



Principal's Report

Happy Campers

At the time of writing, Year 6 students had safely arrived at their final destination of FPS. Katrina has kept me updated on a daily basis of how things have been going and she has been very complimentary about how the students have represented our school.

Having been on the camp a couple of times myself, I am aware of how exciting, enjoyable and exhausting it is. The students have been involved in exploring landmarks by themselves and on guided on tours. They are sure to return with new understandings and knowledge, and importantly with a range of experiences that they will be able to look back on in future years.

I would like to acknowledge the four teachers – Katrina, Bella, Ginger and Jayde for their commitment and for making the camp possible. Thank you also to the parent volunteers – Hillary Schwantzer, Liza Grage-Perry and Jeffery Stewart – for their support.



Working Bee/Furniture

If you are taking a walk through postcode 3078, you cannot help but notice that *Fête du Village* is just around the corner. Many people are working many hours to have things in place for the big day. The regular fair meetings are continuing at school and as always, [volunteers are required](#).

Despite the piercing heat last Sunday, there was a band of willing volunteers to help prepare the grounds for the fair. A group of parents also undertook fair preparation tasks inside, in cooler conditions. Thank you to all of these parents.

School Council

Families received recent communications regarding the election process for the 2019 School Council. I can confirm that School Council are (new members in italics):

Parent Members		Department of Education and Training Members
<i>Daniel Emeny</i>	Chris Price	Paul Wallace (Executive Officer)
Anita Galli	<i>Nathan Smeaton</i>	Katrina Lamers
<i>Sarah Glass</i>	<i>Andrew Vance</i>	Anna Lithgow
Paul Hunt	Bronwyn Wolfgang	

Last week's meeting was the final meeting for our departing school councillors. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their tireless work, contributions and supporting the school during a period of significant change.

- **Alexa Every (President)** – Alexa has been involved in many of the school improvement initiatives that have occurred across the last four years. She was influential in bringing the needs of FPS to the attention of the state government resulting in the acquisition of the Wingrove St site and the \$2.5m grant for our new building.
- **Kate Symons (Secretary)** – Secretary is arguably the most challenging role on School Council, and Kate's organisation, reliability and understanding of the function of School Council has been an asset. In addition to this, Kate has made valuable contributions to buildings programs and remains committed to improving safety around Fairfield through her involvement on the *Fairfield Village Reference Group*.
- **Nicholas Schijf (Treasurer)** – Nick has attended many an early morning meeting to analyse finance reports and provide advice and guidance on all financial matters. School finances are complex and through Nick's skillset, School Council has gained a solid understanding of the school's financial status.
- **Quimby Mills** – Quimby has been an active participant in her role on the Community Committee. She has coordinated a range of events including Father's Day Breakfast, Mother's Day Stall and the upcoming Fair. Quimby also led the implementation of the recent events survey that was sent to families.

School Council is committed to supporting the governance of the school and will continue to communicate news through the newsletter.

~ Paul Wallace, Principal

School Council Update

As always, the School Council meeting of 25 February had a full agenda and council heard, discussed and made decisions on a range of interesting, exciting as well as procedural matters. Highlights included:

- Ben Toussaint from *Proludic*, the company providing equipment and other services for the eastern playground development, presented an option and costing for a further enhancement to the playground development plan. After discussion, council approved the additional cost of \$21,498 (excluding GST) for supply and installation of a third mound and slide for the eastern playground. Fundraising monies will fund this enhancement. The eastern playground development project is scheduled for commencement in the upcoming term one holidays.
- Our Community Committee representatives spoke to the event arrangements and budget for the 2019 Fair, set for Saturday 16 March 2019. Council also approved the Mothers' Day Stall to be held on 8 May 2019.
- Council were very happy to approve the expenditure of \$8,000 of fundraising money raised from the *Music Trivia Night* for the FPS performing arts program, including the purchase of five new trumpets, five new trombones, a song writing program (with iPads to provide access) and 13 mini keyboards. This will see our productive relationship with the brass teachers from Thornbury High School continue to flourish.
- As we head to the end of this school council cycle, we took the opportunity to review our *School Council Compliance Checklist* for 2018, which provides a snapshot for how council has met the various requirements as set out in the *Standing Orders* over the past twelve months. We discussed the importance of training to enable councillors to understand their roles, responsibilities, and develop the skills and knowledge to perform their governance tasks successfully. We also reviewed the self-assessment survey results completed by school councillors, which provided useful feedback on any knowledge gaps and areas for improvement, prior to the changeover of councillors in March 2019.

Other motions at the meeting were the endorsement of the *2019 Annual School Implementation Plan*, approval of the Year 4 Camp scheduled for 23 – 24 April 2019 to Mt Evelyn, and approval of all the Committee Reports from Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Community and Policy.

My four years on school council will come to an end at the next Council meeting on the 25th March. Council will also be saying goodbye to our Secretary, Kate Symons after four years, our Treasurer, Nick Schiff, after three years and one of our Community Committee chairs, Quimby Mills, after one year. Council will be welcoming four new members at that meeting too - Daniel Emeny, Sarah Glass, Nathan Smeaton and Andrew Vance. I wish the new council well.

I encourage all FPS community members to get involved in school council committees, either Community, Policy or Building and Grounds. While school council can achieve a lot, the best outcomes happen when it is well supported by active and supportive committees. Details of each committee and their meeting dates can be found on the [school website](#).

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Wallace and Katrina Lamers for the way in which they have engaged openly and cooperatively in the time I have worked with them while being on school council – particularly in the year I have been school council President. In my many dealings with them, I have found them to have the welfare, education and happiness of the children of FPS at the heart of all they do.

~ Alexa Every, outgoing School Council President

Community News

World's Greatest Shave—Supporting *Team FPS*

Making good on his promise to shave his hair for cancer research if elected Community Leader, Year 6 student, Jack Ison, has formed a 'shave team' to participate in the *World's Greatest Shave*.

The shave team – *Team FPS* – includes Jack I, Michael K, Hudson P, Charlie S, Sam R, Pippa K and Toby H. To support the team, donations can be made to *Team FPS* via our [fundraising page](#). Any amount is much appreciated.

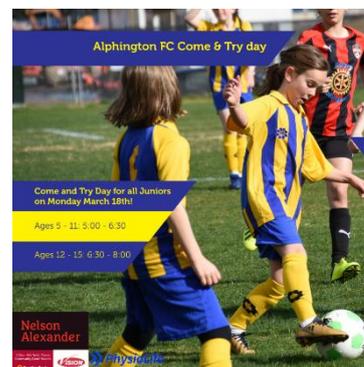
The big 'shave' event will occur on the main stage at the school fair on Saturday 16 March. A gold coin donation places you in the draw to shave their heads! Raffle tickets will be available for purchase after school each day next week in the shelter shed between 3.30 – 4pm.

Money raised through the *World's Greatest Shave* gives families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need and funds vital cancer research. Leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma are all types of blood cancer. Every day 35 Australians are diagnosed with a blood cancer. Let's support our shave team to make a difference.

Join the Blue Tongues Football (Soccer) Club

The *Blue Tongues* club are recruiting new players! They are particularly hoping to add younger players to the club – children in Grades 2, 3 & 4. *Come and Try Day* for all juniors is on **Monday 18 March**: ages 5 – 11 at 5 - 6:30pm and ages 12 – 15 at 6:30 – 8pm.

This community club is located in Alphington and has a number of FPS families involved. [Click to find out more](#).



Sign Up for School Banking with Bendigo Bank

The Bendigo Bank are holding two morning sessions for families to sign up for school banking. If you are interested in joining the program, visit the table located by the black gate/Foundation area from **8:30 – 9.15am** on **Tuesday 19 March** and **Thursday 21 March**.

Sustainability News

Many will know that in July 2017, China ceased accepting recycling from Australia. Many recycling facilities have been stockpiling recycling since then while waiting for the State and Federal Governments to find an alternative means of recycling.

However, the Victorian Environmental Protection Agency recently banned any further stockpiling. This means that many recycling facilities, including the one that services Darebin and our school, are no longer accepting any recycling. As a result, all items put into yellow topped recycling bins are currently going to landfill.

Darebin Council has urged that we continue to recycle (or store recycling if we can) so that recycling behaviours are not lost. It is hoped that a solution will be found in the not too distant future.

Even more importantly, we need to consider the paper, cardboard, hard plastics, bottles and aluminium that we currently use and try to reduce our consumption of these. This makes now the perfect time to talk about waste at home and to send 'Nude Food' along to school – please avoid all packaging if you can! There are many fantastic lunchboxes available that allow you to separate different food items, or you could consider beeswax wraps or sandwich 'pouches' as reusable alternatives to gladwrap.



The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly! Nude food empowers children to make conscious choices about what they eat and to think about the impact of food on the planet and their bodies. You might be amazed at how enthused your child can become about this!

~ Environmental Sustainability Working Group

General News

Division Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the FPS representatives who swam in the Division carnival on Monday.

Our Year 4 boys, Year 4 girls and Year 5 boys all came 2nd.

The Year 5 girls are through to Regionals on the 19th March, which is an awesome achievement!



Parent Teacher Interviews—Thursday 21 March

A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews for students in Years 1 – 6 will be held on **Thursday 21 March** from **1:40 – 7pm**. School will dismiss at 1pm for students in these year levels.

Bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews are to be made through Compass and will be open as of **Tuesday 12 March** at **12pm**. An email reminder will be sent at this time along with instructions on how to make your booking.

2019 Class Liaisons

We thank the many parents who have volunteered to be their child's Class Liaison—kudos to you!

Class	Class Liaison
Foundation A	Sharon Winton Lisa Knott
Foundation B	Melissa Bannister
Foundation C	Olivia Beaman
1/2A	Nikola Sharp
1/2B	Annmarie Rattray-Wood
1/2C	Tamara Powell
1/2D	Jennifer Clarke
1/2E	Kathy Sandiford
1/2F	Suzanne Grant
1/2G	Madeline Critchley
3A	Stefanie Driskell Natalie Ryan

Class	Class Liaison
3B	Krystal Gregory
3C	Emma Sherry Dallas Wilmot
4A	Florence Maslen
4B	Jodie Hill Janet Martin
4C	Tamara Powell Trish Phelan
5A	Natalie King Julie Wise
5B	Danielle Coleman
5C	Kate Symons
6A	Jennifer Barker Deb Hitchen
6B	Michelle Barrington
6C	Trish Phelan

A Spotlight on Year 1/2

An Amazing Start to 2019!

We are having a lovely time getting to know each other, making new friends, as well as organising meeting places to catch up with old friends.

We have already had two major learning experiences with our *Hands on Science* incursion and our excursion to *Heidi Museum of Modern Art* as part of the Art program.

During our incursion with *Hands on Science*, students explored the concept of design and technology through construction. They investigated the features of materials and the strength of different shapes. Students were surprised to find out how much weight egg shells can support. They also experimented with how an arch can strengthen a structure.



At Heide, students explored Mirka Mora as an individual and as an artist. They found out about her fascination with hybrid creatures, her interest in dolls and her focus on pattern. Students were also given the opportunity to explore the gardens at HEIDE, learning about the sculptures that surround the gallery.



~ Year 1/2 Teachers and Students

A Focus on French

Bonjour à tous!

It has been a very exciting start to the French program for 2019. As you are no doubt all aware, the school Fair this year will have a decidedly French feel to it. The French program this term has been very much driven by preparing for 'La Fête du Village'.

Students began the year by reflecting on their knowledge of French culture and considered what we might expect from a French themed fair – some predictions included music featuring the accordion, a mime artist, and Fairfield Primary School borrowing the actual Eiffel Tower from France for the weekend... Oh là là!

Across the school, students have been learning about French names for food, which may be available on the 16th March, including *les crêpes* and *les croques monsieurs*. Ask students in your family if they know the French phrase for 'fairy floss' – it might not be what you'd expect!

Students from Years 3 – 6 have been developing bilingual signage to be displayed on the day of the Fair. Some of the signs include *les toilettes* and *la musique*. Students have also brainstormed important French phrases to remember for the day



to provide to stallholders and teachers. Keep an eye out for the backdrop for the Café and *Bienvenue* sign, which a group of students in Year 6 have been designing during their lunchtimes.

Foundation students will begin their regular French lessons later in the year. However, they have been lucky enough to work with their Year 5 buddies to create paper chains in blue, white and red to help to decorate the school for the Fair.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 16th!

À bientôt

~ Emily Lindsay-Smith, French Teacher

Fair Newsletter: 8 March 2019



Zut alors! One week to go!

What to Expect on the Day

AMAZING ACTS!

THRILLING RIDES!

DELICIOUS FOOD!

Here's a taster of just a few of the French flavours you can expect next week!



Croque Monsieur



Pommes Frites



Fromage & Charcuterie



Crêpes

And some Fair Favourites:



Paella



Pulled Pork & Chicken



Fruit Skewers



BBQ & Haloumi Burgers

Plus croissants and cakes in the café and a coffee cart. Gluten Free and Vegan options available.

And Perfect Preserves to stock up on and enjoy at home:



Raffle Prizes on the Day

Buy your tickets on the day for the chance to win a great selection of prizes. Generous donations from *Oasis Cooking School*, *LYTB*, *Ivanhoe Personal Training*, *Palace Cinemas*, *Victorian Ballet School*, *Iles* hair package (courtesy of Morph Haircare) and \$150 if gift cards, donated by OSHClub as well as a *Jordbarn* products.

Our friends at Jordbarn have also offered a 20% discount on all products, including cute bags, accessories, lunchboxes and more for all FPS families. Go to [Jordbarn's website](#) and use FPS20 at the checkout until 4th April.

Please Volunteer on Fair Day

[Please visit the volunteer link](#) and sign up for a few hours on the day. We need everyone to chip in to make this a true Fair to Remember. We particularly need help on:

- Fair Set Up – we especially need the following time slots filled: 11am – 12pm | 1 – 1pm | 1 – 2pm
- Rides/Raffle/Information table
- Dunk Tank
- Food and activity stalls – from 4pm onwards
- Clear up at the conclusion of the fair

Remember to get your [Working with Children Check!](#)

Remember your Wristbands!

[Buy Your Wristbands](#) and get unlimited access to rides and entertainment.

- \$35 for primary school aged children
- \$30 for Kindergarten children

Costume Sorted?

Remember your beret! Kids can show off their costumes in a parade on the main stage. There will be prizes for best dressed!

Cakes

Families should have received trays and bags for a cake donation. More are available in the foyer if required.

Please drop off your delicious goodies between 12 and 1.30pm on Fair Day.

**Cakes from A Fair to Remember 2017*



Donations Reminder

Thank you to all of your generous donations already. It's not too late if you haven't got to it yet!

- **Foundation:** Wine for the Wine Raffle (French if you can!)
- **Grade 1:** Don't worry if you did not get to donate for the providore stall in time – you can still donate anything from the other lists. Your choice!
- **Grade 2:** Chocolate bars for Chocolate Toss - no nuts, please.
- **Grade 3:** Any material (old t-shirts, sheets, clothing, etc.) in **red, white or blue.**
- **Grade 4:** Packs of individual juice boxes / soft drinks / water bottles.
- **Grade 5:** Face paint sticks and hairspray in red, white and blue.
- **Grade 6:** Wine for the Wine Raffle (French if you can!)

Thank you Sponsors!



A huge thank you to our VIP Vino sponsor Grocon, who have **donated \$1,500** to the school. Thank you Grocon!

East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg
Community Bank® branches



Fairfield PS and the Bendigo Bank have developed a supportive relationship over the past few years. We would like to recognise and thank the [East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg Community Bank® branches](#), as they are a major sponsor of our 2019 school fair—with a donation of \$3,500. This brings the Bendigo Bank's overall contribution to FPS to \$48,240 – since the partnership began in 2012. Thank you for your

generous support!



Jellis Craig have organised all of our fair posters and signs. Their generous sponsorship also extends to a donation of \$1000 for every house sold by an FPS family. If anyone has sold or rented with Jellis Craig in the last year, please get in touch with Quimby on: 0429 051880

Remember to like the Fair page on Facebook for regular fun updates!



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