

STAPS NEWSLETTER

What a wonderful fortnight it's been with so much happening!

There has been **fantastic learning** going on - and with the privilege of being able to "pop in and out" of classrooms, I've seen some focused learning happening and been able to listen in on discussions and learning - seeing **RESPONSIBLE** and engaged learners discussing such varied learning topics as convicts and Australian history; what makes a certain shape that shape; what makes a letter, a word or a sentence; how to improve our writing; and lots lots more!

We were privileged to hear fantastic **leadership speeches** from all our Senior students - with Years 3-5 sharing what they want from a leader and our Year 6s sharing why they should've chosen as a leader. They all spoke of our school values - and demonstrated being **COURAGEOUS** speaking in front of the whole school. ***Congratulations to all our Year 6 leaders - and a special congratulations to Hazel and Miska - our 2025 School Captains.***

Our Year 3 and 5 students, who participated in **NAPLAN**, also demonstrated our school value of being **COURAGEOUS**, working in different ways and encountering questions that were easy, "just right" and others which were challenging to attempt.

Pi Day Pies!

We had a ball making and selling apple pies on Friday in order to raise funds to support Wade's big walk held on Saturday. Funds went towards much-needed Cystic Fibrosis research. We're proud to say, our **CARING** community raised over \$300 for him at school, and contributed to the almost \$3000 he raised in total. We're so proud of you Wade!

You've always blown us away with your endless energy!

The last fortnight has seen **School Photo Day**, **Pancake Day** treats, an extra long weekend (with STAPS Staff having a Curriculum Day), **Pi Day** celebrations and our **Somers Campers** heading off yesterday!

Thanks once again to our amazing STAPS community - students, staff and parents for your continued commitment and involvement!

Staff Leave - into Term 2

Term 1 has brought, and Term 2 brings, some extended leave for some of our staff. **Chan** is hoping to join us back from the beginning of Term 2, as his foot and hand continue to heal; and **Michelle** will continue her current leave into Term 2.

Carolynne and **Kerry** both have Long Service Leave commencing during Term 2 - with **Carolynne** away for the first 7 weeks of Term (with Hayley working full-time during this time). Carolynne is heading off to Paris, England and Scotland on a much-planned trip. **Kerry** is off for most of Term 2 and part of Term 3, travelling around Western Australia. Nat Stock will be replacing part of Kerry's teaching load, with full arrangements being finalised shortly.

We wish them both wonderful, relaxing and well-earned breaks!



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Cultural Fair & Learning Celebration



A fantastic day of celebrating, learning, stories and more!



Students/Families are asked to bring along/share a small plate of food for our shared lunch that reflects your own cultural background, or a different cultural background.

9:00 – 11:00: Morning Circle, Japanese Tea Ceremony followed by a **Taekwondo** session

11:30 – 1:30: Rotations including **Games** from around the world, **Drumming** and **Gold Panning** (*like in the olden days!*)

1:30: Shared Multicultural lunch

2:45: Em Storytelling – Stories from around the world

Parents are warmly invited and encouraged to join us at any time of the day, especially to celebrate our shared lunch.



DIARY DATES TERM 1



Public Holiday	Mon 27th January
Curriculum Day	Tues 28th January
First Day School (Years 1-6)	Wed 29th January
First Day Foundations	Thurs 30th January
Parent-Teacher Conferences	Wed 12th and Thurs 13th February
Seniors to Diamond Valley College	Thu 20th February
School Council	Wed 19th February 4 pm
Whole School Excursion to CERES	Thu 27th February
Twilight Sports	Fri 28th February
School Photos	Wed 5th March
Seniors Information Night	Wed 5th March 6:00 pm
Pancake Day	Fri 7th March
Labour Day Holiday	Mon 10th March <i>No School</i>
Curriculum Day	Tues 11th March <i>No School</i>
Juniors Information Night	Thurs 13th March 6:00 pm
NAPLAN Period (Years 3 & 5)	Beginning Wed 12th March
School Council	Wed 19th 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

Curriculum Day (No school) Fri 6th June - OSHC available

King's Birthday Holiday Mon 9th June

Last day Term Fri 4th Jul 2:25 pm dismissal

TERM 3

Curriculum Day (No school) Monday 21st July

Term 3 begins for STAPS Tues 22nd July

Last day Term 3 Fri 19th September 2:25 dismissal

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

Curriculum Day (No school) Wed 5th November - OSHC available

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

New

Dates

Assemblies

Fortnightly

Friday at 3pm

7th and 21st March &
April 4th



GOOD NEWS!

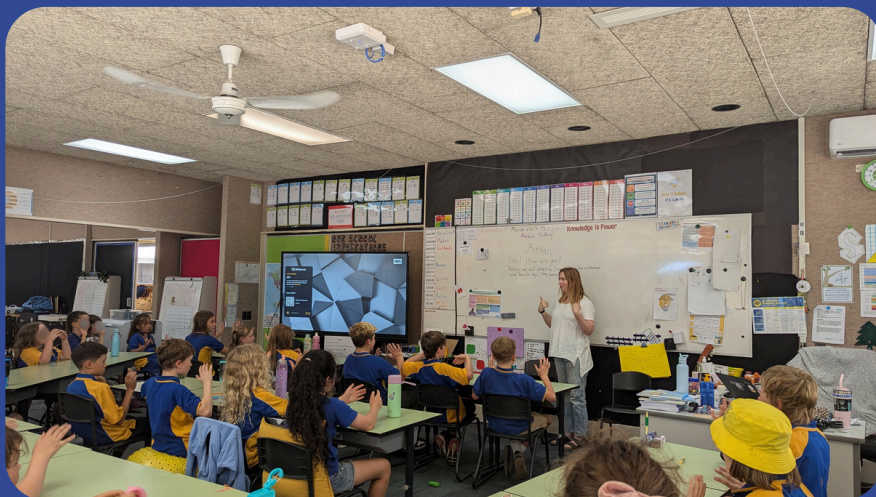
Senior Learning Community

Hi everyone!

It's been another big couple of weeks for the Senior Learning Community. We've started with our Auslan lessons on Wednesdays very kindly run by Laura Wells (mum of 2 of our students) and the response from everyone has been extremely positive. There's been lots of learning about the First Fleet and the very early starts of the Australian nation after colonisation with the students finding how hard life was for the convicts settling in to a very different life. It has also been a very big week for our Years 3&5 students who have made it through NAPLAN with a calmness and extremely positive attitude - well done!

Pi Day (3.14 or 14th of March) was a lot of fun with different activities to showcase Pi.

Finally, we've had incredible speeches about what leadership means to all of our senior students with very persuasive pieces written and presented. This led to our voting and selecting of our 2025 Year 6 School Captains - Miska and Hazel. Congratulations to them for their success and well done to all Year 6 students for their efforts in wanting to lead our school community as a part of our leadership team.



GOOD NEWS!

Junior Learning Community

Bonjour Everyone,

We have had some wonderful discussions about the long weekend using adjectives to paint a picture in their audiences' minds. We will be exploring this more over time.

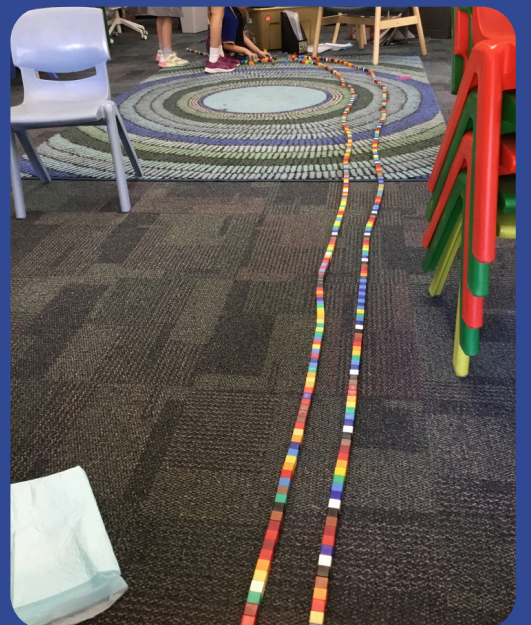
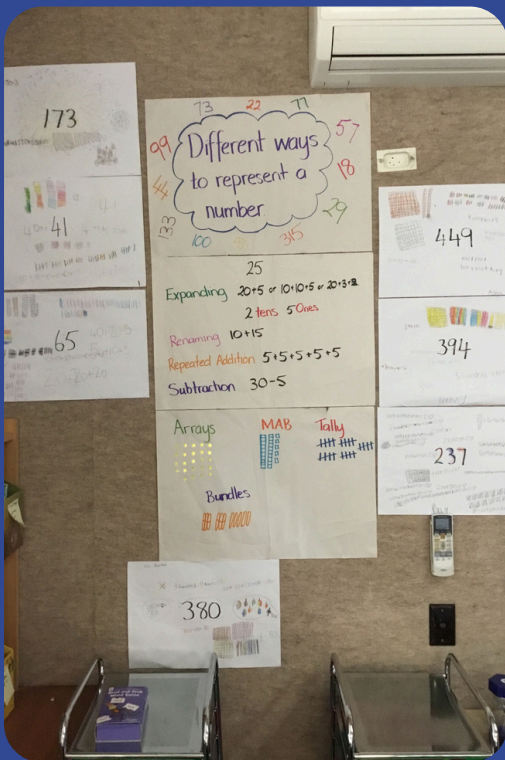
The students have been having fun exploring numbers and how to represent them in different ways, (part, part, whole). Next week we will be exploring and learning about shapes and identifying them in everyday places and discussing why they are important.

The Junior Team continue to build relationships through well-being lessons and we have been identifying what our strengths or "SUPER POWERS" are. We will be creating a 'SUPERPOWER' tree as a display of how awesome we all are and can't wait to share it with you.

Cultural Fair Day is Wednesday 2nd April!

Please put it in your diaries! The more people that join in the fun, the better!!

Thankyou to all whom attended the Information Night, please remember that I am always contactable and appreciate all communication.



WILDLIFE WONDERS

It's been a busy couple of weeks here at STAPS, so not much time for wildlife photography, but we have some photos saved from last year and earlier this year to share.

Please send any submissions for our 'Wildlife Wonders' section to carissa.kinder@education.vic.gov.au



Pink-bellied Moth
Oenochroma vinaria



Christmas Beetle/Hairy Spotted Beetle
Anoplognathus velutinus



Bark Cockroach
Laxta granicolis



Cicada
Yoyetta sp.



PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

ACT NOW

Expression of Interest wanted!

We are looking for local photographers both amateur and professional, of all ages who would like to display their works during the Mini Fest. (Don't have a fancy camera, that's ok you can use your phone!)

The theme is "**Local what does it mean to you**"

The art show will be held in the Wadambuk St Andrews Community Centre as part of the Wadambuk Minifest Saturday 29th March 2025 Time: 1pm – 5pm

The exhibition will remain on display in the centre for 6 weeks following the festival.

Entry is \$10.00 /piece for those over 18yo.

No fees or commissions are taken on any works sold.

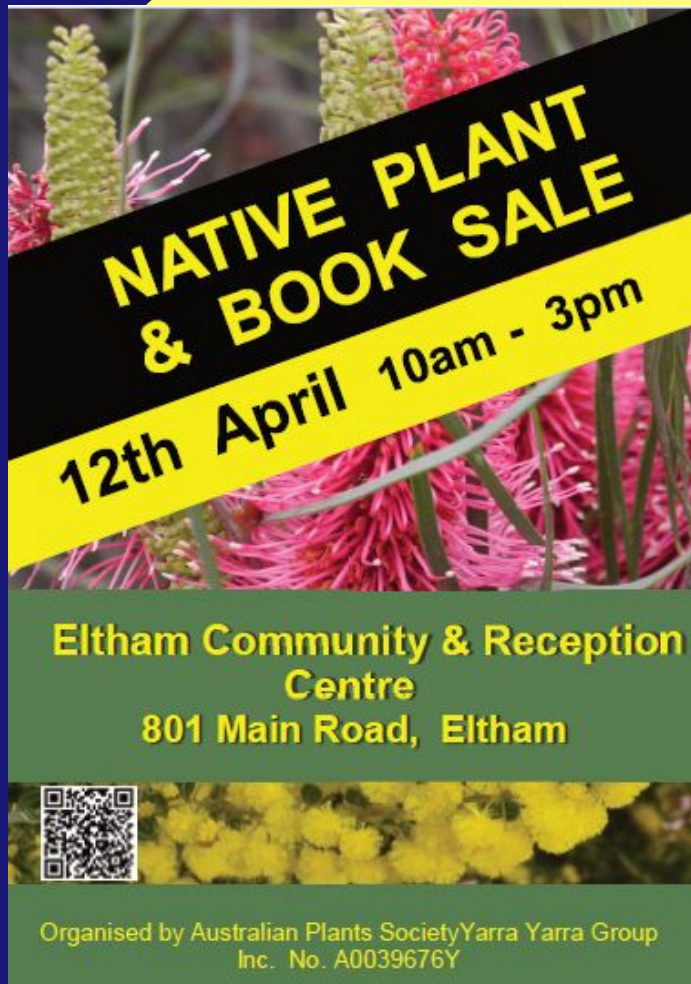
If you need further information and are interested, please email us an image of your photo at standrewscommunitycentre@gmail.com

Maximum of 2 works per person.

(The committee does not guarantee that all submissions will be selected for display).

Email: standrewscommunitycentre@gmail.com






NATIVE PLANT & BOOK SALE

12th April 10am - 3pm

Eltham Community & Reception Centre
801 Main Road, Eltham



Organised by Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group
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Interactive Open Afternoon

Thursday 27 March 2025

Auditorium, Diamond Valley College
Information sessions at 4:00, 4:45 and 5:30pm

Join us to explore the endless opportunities awaiting your child in 2026!

Semester 1 School Tours

Tours are open to students and families considering secondary school commencing 2026. Bookings essential.



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Easter School Holidays

Eltham

Drama for Kids 5-10yrs \$30

9 April 9:30am-12pm

Pottery for Kids 8-12yrs \$35

9 April 10am-11:30am or

9 April 12:15pm-1:45pm



Panton Hill

Bush Magic 6-12yrs \$20

8 April 10am-11:30am

Polymer Clay Earrings 10-16yrs \$25

10 April 10am -12:30pm



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WADAMBUK MINIFEST



Saturday

March 29th 2025

1pm – 5pm

**Wadambuk St Andrews Community Centre
10th Birthday Celebration**

FREE LIVE MUSIC & KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

Black Cat Bone

Steve & Lilly, Heartwood trio, Em Chandler

PHOTOGRAPHIC ART SHOW

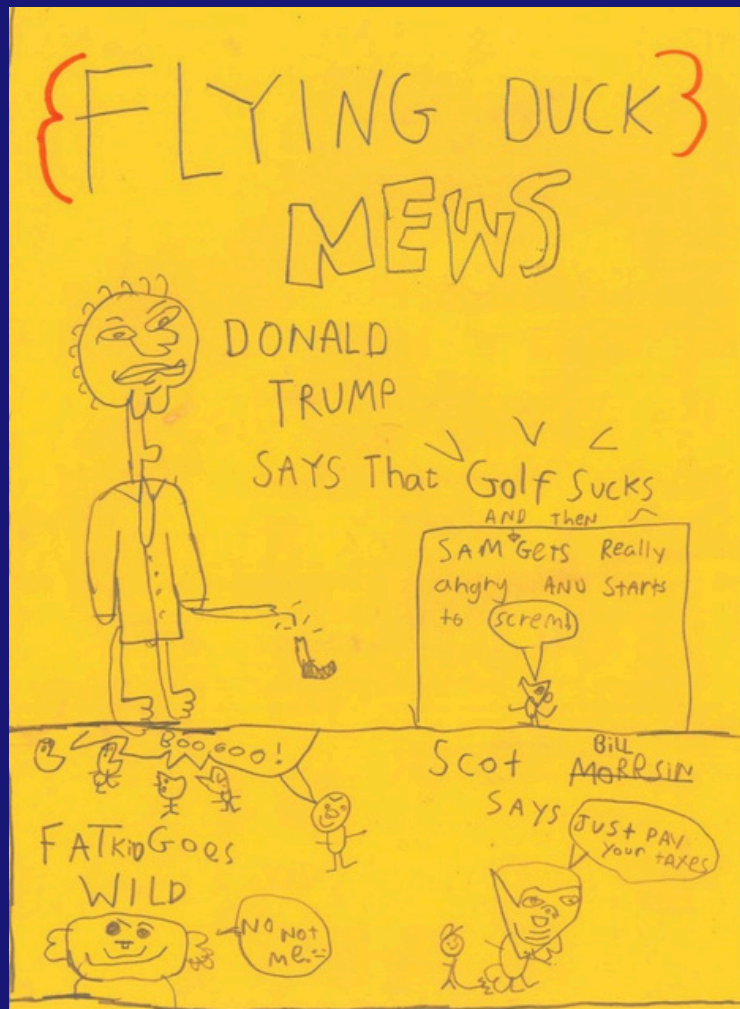
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