What an amazing Fair!

All talk this week has been on the amazing fair that we had on Saturday. It was the perfect day for being outside on the green, enjoying the music, the vast menu of wonderful food, picking up some craft and treasures, a bit of extra reading, yummy preserves, a bottle of wine, even a new outfit! The children had plenty of rides and activities, the adults could also take time to enjoy.

On behalf of the community I would like to thank Leisa Bayston and Prue Bouman for maintaining the faith and ensuring that we had another great event. With Prue and Leisa were the many parents who volunteered and coordinated the many stalls and events. All of the coordinators were heavily involved for many weeks beforehand. On the day, many parents volunteered many hours to ensure that all stalls were covered. Also behind the scenes were many parents who assisted in preparing the school during the working bee prior to the Saturday. Particular mention goes to the parents who assisted with the grounds set up and pack up and the final clean up after the day. Thank you also, to the staff who supported the community both before and during the event. I would also like to make mention of our cleaners Chris and Tony who volunteered extra time to clean the school in the middle of the night, to ensure that the school was well presented for the following day. On behalf of all of the children who had a wonderful time at the fair, I would like to thank you all.

All in all, it is about how the community comes together before, during and after the event to make it a great experience for everyone. There truly was something for all on the day and we couldn't have asked for more.

As we are nearing the end of term, we can be satisfied that we are drawing to a completion of some of our major ground works. The new classrooms and Kaan's Winya will be operational in Term Two. The 3/4 classroom is now complete with the glorious decking that the children are loving. We've also welcomed Milkshake back into the playground. Term Two will be the time to settle in and enjoy the new landscape and reflect on what we have achieved so far. We can be pleased that we are making the difference for our children.

Over the weekend some of our staff attended a two day conference facilitated by a group from Harvard University, Project Zero. The theme of the conference was on 'going slower, going deeper, with learning'. The main concept was around supporting children to develop higher order critical and creative thinking in the context of the current and future learning landscape. This conference complements our 'Powerful Learning' focus for this year. One of the 'powerful learning' capacities that we want all children to have is the ability and disposition to 'reflect' on their learning.

When one stops and takes the time to ponder, to consider, to clarify or connect with a new learning concept or problem, reflecting on it can assist in establishing a deeper level of understanding. In the classroom, the skills of reflecting are being taught and role modelled by teachers. Next term you may see learning logs, and other tools being used as part of this process to develop reflection as an essential element of learning.

“Learning happens when individuals are persistent, curious and have the capacity to reflect. These are the 3 most important learning capabilities.”
David Perkins quoting Albert Einstein at the Project Zero Conference 2016

Enjoy the long weekend…

Allana Bryant
Principal
Community News

A Day on the Fairfield Green—Fair Photo Gallery

Look out for the full Fair wrap-up coming out next week...
Visual Arts
In Visual Art this year we are being captivated by the unique artistic style of the Australian Aborigines. We will be allowing their designs, their influences and the character of their work to shape our own art work.

For Term 1 we are all contributing to **Kaan’s Winya**, guided by our Artist in Residence, Simon Normand.

His vision for this distinctive outdoor area is for it to be a reflective, quiet place, where students can walk the labyrinth of Kaan, sit in the winya, or contemplate the beauty of its surrounds.

**Kaan**, the aboriginal word for tiger snake is a powerful indigenous spirit and **winya** the word for a place to sit is the appropriate name for our space.

Each student is contributing to this project in an artistic way.
- Foundation Artists – using clay to make baby eels for the paving.
- Grade 1/2 Artists – using clay to make eels for the paving
- Grade 3/4D & F – using clay to make frogs for the paving
- Grade 3/4A & C – painting dragonflies on one sheltering umbrella
- Grade 3/4B & E – painting butterflies on another sheltering umbrella
- Grade 5 Artists - using clay to make galaxias (native fish) for the paving
- Grade 6 Artists – mosaicking Kaan’s labyrinth and a border tile of an indigenous animal’s footprint.

Why eels and galaxias?

Just ask one of our student artists – they may know how the original aborigines of our area were connected to these river creatures in the Luk Season.
Area Spotlight - 1/2 Area

In 1/2 we are getting curioser and curioser!

We started off our term with a visit to Science Works where we explored the very curious Alice and some of the wonderful things that happen in Wonderland. Alice’s imagination sparked a desire in students to explore and question their world.

“Alice is persistent. That means she never gives up” – Samia

“Alice always tries new things” – Hannah

“Alice is so interesting and she has so many interesting ideas” - Noah

We have been incredibly curious about the new building that was delivered. We watched a patch of dirt evolve into a spectacular looking building. We weren’t quite sure how it would arrive at school and how it would be fixed to the ground. Sticky tape and glue were discussed as possible building materials.

“I saw the building getting loaded by a truck and then the crane lifts it up and puts it on the stilts” – Felix

“I saw they put the building down and then there was this blue metal bottle and they were pumping it so maybe they were melting it to make the building stable enough” – Ava

“They were using lots of tools to put it together, they had a mallet but sometimes they use a big bit of wood. I wonder if they lost their mallet?” - Bruno

Students in Grade 1/2 have been wondering…

Who is Alice? What is curiosity? Why do we become curious about things? What are the features of a curious person? How does curiosity help my learning?

Students have been pondering curiosity through various discussions, experiences and opportunities to find out how curiosity impacts learning. Our next step is planning and creating a display for our Grade 1/2 Gallery Walk. Students have self-formed small groups to further develop something they have been curious about and will make their learning visible to our student community. Areas of interest for the Gallery display are as wide stretched from creatures in the ocean to butterflies in the sky, from the reality of rock formations to the illusions of our eye and from the dreams of Alice’s world to the real life comparisons of Canada and Australia.

How are you nurturing YOUR curiosity?
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Banyule Festival 2016—Supporting Our Sponsor Bendigo Bank

One of our generous school sponsors, The East Ivanhoe Community Bank® branch of the Bendigo Bank, is also the major sponsor of the Arty Farty Fest, held in Heidelberg on Sunday 20 March.

Each year the bank participates in the Parade which starts at the top of Burgundy Street and walks down to the Festival at the Banyule Flats at Sills Bend, Heidelberg. As one of the many recipients of sponsorship funding, our school has been invited to join them in the parade, and we are seeking some students who might be interested in joining them to carry the Fairfield Primary School placard.

Assembly is at 9:45am on the corner of Burgundy Street near the corner of Mount Street, ready to walk in the parade at 10:00am. The convertible yellow mini-Cooper and Piggy will help families to locate the meeting point.

Upon arrival, students will carry our school placard and walk in the parade together – which ends at the Arty Farty Fest held down at Banyule Flats. Following the Parade, photos will be taken at the Banyule Flats and student involvement will conclude at approximately 11:00am.

If your child/ren would like to participate please let the school office know by 4:00pm Tuesday 15 March.

French Film Festival

Bonjour mes amis,

The annual French Film festival will be running at a variety of cinemas in Melbourne during the month of March. It is a great opportunity to get out and enjoy all that French film has to offer and also to encourage interest in learning French. This year there are some excellent films for kids too including Belle and Sebastian which is an adventure story of a young boy and his dog. Locally, you can see them all at the Westgarth cinemas. I will be attending as many as I can! Hope to see you there.

A bientôt,

Ursula

Play On Footy—Play on After The Bell!

Play on Footy is a fun, professionally run after-school care AFL program for boys and girls of all ages. The Play On Footy program will run during Term 2 for eight (8) weeks. The 45-minute session will begin after the school bell as part of the OSHClub Program.

Where: Fairfield Primary School OSHClub

When: Every Thursday starting 21 April

Play On Footy, powered by NAB AFL Auskick, provides every school AFL endorsed staff to ensure your child is given the greatest opportunity to develop their AFL skills and enjoy active sports participation.

The cost of the program for each family may reduce depending on your ChildCare Rebate (CCR) and Child Care Benefit (CCB) entitlements.

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