexander Hooke and Veronica Lwin

17 Participation awards

YEAR 2 NEWS

Today 2T enjoyed learning about the properties of 3D shapes. They enjoyed the hands-on activity.



KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION TO CALMSLEY HILL CITY FARM

On Tuesday 31 July, Kindergarten departed on their very first excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm. Excitement levels were high as the students boarded the bus with their friends and teachers, as parents and caregivers waved goodbye. The day at the farm offered many enjoyable and educational activities. Students were able to enter a petting zoo, go on a tractor ride and even pat some baby animals. The tour guides explained all about the different farm animals and how they provide for human needs. Students learnt new words such as calf, lamb, kid, buck, drake, gander and duckling. In the afternoon students got the opportunity to see three shows: 'sheep shearing', 'cracking a whip' and 'working dogs'. Students were delighted to see these interesting shows. The bus ride home was very quiet as our Kindergarten kids returned to school after a tiring but amazing day!





CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN

On Friday 3 August, Kindergarten celebrated 100 days at school. The celebration was focused around being '100 days smarter' and recognising the amazing growth of our Kindergarten students. To mark the occasion, students and teachers dressed up as 100 year olds! The day began with an assembly where each student was presented with a certificate of achievement. This was followed by a 100 metre race on the oval, where even some enthusiastic parents participated!! Students were then engaged in a range of classroom activities centred around the number 100 and having lots of fun! Well done to all our Kindergarten students!

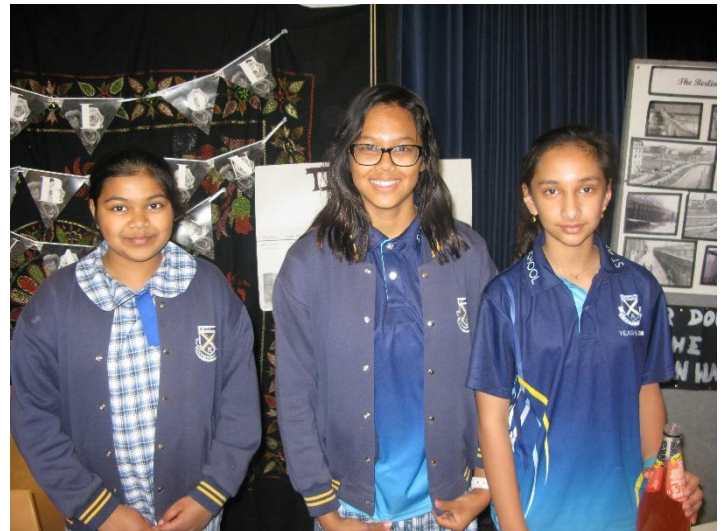




OC MAJOR PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Since the beginning of Term 2, 5/6C have been working on their major projects as a part of their daily learning. It was extremely exciting to see the effort and detail that each student contributed as a part of their project. They could answer the questions posed by visitors including our parents, staff and students who attended at various parts of the day. The work produced was of a high standard and celebrated the outstanding minds of our St Andrews Public School Opportunity Class. A big thank you to the families for their support of the day and to Mrs Conway for allowing our students to be creative in their learning. Well done 5/6C!

Miss Quensell and Mrs Yates
Year 6 Relieving Assistant Principals







BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!

8-15 JULY 2018

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played – and continue to play – active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels.

As leaders, trailblazers, politicians, activists and social change advocates, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women fought and continue to fight, for justice, equal rights, our rights to country, for law and justice, access to education, employment and to maintain and celebrate their culture, language, music and art.

They continue to influence as doctors, lawyers, teachers, electricians, chefs, nurses, architects, rangers, emergency and defence personnel, writers, volunteers, chief executive officers, actors, singer songwriters, journalists, entrepreneurs, media personalities, board members, accountants, academics, sporting icons and Olympians, the list goes on.

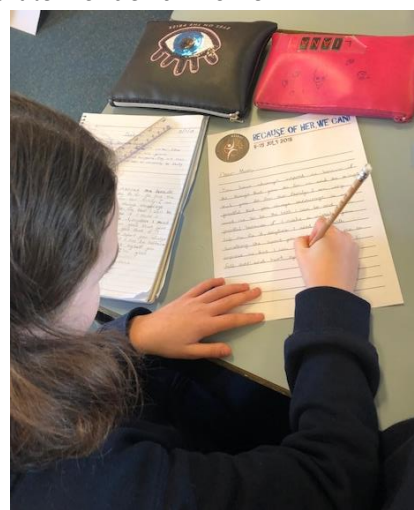
They are (our) mothers, our elders, our grandmothers, our aunties, our sisters and our daughters.

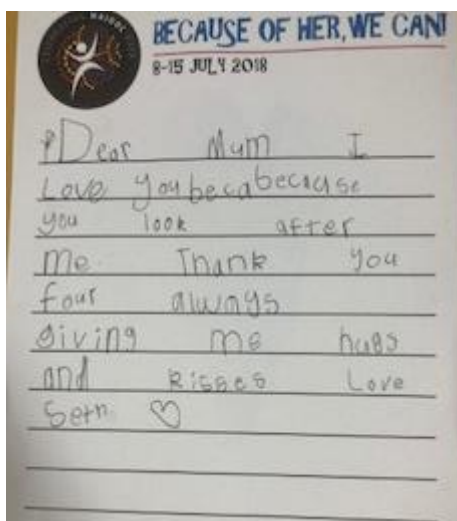
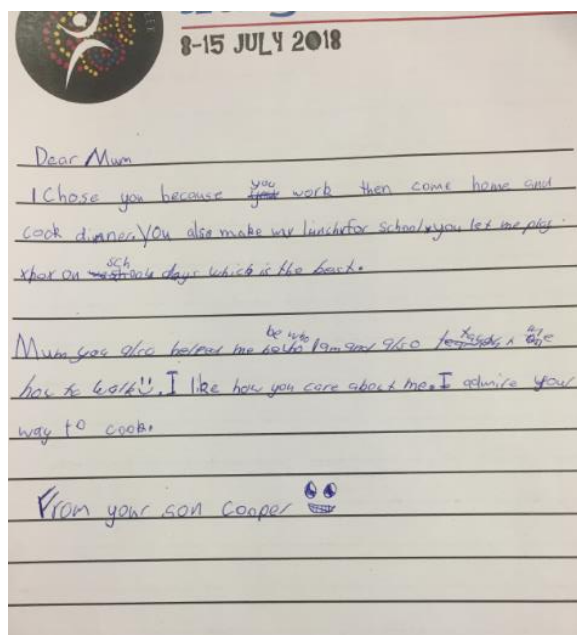
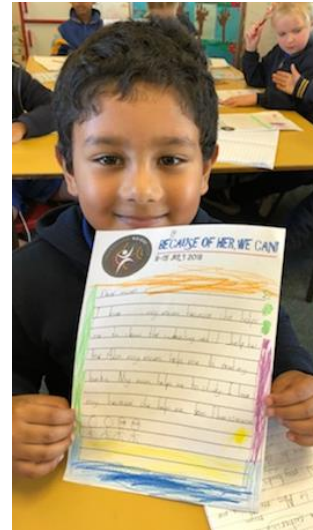
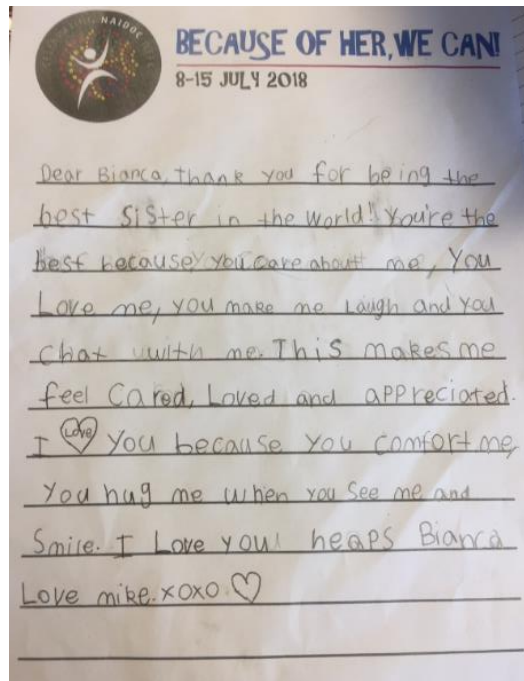
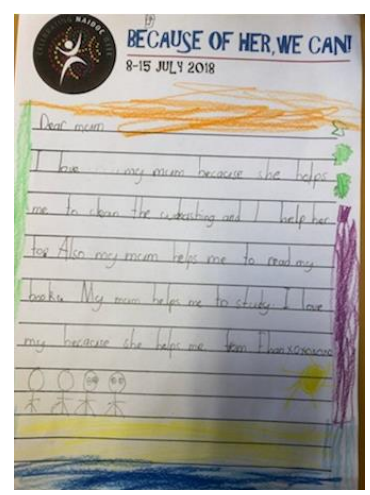
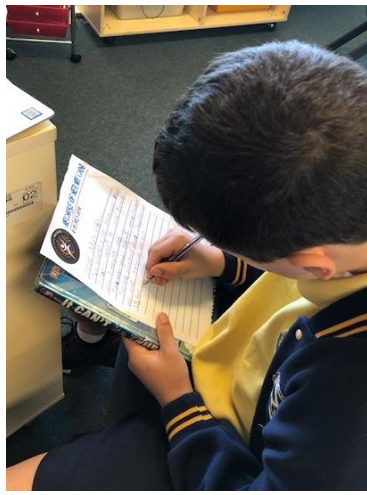
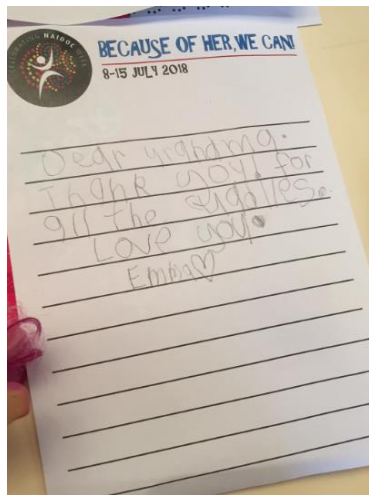
The staff and students at St Andrews Public School enjoyed a week of learning about Indigenous culture and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait women from the past and present.

We welcomed a number of wonderful guests to our school and we thank them all for giving their time to all of us at St Andrews Public School. Thank you Uncle Dave Bell, Maddi Lyn, Katrina Watkins and Christine Anu you all helped make this year's NAIDOC Week celebrations a week that will last in the memories of all for a very long time.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations – Because of her, we can - Writing activity

As Term 3 commenced, all students were provided with the opportunity to celebrate wonderful women in their lives as well as learn about prominent Aboriginal ladies within their community. On Tuesday, upon our return to school, all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 were encouraged to think of a lady in their lives who had helped and/or inspired them. Students wrote that woman a letter to thank them for their hard work and then delivered the letter to their special woman. It was so wonderful to hear stories of teachers receiving letters, mums who were thanked and return notes sent in lunch boxes to children thanking them for the beautiful note. Please see some examples of letters below.





On Wednesday, all students learned about what NAIDOC Week means as well as participating in some wonderful art lessons and learning more about Aboriginal Dreamtime stories. During the middle session we welcomed special guests to our school, Uncle Dave and Maddi Lyn.

Maddi had our school audience captivated with her beautiful voice. Her singing of our National Anthem in language and then English will be a moment that will remain in the memories of many for a long time. It was truly beautiful! Maddi shared some beautiful words about her mum, that because of her, she can. She closed our assembly with her original song, Promise.

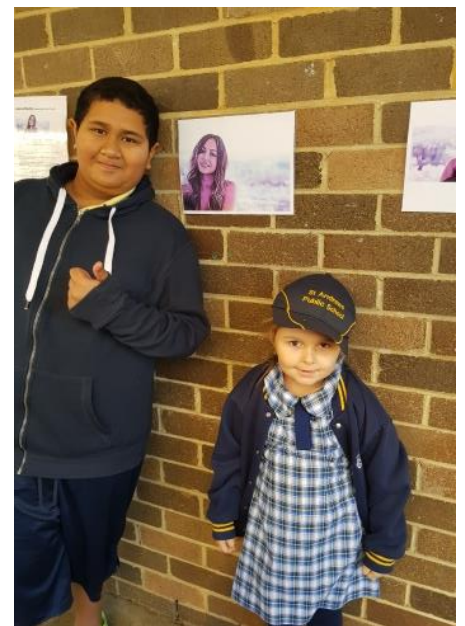
We thank all of our parents and carers who attended our assembly, as well as Uncle Dave and Maddi Lyn for taking time out of their very busy schedules to spend time with us.

Please like Maddi's Facebook page and follow her career as she is very much on the rise on the country music circuit; <https://www.facebook.com/maddilynmusic/>



On Thursday, our Year 3 and Year 4 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attended the Heartbeat – Keeping Pace excursion at the University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown Campus. This excursion aims to encourage our ATSI students to embark on a career in the medical and or science profession. The excursion was very engaging and all students had a wonderful time!

Back at school, all students participated in a 'Walk and Talk'. This saw students, with their teachers, walk around the school stopping at various points and learning about a number of influential Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who have been inspirational in their lives. Some of the women we learned about were Faith Hill, Dr Anita Heiss, Cathy Freeman and Samantha Harris. On Wednesday we also all donated a gold coin. These donations will be sent to the Cathy Freeman Foundation Stomp out the Gap initiative which aims to help Indigenous students at school and beyond. For more information, here is the link to her website: <https://www.cathyfreemanfoundation.org.au/>

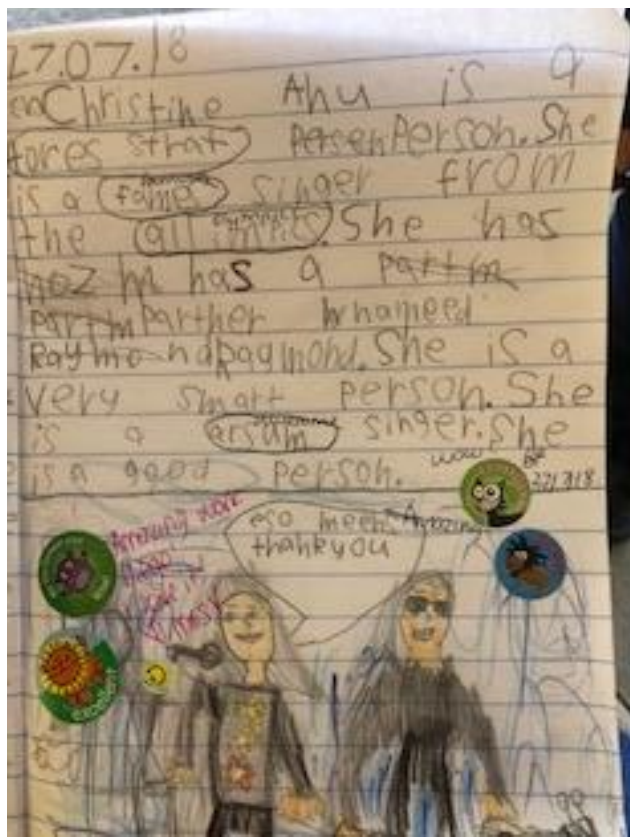


On Friday, we concluded our NAIDOC week celebrations with a visit from Christine Anu!

Christine was amazing! She had all students captivated, she taught us to lend a talinga so that we could learn about her culture. She had us singing and dancing to her hits such as 'Taba Naba', 'Sunshine on a Rainy Day', 'Party' and her biggest hit 'My Island Home'.

It really was like we were at one of her concerts. Everyone enjoyed her stories and her songs greatly. It was a pleasure to have Christine at our school and we hope that she can come back again soon!





Diego from 1F's recount of Christine Anu's performance



COS NAIDOC celebrations

A special part of our NAIDOC week celebrations is the opportunity for our Indigenous students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to attend another local school and share in activities that promote good health, exercise and Indigenous culture with other Indigenous students from different schools.

This year our students attended Guise Public School and had a wonderful day participating in activities such as learning about the benefits of exercise, eating and cooking traditional Aboriginal foods and building!

We thank all the staff at Guise Public School, Ms Lawrie and Miss Holden for taking our students on the day and commend our students on their exceptional behaviour and good manners throughout the day.

Here are some photos of our Humpy Building Champions!





Yarn Up!

Over 3 days during Term 2 and 3, a number of Year 5 and Year 6 students were able to participate in Yarn Up! This is a program aimed at Stage 3 Indigenous students and it equips these students with skills and the confidence to participate in public speaking. The students learned of their topic and were able to prepare a speech over 2 days and with assistance throughout this time. Our showcase day was held at NSW Parliament House and the students were able to deliver their speeches to all present. This was a valuable opportunity for our students and we hope that they are now equipped with an amazing skillset that has provided them with confidence to participate in Public Speaking and Debating opportunities in future years



STEAM Camp

On August 14th - 16th nine of St Andrews Stage 3 Indigenous students attended a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) camp run by the AECG (Aboriginal Consultative Group). The students participated in a range of engaging activities to strengthen their connection to their culture. The activities allowed the students to link their cultural knowledge to STEAM. Students solved mathematics equations through storytelling, deepened their knowledge of angles through boomerangs, engineered spears and participated in many other amazing activities. The students and teachers who attended look forward to sharing their learnings with the rest of the St Andrews School community.

Recount of the STEAM Camp by Tahlia Tan:

I was so excited for camp. The activities were wonderful. As we arrived I heard music playing and already a fire going. Our first activity was to get to know each other. We were all in a circle with a ball of string. The person with the string had to tell the rest of the group about themselves. In the next activity we did music and maths. They were teaching us about notes and beats and at the end we got to play a ukulele. We also got to make and throw spears. I liked throwing it. We made them by putting bamboo near a fire then seeing if it was straight enough to throw.





School Rewards

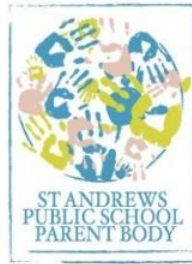



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Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish
Varroville, Raby, St Andrews and Bow Bowing

TUESDAY PLAYGROUP 10AM TO 12PM

Want to meet and socialise with other young parents /caregivers?
Sharing ideas while the children play?
Are you a Grandparent who minds your grandchildren?



**Come join our playgroup.
Family friendly, not for profit, community playgroup.**

Operates during school terms. \$2 per attendance

Tea & Coffee supplied. BYO snacks

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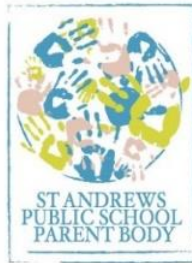
193 St Andrews Road, Varroville NSW

School Rewards

There are a couple of certainties in life and one of them is we all have to buy shoes.

Many of our families are already regular customers at The Athletes Foot, Macarthur Square, so St Andrews Public School has joined The Athletes Foot School Rewards Program which means for every pair of shoes you buy \$5 will be donated to St Andrews.

The cost of your shoes is not affected in any way and the benefit applies to sale items as well as full price stock. The good news is that the offer applies not only to students but to siblings and parents as well. You simply need to let the staff know that you are St Andrews Public School family, they will register you and every time you buy anything from the extensive range of school, sports, work and casual shoes, St Andrews Public School will benefit. Integrated with this program is the Athlete's Foot Club Fit loyalty program, whereby you earn a point for every dollar spent and upon reaching 300 points you will be rewarded with a \$30 store voucher. The rewards program will last all year and starts now.



Would you like to play T-Ball?

Ruse Rockets Softball Club is a new club and we're looking for players.

We will be registering two teams in the Softball Campbelltown competition which runs throughout summer at Milton Park, Ingleburn.

Under 8 competition

If you are turning 5, 6 or 7 this year you can play in the under 8 team.

Under 11 competition

If you are turning 8, 9 or 10 this year you can play in the under 11 team.

No previous knowledge of the game is necessary.

Games are at the same time every week and there's a break around Christmas, so it makes it easy to plan other weekend activities.

If you are interested, please contact

Jude Pink (Secretary) 0414 638 946 or Alan Carrington (President) 0413 336 099

or Email ruse.rockets@outlook.com

Eschol Park Little Athletics

Registrations will need to be done & paid online. We will be holding 2 registration days on Sat 1st September 10-12 at McDonald's Eagle Vale & Fri 7th Sept 5-7 pm at Eschol Park Athletics Fields, for you to collect numbers & age patches and also pay the fundraising levy

Fees for 2018-19 as follows - Tiny Tots- \$95, Under 6 - \$105 and Under 7 & up - \$115 per athlete. There is also the \$20 fundraising levy per family. You can use your active kids voucher if you haven't already used it!

CAMPBELLTOWN JUNIOR OZTAG 2018 SUMMER REGISTRATION

**VICTORIA PARK, MINTO played
THURSDAYS**

Registration is being held:
Thursday 16th August 2018 4.30 – 7.00pm
at Victoria Park, Minto

**Comp kicks off Thursday 30th August
2018**

Registration \$70 per player

For further details contact

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