

Principal's Report

Eastern Playground

Every morning and afternoon, I see many students and parents with their faces pressed excitedly against the temporary fencing of the Eastern Playground. We have watched the space transform daily – with the final touches now being put in place.

We expect the fences to be removed before school on Monday morning and I am sure that the new equipment will prove to be a big hit with everyone. It is a great addition to our school grounds, which have undergone such wonderful changes over the last twelve months.

Plans for the playground were initially discussed in 2015, and following consultation with students, staff and parents, we are now able to enjoy this amazing space. The cost of the playground is \$230,000, which has been paid for by community fundraising money. After looking at 2D images of the design for so long, it is great to see it become a reality.

There have been many people involved in this project over the years. I would like to make particular mention of two people:

- *Nick Mann (parent)* – Nick was heavily involved in the tender process and shared his expertise in this area with the Building and Grounds Committee. Nick also attended meetings with contractors to ensure that we were getting the best design possible.
- *Katrina Lamers* – Katrina led the student consultation and worked closely alongside the contractors to ensure that the project was delivered in the best way possible for the school.



See the [Gallery page](#) of our website for further playground images.

Mothers Days / Special Person’s Stall

Last week our students were very excited to visit the Mother’s Day/ Special Person’s Day stall in the Old Hall. Thank you to the parents who ensured that there was something for everyone as the students found a special item to take home as a gift. The stall raised \$1,000, which is a great achievement.

One of our volunteers running the stall commented, “The kids take such pride in choosing gifts all on their own, counting/managing money and then being able to give a gift to someone. It’s such a delight.”



2019 Fundraising

■ School Fair ■ Foundation Social Night ■ Mother's Day/Special Person Stall



Clubs at FPS

We have a number of student clubs running across the week at lunchtimes. These clubs provide opportunity for students to broaden their interests and make friends across year levels.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
French Fun Club	Knitting Endangered Animals Catch Up Art	Library Orchestra	Coding Eco Club Yoga Catch Up Art	Board Games Magic Club

Home Learning Statements

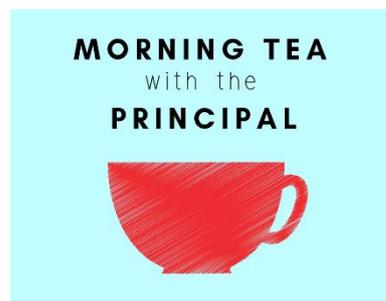
The Term Two Home Learning Statements (HLS) are for Mathematics and Writing. They are now available to [view on our website](#).

Principal's Morning Tea – Friday 24 May

I invite you to a Morning Tea on Friday **24 May**, from **9 – 10am**.

This is an opportunity to meet informally, chat, and ask any questions you may have about FPS.

~ Paul Wallace, Principal



Community News

Trivia Night Wait List

In spite of the doubling ticket numbers, our Trivia Night has again sold out within hours.

If you missed purchasing tickets, we do have a wait list. Please [add your name to the wait list](#) if interested.

Trivia Night Raffle—Get Your Tickets!

We have a bunch of great raffle prizes up for grabs! Raffle tickets will be sold **each Friday after school** in the weeks leading up to the event, as well as the Trivia Night too.

Bring your cash! Tickets are 1 for \$5, or 3 for \$10.

The raffle will be drawn at the Trivia Night – no need to be at the event to claim your prize!

~ Trivia Night organisers



[Click on the poster to enlarge](#)

General News

Learn to Swim Program Wait List

Our Foundation – Year 2 Learn to Swim Program is fully subscribed with 165 students signed up for the program. We have received requests to add students to a wait list, in case places become available.

If your child is not currently enrolled and you would like to add their name to the wait list, please [send the school an email](#). Any places that become available will be offered to those who responded in the order the email was received.

French Poetry Competition

On Friday 10th May, 34 eager Year 4 students headed off to St Kilda to participate in the *Alliance Française Berthe Mouchette* poetry competition. This competition is now in its 125th year! The competition involves learning a French poem by heart and reciting it to an examiner at *the Alliance Française*. All students

managed to recite the poem without referring to their notes – *felicitations!* We celebrated with a *pain au chocolat* and hot chocolate and enjoyed the beautiful old *Alliance Française* building.



Sustainability News

We are excited about rubbish!

As you are aware, we have a dedicated group of students, teachers and parents committed to improving the use of resources across our school. Our latest thing to tackle is classroom bins.

Over the holidays the parent committee met to make soft plastic ‘socks’ and recycling bins out of the old fair posters that everybody brought back. Recycled recycling bins!

We are very excited to announce that these have now been given to classrooms, as well as compost bins. This means that every classroom, including specialists, will now be sorting their waste into five different bins to divert as much waste as possible from landfill.

Students in *Eco Club*, along with parent Lee Hodson, have worked to create an amazing animation to explain the importance of reducing waste, some clever tips for reducing waste, and how to sort our waste.

You can [watch the animation here](#).

It’s not waste unless we waste it!

The five bins:

- Soft plastics
- Paper
- Recycling
- Compost
- Landfill



Soft Plastics Recycling—Can you REDcycle?

FPS has recently introduced soft plastic bins into classrooms and would like the community's help to empty them. The soft plastic will need to be collected from the classroom and taken to a [REDcycle](#) drop off at Coles or Woolworths every week.

If you are interested in performing this task, [please sign up](#) by **Friday 24 May**.

The bins should only need to be emptied weekly at most. This could be as simple as having your children bring the recycling home with them, and helping you take it to the supermarket when going shopping.

Here is a photo of what the soft plastic bin looks like – it is more like a sock.



~ Jourdan Murray, Sustainability Coordinator

A Spotlight on Year 5

Year 5 Excursion to Sovereign Hill

One chilly morning at 8am, Grade 5 boarded a bus to go to Sovereign Hill. After the long ride we got to take a tour on the once gold rush land. Our excursion's purpose was to learn about the gold rush and the effects on Australia and the land's first people.

We got split into groups and my group went into a room and watched an event called the *gold pour*. The host told us, "Gold is never pure. Most of the time it is mixed in with silver and copper. When it's mixed in together, and looks like rocks, it's called quartz."

He then showed us how to purify the quartz into just gold and then cool it down. At the end, he told us that purifying gold is also known as smelting. He told us to remember it by "Smelting is melting."

Next, our group went down a mine known as the Red Mine. There was an audio guide to show us the way. At the end, we saw a video of finding gold.





Once back in the sunshine we had time to fill in and we spent it at the lolly shop. We had lunch and then we did our last activity, the Education Centre.

We went inside and the lady taught us about aboriginal artefacts or belongings, the clothes they wore in those days, the gold rush impact and at the end she showed us a possum skin pelt.

At the end, we did some gold panning which was fun. I didn't find gold but others did.

My favourite part was the Red Mine because it gave you an experience of what it was like to be around centuries ago. It was a great excursion and I wish I could do it again.

~ Written by Henry R, 5A

Save the Date—Year 5 Camp

Year 5 students will go to Anglesea for their school camp. The camp is in week nine of term three – **Wednesday 11 – Friday 13 September**. Mark your calendars for this highly anticipated event!

~ Year 5 Teachers

A Focus on Visual Arts

Visual Arts at FPS

In the Art Studio, we are just captivated by Mirka Mora's iconic style and the symbols she loves to draw. We cannot stop drawing round, childlike faces, with big eyes and lips with a "M", holding creatures that look familiar and yet seem so unusual!

We are having fun, experimenting with paint and colour, with:

- **Foundation** – discovering everything about primary and secondary colours.
- **Year 1&2** – being challenged to make as many cool and warm colours as possible.



Inspired by Mika Mora, our Year 1/2 artists drawing themselves.



- Year 3&4 – investigating complimentary colours.



Year 3/4 artists, planning portraits of themselves with complementary colours.

- Year 5&6 – creating a range of original blends and tones.



Our Year 5 & 6 artists painting an image of themselves that could be mistaken as a Mirka Mora work!

Mirka Mora would be so happy!

~ Marjie Tkatchenko, Visual Arts Teacher