PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Well, we have survived two full weeks at school with a couple of seriously hot days and one power outage in the classrooms. All the students who attended the swimming program on Thursday had a fantastic time. I was impressed to see the polite and focussed way in which the students interacted with the swimming teachers. I’m sure we will see great improvements in both swimming technique and a greater awareness of water safety by our students over the next few weeks.

In the classrooms the teachers and children are working hard to establish routines to ensure the best possible learning outcomes throughout the year. Each time I visit the classrooms I am delighted to hear stories being read, or to watch children engaging in long jump measuring or listening to explanations about how summer shade shelters have been constructed.

This week the students borrowed from the MARC van for the first time. I encourage all parents to enjoy listening to your children read their take home books or library books aloud and to read books to your child each evening as a family ritual that encourages regular reading practise. Older students are encouraged to read for 20-30 minutes a night at least 5 times per week and younger students for 10-15 minutes 5 times a week. Please take time to talk to your older child about the books they are reading.

2017 is a review year for Flowerdale Primary School. I will be seeking the assistance of students, parents and staff members to complete the school evaluation process. A school community meeting on Thursday March 9 will provide an opportunity for all parents to reflect on the things they like about our little school, the things they want to see continue and the things that may need to change. Children will be catered for in the yard whilst parents and community members attend the meeting. It will be followed by a family BBQ to celebrate the start of a great school year.

BUNNINGS BBQ – Held at Mill Park on Sunday February 19. Thanks to the PFA who have organised this fund raiser for our school. If you have signed up for the day please notify Claire or Hayley if you are unable to attend on the day.

School council nominations are now open for 3 positions and are due by Wednesday February 22.

-Sandra Horwood
FROM THE OFFICE

- Please see Tash for payment of school fees. Tash is happy to work out a confidential payment plan with you.
- Please also pay any outstanding swimming fees. Thank you!

If the office is unattended, please place any notes or money into the mail slot below the front desk.

FORMS TO RETURN

CSEF Funding forms – Select families

COMING UP!

Grade 5/6 Kayaking is on Wednesday 22nd February at Lilydale Lake.

Don't forget your towel and a change of clothes!

SWIM CARNIVAL Funday

A fun and relaxed day of pool fun with Dixon’s Creek and Toolangi Primary Schools at Healesville Pool on the 7th of March

Relaxed races and fun events. Parents/guardians welcome!

PFA

Welcome to Term 1 returning and new students (and parents, staff, helpers etc). I hope you all had a great summer break!

Breakfast club is up and running again this term, starting this Wednesday (15th). At this stage, breakfast club is only once a month. March's breakfast club will be on Wednesday the 15th. On the menu this term, we have some new items-muesli and Cheerios! We still have your favourites, Vita-Brits and fruit, so come along and have a yummy breakfast! See you in the PFA room!

Don't forget our Bunnings BBQ school fundraiser this Sunday. It's at Bunnings Mill Park (761 Plenty Road Mill Park) from 9-4 pm....so come along, grab a sausage or two and help your school!

Have a great fortnight everyone
Lareesa

Thank you to the families that came along and worked extremely hard in the heat to get our school presentable for the first day of school. So a big cheer for the Simpson family, the Cook family and the Young family.

Also thank you to Bree, Paul, Brooke, Ash, Lou, Ruby, Sandra and Tony for helping run a fundraising sausage sizzle at a local pony club last Saturday. We appreciate all your hard work!
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**EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC**

| Oscar |

**PRINCIPAL’S VALUES AWARD**

| Jack – Compassion | Kayla – Personal Best at swimming |

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**What is your favourite colour?** Red

**What is your favourite food?** Homemade pasta

**Favourite AFL football team?** Two footy teams are followed in my family, Hawthorn and Richmond.

**Favourite movie?** Love Actually

**Who is in your family?** In my family is my husband, my three sons, my three stepsons and two step daughters. I have one grandson.

**Pets?** We have two pet dogs little Bella, a Cairn terrier and Gemma our gorgeous kelpie.

**Hobbies?** Gardening and reading.

**What’s something that most people don’t know about you?** I have my silver medal in Latin Dancing.
Hello travellers!

After two years of travelling the world, I thought it might be time to explore my own country. So welcome to Australia! Can you guess the name of the place I travelled to first?

Here are some clues to help you:

1. **The name of this town means ‘White man in a hole’**.
2. **The temperature can get to 50° in this town.**
3. **You can stay in an underground hotel here.**
4. **There is a sign in this town telling you not to walk backwards, because you might fall down a mine shaft.**
5. **This town is famous for a certain precious gemstone.**
6. **There is also an underground bookshop and church.**

*Research in books and the internet* and when you think you know the answer write it down with your name and place it in the Jelly Bean box.

A name will be pulled out to win a prize at assembly!

Best of luck!

Signing off!

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**JELLY BEAN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

Entries will be drawn at the assembly in week 3. Entries close Friday 17th February at 9am.

Name: ____________________________

Jelly Bean Answer: ___________________

Pumpernickel Answer: ___________________

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**Can you find**

**PUMPERNICKLE, the Flowerdale Parrot in our school grounds?**

http://www.flowerdaleps.vic.edu.au

*Hint: Lover of the sun (Pumpernickel won’t be hidden until Friday)*
Take care of yourself

your mental health matters
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- Help manage your child's emotions
- Assist your child to deal with conflict
- Tools to help manage your child's behaviour

Program Details
- Begins: Thursday 23 February 2017 (for six Thursday mornings)
- 9.30am - 12 noon

FREE program - Open to ALL members of the public

* Bookings are essential as places are limited.

For further information contact Joanne @ Primary Care Connect

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Yea Tigers
2017 Junior Football & Netball Season
Registration & Information Nights

Thursdays 23 February and 2 March (1st training night), 2017
4:30-6:00 pm
Netball Reserve, Recreation Reserve, Snodgrass Street, Yea

Teams available:
- Football: U10's, U12's, U14's, U16's
- Netball: U12's, U14's, U16's

Terry O'Dwyer (Football): 0407 366 643
Sarah Cunningham (Netball): 0417 397 167

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YEA PRIMARY

Gymnastics After School

Where: After School Mondays until 4.25pm, Term 1 & 2, 2017
3 week program 20th, 27th March, 24th April, 1st, 8th May

Where: Introduction to Gymnastics @ Yea Primary School

Cost: $6 per session (total $30)

Payment payable to Yea Community House

Forms returned to Yea Community House!

Contact:
Terry O'Dwyer 0427 312 561
Yea Community House 5977 3070

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For further information contact Joanne @ Primary Care Connect

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Tutoring??!
Fiona Henson
0422 759 972

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