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Newsletter

T3 Week 1 2018

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nga mihi ki a koutou.

Term 3

Welcome back to term 3. We look forward to this being another busy term with lots going on.

New Students

A huge welcome to Brayden J and Madison H who have started with us this term, we hope you enjoy St Andrews School.

3 way conferences

The 3 way conferences are to be held on Tuesday 7th August 3pm - 7.30pm and Wednesday 8th August 3pm - 5.30pm. These conferences are a time to review where students are at and to set mid year goals for the students to achieve. These can now be booked online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The code for these interviews are: **frbm8**. Can bookings please be made by Thursday 2nd August.

Ski / Skate Trip

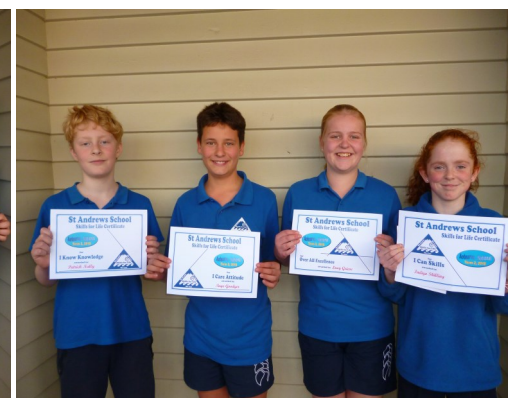
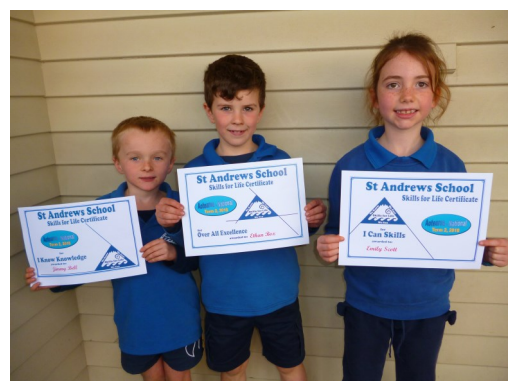
Please note all Ski/Skate forms along with payment are now due back to the office. Thanks to those who we have already received.

Room 4 Peel Forrest Trip

On Thursday the 2nd August the Room Four students will be traveling to Peel Forest to consolidate on Term One's learning. The students will be working with the Ara Polytech students and be learning some bush skill as well as participating in team build activities. We look forward to our get away and time enjoying some of our native forest scenery.

Skills for Life Certificates

Congratulations to all students who received Skills for Life awards at the end of Term 2.



Mid Year Prize Giving

Congratulations to the following students receiving awards in our mid year prize giving at last terms Skills for Life Assembly; Oliver & Angus C - Rush Family Cross Country Cup for Attitude & All Round Effort, James S - St Andrews School Swimming Trophy, Lillith B - Room 1 Most Improved Swimmer, Olivia R - Room 2 Most Improved Swimmer, Liam W - Room 3 Most Improved Swimmer, Rachel D - Room 4 Most Improved Swimmer, Bradley H - Room 5 Most Improved Swimmer.



Teachers & Principals Strike

A Strike notice has been received for teachers and principals for Wednesday 15th August. At present the strike is from 1.30pm - 4.30pm. However at present a vote is being collated for a full day strike. The three main reasons for the strike are outlined below from Whetu Cormick the NZPF President:

The first is about support, PLD and special needs. It is well acknowledged across our sector and in parliamentary circles that our special education services no longer meet the needs of the growing number of severely challenged young people in our schools. The Minister himself and Associate Minister Martin are each on public record as saying special education does not need a review, it requires an action plan. We do not have sufficient specialists such as psychologists, speech therapists and the like, nor do we have a mechanism to allow teachers to specialise in special needs education. This area, without doubt, needs an injection of both funds and strategic future planning.

The second is about time. The offer of 12.5 minutes a week additional time for teachers to plan, assess and work individually with children is totally inadequate. Our teachers are some of the best in the world and to maintain high quality teaching they need more time to reflect, research and refresh.

The third issue is pay. We know that pay rates are an important factor in recruiting school graduates into teaching, and we know that the profession has not had any significant pay rise in a decade. This translates as under-valuing our profession at a time when we need a commitment to raising the status of the profession.

Room 5 Writing

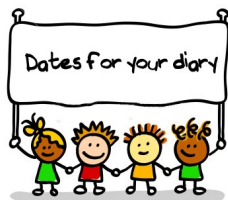
The Bus

"I slowly follow the line to where the paled bus sits. It's heavy engine growls with tiredness as each kid climbs in. One by one they disappear into the small opening of the doorframe. As I walk up the fairly tall steps, I almost trip from their height. I take my time choosing the seat furthest away from people. I dislike sitting next to others, for they try to hold a conversation, when I just want to be alone. The younger ones ask to sit next to me, but I refuse. I just want to fade into my own world, unbothered. As the engine grumbles, it moves the bus onwards. Everyone starts to scream and talk. They all want to be heard, so they shout. To ignore this, I place headphones in my ears. The music plays to a loud beat which allows me to drift somewhere else in my head. I accompany myself by thinking of homework and notices I have to hand in. Each day in the afternoon I repeatedly continue my routine as I wait in the bus line and watch the clouds pass by." - Hailey Pownall

Haast

"As I went over the Gates of Haast bridge I looked down into the craggy depths of the ravine to the river below. This is the start of the Wild West Coast. I opened my window and breathed in the smell of the beech forest. It is a damp and welcoming scent. I was on my way to Nanny and Grampa's hut at Kwitchatown. Dad drove through the ancient native forests and I glimpsed the waterfalls cascading from the sides of the hills. We pulled over onto an rest stop and I got out to stretch my legs. The melodic sound of bird calls filled my ears. Mum, dad, Maia and I walked into the bush on one of the walking tracks. My footsteps silenced by spongy moss and decayed vegetation under my feet as I walked. The trees gave way to scrubby plants and sparkling silver stones. I was amazed at the sight of the stones as they shone in the sunlight. I heard the sound before my eyes saw what was making it. A tremendous roaring sound came at me. As I walked further towards the sound, I was beholden by the sight of an magnificent waterfall. The sound was the water plunging down from the heights into the dark depths of the pool below. I ran towards the pool, only to feel the pull on the back of my jacket. I realised I was still tethered to my mum. She had the ends of the toddler harness and I was unable to fulfill my desire to immerse myself in the cool beckoning water. I shouted and wailed at the top of my lungs and expressed my frustration as only a three year old can. The closest I got was to throw the glistening stones into the water." - Lucy Grieve

Upcoming Term Dates



Term 3

27th July - Assembly Rm 5
2.15pm
31st July - BOT Meeting 7pm
3rd Aug - PTA Lunches
7th Aug - 3 Way conferences 3.00pm - 7.30pm
8th Aug - 3 Way conferences 3.00pm - 5.00pm
10th Aug - Ski / Skate Day
13th Aug - Ski / Skate Day P.P.
17th Aug - PTA Lunches
17th Aug - Assembly Rm 4, 9.15am
17th Aug - FLAVA Festival
24th Aug - SC Scooter Comp - Steve
28th Aug - BOT Meeting 7pm
31st Aug - Room 5 Mountain Biking - Roncalli
30th Aug - **Please note Thursday Assembly Rm 3, 2.15pm**
7th Sept - SC Gym Festival
13th Sept - Room 5 Rock Climbing 9.00 - 12.30pm
14th Sept - PTA Lunches
14th Sept - Assembly Rm 2, 9.15am
19th - 21st Sept - Steve SC Principals Seminar
20th Sept - Room 5 Rock Climbing 9.00 - 12.30pm
24th Sept - SC Anniversary Day
25th Sept - BOT Meeting 7pm
27th Sept - Inter Regional Cross Country
28th Sept - PTA Lunches
28th Sept - Assembly Rm 1/2 Skills For Life 2.15pm
28th Sept - Last Day Term 3

PTA NEWS

Barn Dance

A huge thank you to all the supporters of the Barn Dance & Auction this Saturday. We look forward to sharing the event in the next newsletter. Please note all tickets can be collected and paid for at the door on the night.

Food Coordinator - Hot Lunches

We are looking for a Super Star Food Coordinator to help with our hot lunches. Please contact Sonia Sullivan 02102666889 if you can help.

Some important dates to note down coming up this year. This is not all of the dates but some of the significant dates to try and help with planning of the year.

23 Jul	First Day T3	15 Oct	First Day T4
10 Aug	Ski/Skate Day	22 Oct	Labour Day
13 Aug	Ski/Skate Day p.p.	7-9 Nov	Room 3/4 Camp Lindisfarne
24 Sep	SC Anniversary Day	16 Nov	Grandparents Day
28 Sep	Last Day T3	14 Dec	Last Day T4

CLEANEST CLASSROOM AWARD TERM 2



Awarded by Crest Clean to;

Room 1

Community Notices

Come along and see locally-made, eco-friendly products, live music and a working artist

ROYAL ARCADE TIMARU



\$1000 in CASH PRIZES
Friday 10 August 6.30pm Woodbury Hall
TO ENTER: Call Michelle@Tievoli Trading 027 431 3362
Merran@Joosh 03 693 9002
or visit Totally Locally Geraldine on Facebook
Hall hire sponsored by Geraldine Landscapes & Hire

- FIVE AWESOME WEARABLE LIGHTS CATEGORIES**
- 1 COSTUME**
DESIGNED 10 YEARS & UNDER
Frankie Did It
 - 2 COSTUME**
DESIGNED 17 YEARS & OVER
Geraldine Orchard
Barnshop & Cuts
 - 3 HAT**
OPEN
Quality Tyres & Auto Services
 - 4 LANTERN OR BAG**
OPEN
The Valley Brewery
 - 5 THEMED PAIR/GROUP**
OPEN
The Tin Shed
- SUPREME AWARD**
LOUK NZ Clothing

King of Levels Round Three

Event start:
Saturday, 11 Aug 2018
Start Time:
07:00
End Time: 17:30



Balkan Treasure at Aigantighe

12 August 2018 - 14:00 - 15:15

Musica Balkanica was formed in Christchurch in 2004 to celebrate the rich musical heritage of the Balkan region of Eastern Europe. The choir's repertoire includes sacred songs from the Christian Orthodox Liturgy, in Church Slavonic, Serbo-Croatian and Romanian, as well as folk songs in a variety of languages, including Albanian, Bulgarian, Greek, Hungarian, Romanian, Romany and the Slavonic languages of former Yugoslavia. The choir is pleased to present a musical journey through South-Eastern Europe with a mixture of Orthodox sacred chants and upbeat traditional folk songs.

Entry is by CASH Koha/Donation
Doors open at 1.30pm



FRIDAY
27 JULY
4.30PM-8PM

