PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It’s hard to believe we are already into March. We have had some exciting events in the past weeks. The PFA had a very successful fund raiser cooking sausages outside Bunnings at Mill Park. Clare and Hayley kept the parent and student helpers on their toes, despite some inclement weather. We raised a whopping $1250 dollars to put towards school projects. One of those projects is to upgrade our outdated computers. We have ordered 20 new laptop computers, 2 Ipads, a video camera and tripod to use in our classrooms. The PFA has approved the expenditure of $6500 towards the new devices, a great contribution.

Year 5/6 students took on the challenge of learning to kayak at Lilydale Lake and had an exciting time learning new skills and building confidence on the water. Thank-you to Mrs Zala and Annie for taking our senior students on the day. A big thank-you also to Lou and Mandy who cooked up a storm on Tuesday making pancakes for all the students and staff. They were delicious and many children went back for seconds.

All the students are looking forward to the upcoming Swimming Carnival to be held on Tuesday March 7. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. We need some help ferrying students to the event. Please let me know if you can assist. Any parent driving children, other than their own, will need to complete a form at the office outlining their comprehensive insurance details and car registration. Please let Tash or Sandra know if you are able to help.

Thank-you to the parents that have returned the parent helpers’ form already. If you have any skills to share and are able to assist in the classroom or elsewhere please return your form to the front office. A reminder that you need to choose your top three candidates for the School Council Elections. Please return your ballot paper in a sealed envelope with your name and address on the back and post it in the letter box in the front office. Ballot papers are available in the office if yours has gone missing. Voting closes on Monday March 6.

The School Community Meeting and BBQ is coming up next Thursday March 9. It would be great to hear your views at the community meeting which will commence promptly at 6:00pm. School age children and toddlers will be cared for and they will participate in games on the basketball court. Following the meeting we will have hamburgers or sausages and soft drinks for everyone. So please come and enjoy our first community gathering for the year.

-Sandra Horwood

OUR SCHOOL VALUE FOCUS THIS FORTNIGHT IS

RESPECT

‘Valuing & accepting others by showing consideration’
FROM THE OFFICE

- School and swimming fees are now OVERDUE. Please see Tash as soon as possible
- Please return School Council voting forms in a sealed envelope labelled with your name to the school office letterbox.
- In case people are unaware Tash will be leaving us to take up a Business Manager position at Whittlesea High School in a couple of week. She’ll be hard to replace and we will miss her, but we are excited for her promotion!

FORMS TO RETURN

Swimming Carnival notices – Whole school

COMING UP!

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 NEWS

A MASSIVE thank you to all the wonderful mums/dads/Helpers at the Bunnings BBQ- Claire, Hayley, Lou, Ash, Ruby, Christine, Matthew, Mel Wind, Sandra, Tony and everyone else who contributed to the fantastic result on the day. We raised an amazing $1252 for our little school! Thank you to everyone!

Have a fantastic fortnight everyone!
Lareesa

THE PFA WILL BE HAVING ITS AGM ON THE 14TH OF MARCH AT 1.00PM. ALL WELCOME!

WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH @ FLOWERDALE P.S

PHONE ASH COOK FOR DETAILS

Special thanks to students Matt, Ruby C & Ethan for serving at our Bunnings BBQ stall. We love to see our students volunteering – well done!
**Week 3 & 4**

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**Hello my name is**

BREANNA ZALA
Grade 3-6 Teacher

**What is your favourite colour?** Green

**What is your favourite food?** Nachos

**Favourite AFL football team?** None, but if I had to pick one I’d choose Collingwood

**Favourite movie?** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

**Who is in your family?** Myself and my husband, Paul

**Pets?** 2 Cats– Lenny and Carl and a dog named Willow

**Hobbies?** Tennis, Boxing–anything athletic

**What’s something that most people don’t know about you?**
I know Auslan (sign language)!
Hello travellers!
Did you guess Cooper Pedy as my mystery destination last week? I hope you can do it again this week!

Here are some clues to help you:
1. This city is located on the ancient lands of the Indigenous Ngunnawal people. Therefore it’s name is thought to be derived from an aboriginal word that means, ‘meeting place’.
2. This city hosts Summernats, a popular street machine festival run in the middle of summer every year.
3. The airport in this city was named Australia’s Airport of the Year in 2013.
4. This city has the highest attendance at art galleries, concerts, theatre, dance, cinemas and musicals in Australia.
5. Advertising billboards along the roadside are banned in this city, except for in bus shelters.
6. The National Carillon on Aspen Island was a bell tower gift from England. But it ended up costing more for Australia to dismantle and ship it from England than it cost for Britain to initially build it. The Queen then opened it.

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!

JOURNEY JELLY BEAN

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JELLY BEAN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Entries will be drawn at the assembly in week 5
Entries close Friday 3rd March at 9am.

Name: __________________________
Jelly Bean Answer: __________________________
Pumpernickel Answer: __________________________

Can you find

PUMPERNICKLE, the Flowerdale Parrot in our school grounds?
http://www.flowerdaleps.vic.edu.au

Hint: (Inside)
Fire engine red
Thanks to Ashlee’s Nanna, Maree for these photos!
Do you know how to evolve Pikachu? The way you evolve Pichu into Pikachu is through friendship.

FUN FACT – Pikachu loves tomato sauce!

By Ethan
PADDLE HUB

As the students Year 5/6 students are fresh from their paddling experiences, there are lots of paddling opportunities for them while the weather is warm and it's a perfect time to get out onto the water.

Every Sunday we are at Lillydale Lake from 11-3pm with PaddleHub. PaddleHub holds family friendly paddles for groups or individuals to come and experience paddling on safe enclosed water at the lake.

This Sunday we are also at Westerfolds Park, Templestowe and Canoeing Victoria in conjunction with Melbourne Canoe Club are holding a Girls On the Water free paddling event. Jess Fox a current Olympic Slalom paddler will be there talking to the public and encouraging girls and ladies of all ages to get on the water and try paddling!

If the students are interested in taking their paddling further we offer Term and Holiday Paddlepower programs, in which the participants can further their paddling ability by learning new strokes and paddling techniques with each session. Check out our paddlepower website for more information: www.paddlepower.canoe.org.au
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**MARCH 2017**

Please ensure you have given your updated details, addresses, phone numbers and medical information to Tash in the office in case of an emergency. It is also important to check if you have updated your ambulance insurance. In case of an emergency where the school cannot contact you or a serious accident has occurred, the school is obliged to call an ambulance to transport your child for medical treatment. Without ambulance cover the cost can be over a thousand dollars or more.