Principal’s Report

Welcome back to Term Two. I hope that all families had a restful and enjoyable break. Autumn has truly commenced as we notice the change in the trees around us.

I would like to welcome two new staff members to the school.

Anne Stafford has returned from Ireland to support our Literacy program for two days a week. Many children already know Anne and we look forward to her continued work with teachers and students over the coming weeks. Anne has a specialisation in children’s literacy and has guided the school through the whole school reading workshop approach that we have firmly implemented. Anne will be working with teachers on children’s writing. Anne is a writer herself and brings much expertise to our professional body.

We also welcome Carley Tonoli who is joining our administration team as a Communications and Community Liaison Manager. Carley has an experienced background working in both commercial and not for profit organisations in the areas of communications and public events management. Carley will be directly responsible for our newsletters and website. Carley will also support the Community Committee in overseeing our events and promoting community engagement. Carley will be working on Wednesday and Friday.

Our Grade 5 students are away on their Outdoor Camp to Anglesea. We are keeping in touch throughout the days and all reports indicate a very happy group of children and staff. They will be presented with the challenges of high ropes courses, exploring the coast and generally enjoying the experience of being part of a large camping group. A school camp is always a very different experience for children as they become part of a collective in supporting and learning more about each other, trying different activities and entering into a somewhat independent space when it comes to jobs and routines. Our outdoor camping program promotes social and emotional development as well as providing adventure experiences for children. Some children form different friendships, bond and learn a bit more about themselves. For others, it may be the first time away from home in this situation. For all, we regard these experiences as important in supporting the growth in confidence, comradeship and connections that can influence and shape identity and self-esteem. We are looking forward to hearing their stories.

As the term commences, we are finishing off some of the maintenance from the holidays. The refurbishment of our Honour Roll is drawing to a close in time for the Anzac Day Centenary celebrations. We were very fortunate to receive sponsorship through the Australian Government’s Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program to restore and complete much needed repairs. There is an interesting history attached to the Honour Roll as we have learned that it was designed by Walter Burleigh Griffin, hand carved by Robert Prenzel and constructed by H. Goldman Manufacturers, Latrobe Street, Melbourne. All very significant artisans in their own right. The Honour Roll serves as a significant link for our students and community. As part of our established tradition with the Fairfield RSL, our students will once again be involved in the Dawn Service on Saturday 25th April and they will also be hosting our school Anzac Ceremony on the Friday 24th April.

Allana Bryant
Principal
School Reporting and Assessment

This is the term that all teachers will be finalising the semester one assessments and preparing each child’s school report. School Reports are formal documents that provide a snapshot of each student’s progress and achievements. There are Department of Education expectations and parameters for all schools to comply with. All schools provide twice yearly reports that represent the first semester and second semester of the school year. At our school, we aim to provide a meaningful overview of your child’s achievement and some commentary of their next stage of learning. The report format is rather limited in its capacity to provide detailed insight and we like to embellish the process by offering opportunities to have parent teacher interviews throughout the year, and to showcase student learning in less formal ways through presentations and open afternoons.

When we comment on every child’s achievement we are measuring and tracking the learning achievement as referenced against AusVELS – The Victorian Department of Education & Training curriculum framework. The AusVELS is the Foundation (Prep) to Year 10 curriculum which provides a set of prescribed content and common achievement standards schools use to plan student learning programs, assess student progress and report to parents. AusVELS uses an eleven level structure to reflect the design of the Australian Curriculum whilst retaining Victorian priorities and approaches to teaching and learning. Curriculum programs must enable assessment and reporting of individual student progress against all the domains of the AusVELS.

An important consideration is the gain and progression of every child over time. For every child, we plan for relative growth of one year, every year. This does not necessarily mean that every child is required to be at the same standard of achievement as others but that every child is making significant growth and development in all learning areas. For further information on Student Reporting requirements you might like to refer to the following:


A Pupil Free day is provided for staff to work on student reports and assessment. As you would understand, teachers spend a lot of time assessing, recording and writing reports to provide an accurate overview of all students and to ensure that parents and students have an understanding of progression and achievement.

Reports will be distributed to parents during the last week of the school term. Early in Term Three, Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled as a follow up opportunity for reflection,

NAPLAN

Upcoming NAPLAN Tests

The national tests in literacy and numeracy will be conducted from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will involve students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from all states and territories. In Victoria approximately 290,000 students from all government, catholic and independent schools will participate in the program.

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information that can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

For students, teachers and schools there will be little change from the arrangements in place for last years

You can find further information at: http://www.nap.edu.au/

If you require any additional information or your child will not be available please contact your child’s teacher.
2016 Student Enrolments and Open Day

We are looking forward to our **Open Day on Thursday May 21st**. It is an opportunity to meet potential families who may join our community at a future time.

We are running tours of the school on Thursday mornings and on the day. Already, we have had many enquiries for 2016 placements. To book a school tour click [here](#).

Could current families please register sibling enrolments from now on. **Enrolments are closing on Friday the 5th June.**

As always we attempt to accommodate all families who choose to enrol their children at our school. However, places are always in demand and as our community is growing, we need to have enrolment registrations as early as possible. Enrolment forms are available on the website and through the General Office.

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**Fairfield Primary School**

*‘Every day, every child engaged in purposeful and powerful learning’*

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**OPEN DAY**

**Thursday 21st May 2015**

Tour times 9.30am, 11.30am or 6.00pm

Tour Bookings - www.fairfieldps.vic.edu.au

**NOW ACCEPTING 2016 ENROLMENTS**

Email: fairfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au  Web: www.fairfieldps.vic.edu.au

Longridge Street, FAIRFIELD VIC 3078 Ph: (03) 9489 2966
School Council
Buildings and Grounds Committee
Grounds Action Plan

The Draft version of the Grounds Action Plan which seeks to create a "roadmap" for the improvement of the school grounds is now on display on the Community Notice Board in the Prep Undercover Area and also on the school website here.

Your input into the development of the action plan is important and we'd like to hear your thoughts on the draft plan.

Feedback forms are available at the notice board or from the office. We are hoping feedback can be returned by Friday 24th April (next week).

If you are unable to come into school and would like to be involved please email fpsdraftactionplan@hotmail.com and we can email you a copy of the proposed plan and feedback form.

Committee Report

It was great to see returning and new parents coming along to our first term 2 meeting. Thank you to Kate Symons, who is taking over the convening from Doug Gailbraith (Doug is taking on the role of school treasurer on School Council, but remains actively involved in Building and Grounds as well).

The committee has begun by organising some well needed pruning and the removal of the black wattle trees on the school border. We also are required to remove to scramble frame from the amphitheatre and will be replacing this with an appropriate cargo net in due course.

There are many items on our agenda including our sustainability practices, forthcoming working bees, and general projects around the school.

We warmly welcome all parents to attend our meetings and to get involved in some way.

Community Committee

The first Community Committee meeting was held on Monday 13th April and was very well attended. We had parents from a variety of grades, all raring to get our fundraising up and running.

We welcome our new co-chairs, parents, Kayti Murphy and Elise Coughlin and with Kelly Barnett, one of our new Fairfield Primary teachers.

Some of the events featuring on this year's calendar will be: Mystery Dinner, Music Trivia Night, Mother and Father's Day Stall and Makers Market.

We warmly welcome members of the broader Fairfield PS to come along to the meetings and would love for you to share any great ideas for building our Community awareness and fundraising some money along the way.

We realise that getting to meetings in the evening can be problematic for some parents so we are endeavouring to host them at various days and times throughout the year. Our next meeting will be Friday 15th May at 9.15 in staff room. If you are interested come along and have a cup of tea and a chat. We would love to see you there!

For any Community Committee related inquiries, please contact Kayti on 0420243782 or via email at murphysinfinland@gmail.com.
Performing Arts
Grade 5/6 Concert

We are now less than three weeks away from our first concert this year! The grade 5/6 production of *The Jungle Book* will be performed at the Darebin Arts Centre on Wednesday, 6th of May. All staff, students and many parents are busy at work rehearsing, finishing costumes, putting the final touches on sets and getting ready for this wonderful annual performance. Here is 6A rehearsing their grade item with Ruth Kateralos.

The senior concert is a real high-light for the Performing Arts department as it showcases the skills and techniques our grade 5 and 6 students have been developing and refining during their time at Fairfield Primary. It is such a joy to watch our older students take ownership of their performance and create a performance that they will remember as they head into their final years of primary school.

There will be two performances. The matinee will be performed at 12pm and all students from Prep to grade 4 will be transported to the venue to watch this show. The remaining tickets for this concert will be available for purchase using the link below. There will also be an evening performance, which starts at 7pm. This year, as there are fewer performers, there will be no limit on tickets available to the evening performance. There will be limited tickets available to the matinee, as the rest of the school will be attending this concert as well.

More information for grade 5/6 students will be sent home in the coming weeks, including an order form for those families wishing to purchase copies of the DVD.

Click here to buy your tickets online

Orchestra

The orchestra has been practising and fine-tuning their repertoire and will be sharing their music with the rest of the school at the Anzac Day assembly, on Friday 24th of April. This is the Fairfield Primary School Orchestra’s first performance and all of its’ members are excited and energised to share with the community what we have been working on together for the last eight weeks.

Swimming and Water Safety Program

Term 3 will see the return of our highly successful junior school swimming program. The school has offered this program for the past 2 years at the Ivanhoe Swimming Pool, in combination with the Banyule Swim School. It has been a very successful program that has seem students show huge improvements not just in their swimming skills but in their independence skills as well.

The facilities at the Ivanhoe pool were renovated last year and are now new and improved. A notice will be sent home in coming weeks with more detail about the program as well as the opportunity for parents to enrol their children into this program. An information session will also be held for those parents that have any further questions.
Health and Physical Education

PE and sport

Term 2 will once again be a busy term for sport and PE. The senior school children will be running the Cross Country during PE lessons in week 2. We will be focussing on improving our fitness all this term, as well as mastering our throwing and catching skills. The junior school children will be doing a wide variety of stations focussing on developing a number of skills, from movement skills like skipping and grapevines to fundamental motor skills such as throwing, kick and catching.

In sports news the Grade 5 students will be undertaking 4 weeks of circus skills starting on Friday the 1st of May. The Grade 6 students will participate in the interschool winter sports competition playing football, soccer and netball. The Northcote District Cross Country Carnival will be held on the Tuesday the 26th of May at Bundoora Parklands for those students who qualify. Finally a number of students will be trying out for Victorian State teams this month we wish them the best of luck at their trials.

Geoff McShane

ANZAC Day Service

Our grade six students will be hosting an ANZAC Service on Friday 24 April at 10.00 a.m. in the Old Hall. Our newly formed F.P.S. Orchestra will be also be playing during the service.

All parents are invited and welcome to attend.

As you are aware our Grade 6 students have been part of the Fairfield RSL ANZAC Day ceremony for the last 3 years. This year our current Grade 6 students will once again participate. Notices have gone out to Grade 6 families with details.

Literacy Information Evening

An invitation has been sent to all families to attend the upcoming literacy information evening Teaching and learning about reading at Fairfield Primary School. The evening aims to help answer your questions related to reading, and will be held between 6-7pm on Tuesday 21st April in the Grade 3/4B and E classroom off the old hall.

Some of the topics covered will include:

· The teaching methods used to support your child to develop independent reading skills?
· Strategies and tips on supporting your child to become an active, engaged reader.
· Why is reading comprehension so important.
· What happens when children don’t learn to read as quickly as others.

Teachers will be sharing their professional expertise and speaking about the successful whole school approach to the teaching of reading at Fairfield Primary School.

All interested parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!
Prep News

The prep children have returned from their Easter holidays invigorated and ready for new experiences. They have all settled back in to school with great ease.

On the last day of term one, we discussed with children what they had enjoyed most about their first term at school. Here are some of their favourite memories:

- Show and Tell
- Learning new songs
- Playing outside
- Getting new friends
- Looking after our friends
- Meeting our buddies
- Learning new games

And of course all of the much loved specialist areas were mentioned, too: Art, P.E., Music and French.

Our morning chats this term have revealed that a great many families went camping over the holiday break, so we have set up a camp site in the dramatic play area for children to re-enact and build on their camping experiences. There is so much learning to be had in this area, from how the dishes are washed when you are camping, which food belongs in the esky, and how many people can really fit into those tents! Taking turns, sharing resources, finding common experiences and managing zippers are all examples of the valuable work that prep children can participate in when they utilise this dramatic play space.

Professional Learning

As part of our on-going professional development at Fairfield Primary School, a group of teachers have nominated to participate in a 10 week On-Line Program for Special Educational Needs focusing on Dyslexia and Reading Difficulties.

The first face-to-face meeting was on Monday afternoon where we met with our program facilitator and previewed some of the course material. The team also met with our allied support specialists; speech therapist and psychologists who work directly with our school and with whom we will be completing the course.

It is wonderful to have the opportunity to work closely with our valued colleagues as we learn about Dyslexia and the best ways to support students who struggle with reading. Studying together means we also have the added benefit of learning from each other and to be consistent in our practice and approach.

We are really looking forward to the program, which involves more than 20 hours of unpaid study over the term and minimal disruption to our core role at the school. Our new learning will benefit many of the students at our school and add a rich source of expert knowledge about this very complex area.

Elly Kalenjuk, Rebecca Creswick, Margot Sheridan
Please join Mowgli, Baloo, Bagheera, King Louie, Shere Khan and all of your Jungle friends for this exciting evening!

Wednesday 6\(^{th}\) May
12 pm and 7pm,
$22

Click here to buy your tickets online

from Friday 17\(^{th}\) of April
Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, Bell Street, Preston
Guess who’s coming to dinner?

Are you interested in meeting new people in the school community? Are you game for a bit of an adventure?

We are holding the inaugural Guess who’s coming to dinner? Mystery Dinner Event on Saturday 20 June 2015.

More details will follow, but initially we are looking for 10 hosts who are willing to offer their home as a venue for a dinner party. You must live within 10 minutes walking distance of the school and be able to accommodate 10 people (including yourself) for dinner. All food will be provided.

If you are interested and would like to know more, contact Julie Anderson on 0419 635 486 or jfand1@gmail.com. If you’re happy to sign up right now, then click here.

Farmer’s Market

Our Farmer’s Market is on again this Saturday, 18th April.

With the cold weather fast approaching, now is the time to stock up on ingredients for soups and other comfort foods. There will be lots of wonderful Autumn produce available.

Thank you to Tamara McKenzie for organising our Farmers Market volunteers and, thank you also, to all members of our school community who have attended and helped out on the day.

Tennis in Stages

Fairfield Primary School

Term 2 commences Thursday 23rd April 2015
Cost per seven (7) week term—$76.00

Enrolment forms available at the school office.
Hello from OSHClub!

Welcome back to term 2! This term we welcome a new Coordinator, Ashlee and support Coordinator, Meaghan. We are both very excited to join the OSHClub Fairfield family and look forward to meeting all the families throughout the term. Thank you to all those who we have already met and for making us feel welcomed!

We are well and truly settled into our new space now. The gym will be very handy come winter time when it’ll be too cold for us to play outside.

Next week at OSHClub we’ll be learning all about the ANZACs and the significance it has on us today in the lead up to ANZAC Day.

One person’s junk is another ones treasure

Parents, if you have any craft items at home that don’t quite fit in the recycle bin, we would love them. Our creative OSHClub students would like to recycle your ‘rubbish’ and turn them into masterpieces. We are looking for old jars, cans, paper rolls, newspapers, scrap material, milk cartons and more. Please make sure items are cleaned prior to bringing them in. Thank you.

Please drop by the room to say hello and to see the fun and exciting activities that are planned for this week.

Best Regards
Ashlee and Meaghan
OSHClub Program Coordinators

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0432 680 504
Coordinator: Ashlee de Leon
Assistants: Meaghan, Lishette, Alexis and Meg
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
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