

STAPS NEWSLETTER

We are beyond proud of the way that the students are settling into the new school year and we are just thrilled to all be back here at our beloved STAPS for a new school year. In just the first few days, there have been numerous examples of students living out the school values of Being **Responsible**, **Caring** and **Courageous**. Well done to all our students - especially the amazing Foundation students who have had a fantastic start to their school learning journey here at STAPS.

Following our short week, we've put together this mini newsletter to share some information about what's happening here this term at STAPS, as well as some start-of-the-year reminders to support with settling in.

Included are some key dates for Term 1, with a further full update of any other dates and events to be shared in the first couple of weeks of the term.

Our door's and hearts are always open here at STAPS, so please, if you ever are in need or have a question, please don't hesitate to reach out.

STAPS Team 2025

Co-Principals: *Carolyne (Mon-Thurs) & Hayley (Thurs-Fri)*

F-2/Junior Learning Community Teacher: Sandra

3-6/Senior Learning Community Teacher: Peter

STEM & Gardening/Sustainability: Chan **Japanese & PE:** Kerry

Visual Arts: Carolyne **Puggles:** Hayley/Carolyne (leads)

Business Manager: Michelle (*Mon-Wed*)

Classroom Education Support:

Carissa and Shellee

Chaplain/Wellbeing Support: Tracey (*Wed & Fri*)

OSHC: Tracey

Band & Instrumental Music Teacher: Jayden

Before and After School Supervision

Just a reminder that our school playground (out the front) is supervised from 8:45 am before school, and supervised until 3:40 pm after school. **Outside these times parents are responsible for the supervision of their children.** A reminder that our Before and After School OSHC is available on Tuesdays to Fridays if care is required beyond these supervised times.



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GOOD NEWS!

A great start to school



It was a great first week, with everyone settling in for 2025. We loved using our wonderful indoor and outdoor learning spaces again! Our Year 6s spent some time getting to know their new Foundation Buddies, and everyone enjoyed spending time together!



Updated
for Term 1
2025!

STAPS THURSDAY Lunch Orders



When?

THURSDAYS!

**Orders close at 11:00 am each
Thursday.**

**(Note - Orders placed during the
week will be kept aside as
Thursday orders for STAPS)**

What's Happening?

We are pleased to announce that
Smiths Gully Cafe are able to
continue offering this service, but they
have requested a change of day for
STAPS orders.

What can we order?

There is a wide range of options -hot
lunch, home made, sandwiches and
rolls, snacks, and drinks.

**PLEASE NOTE that items containing
MUSHROOMS should NOT be ordered (e.g.
Mushroom Pie, Vegetarian and Vegan hot
items) due to risk of anaphylaxis for a
staff member.**

How do I order?

1. Go to : <https://lunchorders.smithsgullycafe.au>
or go to the Smiths Gully Cafe website - then the Lunch
Orders link

2. **YOU MUST:** Click on the **IMPORTANT** under Grades,
and select **ST ANDREWS PS**
and **ADD TO CART**

A screenshot of a web form. At the top, it says 'Grade' with a price of '\$0.00' and a dropdown menu showing '1'. Below that, it says 'Select an option' with a dropdown menu showing 'ST ANDREWS PRIMARY SCHOOL'.

3. **Select your food** choices, and **ADD TO CART.**

4. On payment page place your child's name in the **Add a
note for Seller** section.

A screenshot of a text input field with the placeholder text 'Add a note for the seller'.

**PLEASE NOTE all ordering and payment occurs directly
with the Cafe.**

How does it get to school?

The Smiths Gully Cafe will deliver the orders to us.

Will there be other special food options at STAPS?

STAPS will have "special canteen or food days" once or
twice a term - such as Pancake Day, Bento lunch, or
Special topic days - *stay tuned for information during
each term.*

School Uniform

Our **new uniform options** have literally flown off the rack this week and it's been wonderful to see how much these new items are loved by our students. If you're interested in checking them out, please have a look at our display in the office. We're looking at ordering our next delivery this week, and we'll have all the missing sizes back in stock shortly.



During Term 1, our Year 6 leaders will be supporting Tracey to sell **Zooper-Dooper Icypoles, on FRIDAYS in Feb and on WEDNESDAYS the rest of the term**, at lunchtimes. These are \$1, and you can send money each week, or pay \$10 for the term (which will cover every week and the bonus last day of the term.) The \$10 can be paid via Compass or at the office. *Please note, students can only buy for themselves or siblings, and only one icy pole per student.*



TIMETABLE

MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

*Icy Pole Day
(from March)*

Lunch Orders

Breakfast Club

*Icy Pole Day
(in February)*

School Library sessions
Art (Juniors)
Wellbeing (Seniors)
Inquiry

Art (Seniors)
Wellbeing (Juniors)
Inquiry

Library Truck visit
(approx Fortnightly)
PE
STEM

Japanese Puggles (including Buddies)

Gardening/Sustainability
Assembly
(Fortnightly)



**ATTENTION!
PLEASE!**

Meet Pumpkin

We are very lucky to be welcoming a very cute new member to the team here at STAPS. Pumpkin is a Maltese x Poodle Puppy who has luckily found a new home with Sandra. Pumpkin will be joining us at school each day and spend her time between the Junior Room and the Office. She will be undertaking rigorous training over the next 12 months in order to become a fully trained therapy dog. If you have any questions about her, please don't hesitate to ask.



**DON'T!
FORGET!**

A reminder that we ask that **NO MUSHROOMS** are sent to school in snack/lunch boxes as one of our staff members has an ANAPHYLACTIC reaction to them, that is, a severe, life-threatening allergy.

Please also be aware of this when sending left-overs, ordering lunch orders or utilising prepackaged foods (including to be aware of Vegetarian/Vegan lasagna/pies/sausage rolls etc)





Important Information



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Educator: Tracey Jones

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Friday
7:00 – 8:45 am 3:30 – 6:00pm



FOR OSHC BOOKINGS & INFORMATION

call or text 0427 245 921 or 9710 1255

COMPASS

Compass is our Parent Portal and main communication platform.

Through Compass you can:

- Access information regarding announcements, upcoming events and news (including newsletters)
- Access your child's Student Progress (Learning Tasks) and Reports
- Book your Parent/Student/Teacher conferences
- View up-to-date class and school attendance information
- Approve or enter upcoming or past absences
- Approve upcoming excursions (or download and print forms if you prefer)
- Pay voluntary financial contributions and charges (*please arrange this with the office if you would like to use this option*)
- Update your registered email and mobile number (used for SMS alerts) details



You can access Compass through the web, or via the Compass App on mobile devices.

You can set the Compass App to receive notifications when new items are added – and this helps you keep abreast of any important school announcements.

If you need any help installing or re-installing the app, re-setting your password or any other issues with accessing Compass, please don't hesitate to ask.

FACEBOOK & INSTA

If you are a Facebook user, STAPS uses a Private Group on Facebook – **STAPS Community** to share information and communicate with the community, alongside its “public” Facebook and Instagram.

If you are on Facebook, we encourage you to join the group.

St Andrews Primary School

invites you to join in our

Community Twilight Games

**FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT!**

**Friday Feb 28th
St Andrews PS,
Caledonia St
9710 1255**

**Free Face Painting
Free Big Games**

**Go up against Community
Groups in the Tug-of-War**

**BYO Picnic
Sausage Sizzle, Drinks and
Cupcakes for sale**

**Bring your family, friends
or community group**

**3 Legged Race
Tennis Games
Team relays
Sack Race
Boot Throw
& more**

**Food and
Activities from
4:30 pm, events
start 5:45 pm**

DIARY DATES 2025



We will continue to "fill out" the calendar for Term 1, but below are some key dates for 2025.

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| Public Holiday | Mon 27th January |
| Curriculum Day | Tues 28th January |
| First Day School (Years 1-6) | Wed 29th January |
| First Day Foundations | Thursday 30th January |
| Parent-Teacher Conferences | Wed 12th and Thurs 13th February |
| Senior Class visit to Diamond Valley College | Thu 20th Feb TBC |
| School Council | Wed 19th February 4 pm |
| Twilight Sports | Fri 28th February |
| School Photos | Wed 5th March |
| Pancake Day | Wed 5th March |
| Labour Day Holiday | Mon 10th March <i>No School</i> |
| Curriculum Day | Tues 11th March <i>No School</i> |
| NAPLAN Period (Years 3 & 5) | Beginning Wed 12th March |
| Somers Camp (Years 5&6) | Tues 18th - Wed 26th March |
| Wadamubuk Mini Festival | Sat 29th March |
| Cultural Fair & Learning Celebration | Wed 2nd April |
| Last Day Term 1 | Fri 4th April early finish - 2:25 pm |

TERM 2

Term 2 begins Tues 22nd April

ANZAC Day Holiday Fri 25th April

King's Birthday Holiday Mon 9th June

Last day Term Fri 4th July

TERM 3

Term 3 begins Mon 21st July

Last day Term 3 Fri 19th September

TERM 4

Term 4 for STAPS starts Mon 6th October

Seniors Camp Mon 20th to Wed 22nd October

Melbourne Cup Day Holiday Tues 4th November

Last day Term 4 Fri 19th December 1:25 dismissal

Assemblies

Fortnightly

Friday at 3pm

7th and 21st February

14th and 28th March