

St Andrews School

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New Entrant Information Booklet

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Welcome to St Andrews School

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On behalf of our students, staff and Board of Trustees, we would like to welcome you and your family to our School.

Starting school is an exciting time and an important step in your child's life and also your own. We look forward to working alongside you and your child to ensure the transition from pre-school to school a positive experience.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Enrolment and Pre School Visits

We encourage families to enrol their children early. This allows us to prepare for your child's entrance to school and to make contact with you early to arrange pre-school visits.

Before your child starts their visits we would like families to come and make a time to meet with the Principal. This gives you a chance to ask questions about the wider school and also to be shown through the school.

All children are invited to have four pre-school visits before they start school. The visits give your child the opportunity to become familiar with our routines and to get to know the teacher and students. Pre-school visits are usually on a Wednesday or Thursday.

The visits consist of one per week, with the first visit being a shorter one – 9am until 11:20.

The three remaining visits are from 9am until 1:20, which covers the lunch break and eating routines.

Your child can start school from the day they turn five.

Parents are welcome to stay for the first visit but are encouraged to leave their child, when they are settled, for the consecutive visits to encourage independence.



School Uniform

The school uniform encourages and promotes the image and identity of the school. Please help your child to feel proud of their uniform by making sure it is clean and organised each day.

St Andrews School Uniform:

- Polo Shirt – royal blue
- Polar Fleece or Merino Wool Jersey - royal blue
- Thermal Under Garments – navy blue
- Shorts, Skirt or Culotte - navy blue
- Trackpants - navy blue or Canterbury Trackpants - navy blue
- Wide Brimmed or Bucket Hat - navy blue
- Ankle Socks - white, blue or black
- Navy Tights in winter for girls
- No caps, rugby socks, jandals or gumboots

School shoes are to be suitable for participating in physical education and fitness lessons. If your child is unable to tie shoe-laces please do not send them in lace up shoes.

Where to get School Uniform:

For further information on uniforms contact the school office at 612 6831. Nicole Pillar (one of our school parents) coordinates our uniform purchases and is the best person to talk to about where to buy the monogrammed tops. Her phone number is 612 6445 or 021 250 9119 and email: nicolep72@hotmail.com.

Second Hand School Uniform:

Second hand uniform items are available from school. Please contact the office for information.

Naming Clothing:

Please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly named. Show your child where to find their name so they can identify their own belongings.

Swimming Items:

We have daily swimming at school at the end of term four and the beginning of term one each year. We ask that the children have a separate bag for their swimming togs and towel. This stops their reading books and School bags from getting wet. Togs and towels are to be named please. The children can wear swimming goggles and swimming caps if they choose to.





Our School Day

The children are welcome at school from 8:30am. When they come into school they hang their school bag on their named hook and bring their reading folders into the classroom. Once they have done this they are free to play either in the classroom or in the playground.

Our bell times are as follows:

9:00	start of school
11:00 - 11:20	morning tea
12:30 - 1:20	lunch time
2:50	end of school

Junior School Timetable

9:00 – 11:00	Oral language Story writing Reading
11:20 – 12:30	Mathematics Fitness
1:20 – 2:50	Handwriting / Phonics Topic – integrated curriculum Physical Education Music Swimming

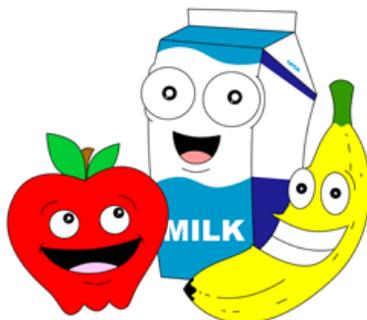


Food Breaks and Routines

There is a duty teacher monitoring children for all school breaks.

At 10am each day the children have a fruit break. We ask that the children have a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks or crackers and cheese to eat while a story is read to them. This gives them a break between the writing session and reading session in class. We also have the Milk in Schools milk at 10am. The milk is an optional choice and will be offered daily. At 11am we have our morning tea break. The children are seated and are to choose one or two items from their lunch boxes to eat.

At 12:30 we have our lunch break. The children must remain seated for at least 10 minutes and lunch boxes are checked before they are allowed to leave to play. We have provisions for children to bring food to be heated to school. Food must be wrapped in tinfoil and named with a permanent marker. The hot food is collected from each class in the mornings by senior students. We do not allow noodles or any hot water based food items at school.





Books and Stationery

Covering books is not a requirement, but is a good idea, as it keeps your child's books tidy and easy for them to identify.

Room 1 Stationery List:

- 1U4 x 4 - Story Writing Books
- LWB x 4 - Handwriting Books
- 1B4 x 1 - Reading Book
- 1A5 x 5 – Poem, 2 x Reading and Maths
- 2 Staedler Pencil
- 1 Rubber
- 2 Glue Stick
- 1 Book Folder
- 1 Box of Tissues
- 1 Whiteboard Marker

The school office does not carry stationery so please make sure your child is organized with their books when they start school.





The First Few Weeks

Beginning school is a big step for a five year old. It is very common for New Entrants to be very tired in the first few weeks of school. If you notice your child is overtired please let me know.

Early Learning

Your child will have home reading four nights a week where they read the story they have worked on in class to you at home. They have a reading log that is signed each night by you. It may also have notes from the teacher written in the reading log.

They may also have alphabet or early words to learn. On a Friday the children have a poem to share with you in their poem books.

Library day is also on a Friday where the children choose two books from the School Library to take home for the week.

Some of the key areas you can help your child with at home are:

- knowing how to read and write their own name
- knowing the alphabet letter names and sounds the letters make
- reading and knowing the numbers to 10
- counting groups of objects to 10

Reading with and to your child is a great way to encourage their own love of reading.

**Learning is partnership between home and school
and we are always happy to answer any questions you
may have.**

St Andrews School's

Mission Statement

*'Our students are to be confident, connected,
actively involved, life long learners, within a caring,
rural environment'*