Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

Yesterday the school Leadership Team worked with an external School Reviewer, Julie Chandler to analyse our school performance data over the last 4 years. With the assistance of Scott Mullen, Principal of Essendon North PS and Nicole diMarco, Assistant Principal at Strathmore North PS we examined student achievement, engagement, wellbeing and parent, staff and student survey data. By the end of a long and tiring day, goals have been established with a strong focus on improving student learning in literacy and numeracy.

Julie will present her report to staff and School Council later this term and assist with writing the new Strategic Plan. Staff have already commenced discussions on actions to support this work. Thanks to Sandra, Bruce, Sarah, Kate, Dave and Agata for their contributions. On behalf of our school community I would like to thank Scott and Nicole for their willingness to participate in this work and leave their own schools for the day.

The girls Soccer team continued their strong form yesterday with wins in 3 matches taking them to the state finals. The game against Torquay went into extra time and when still a nil all draw, continued to a penalty shoot out. After 5 penalty kicks, unfortunately a goal was scored by Torquay’s striker leaving them the winners. Our girls played 4 outstanding games, not conceding any goals until the shoot out. This was an outstanding effort considering only one of them actually plays soccer. Thank you to Brendan for all his training and to Mark who assisted on the day.

Congratulations to Amy, Angelina, Bindi, Charlie, Claudia, Edel, Lily, Miranda, Katja, Maia, Marwa, Nasra, Prue, Tamsin, Salwa, Sima, Tamsin, Victoria and Urjii.

Traffic in Flemington Street and in Padman Lane has reached a dangerous situation with a teacher’s car damaged in the lane yesterday and adults and children almost struck by cars this week in Flemington Street. I urge all parents to park and walk to collect their children, and not to park illegally in the laneway. Police and Council Traffic officers have again been called for support.
**CARE Student of the Week**

*Week beginning 21 July 2014*

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<td>For making excellent contributions to our classroom discussions about friendship.</td>
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<td>For sharing his stories about support and friendship. Well done!</td>
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<td>Gini</td>
<td>For supporting her team mates during activities and showing friendship to younger students.</td>
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<td>Sarah</td>
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<td>For offering friendship to younger students in our CARE group.</td>
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<td>Yvette</td>
<td>For always being a positive role model and supporting others.</td>
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<td>Chris</td>
<td>For her contributions and willingness to assist others. Well done!</td>
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**Office News**

*Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday*

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE.**

If you are the holder of a Pension Card or Health Care Card and applied for this allowance at the beginning of the year, you do not need to reapply for the second half year part of the allowance.

If you are eligible and did not apply or were not eligible for the first half year allowance at this school, forms are available to fill in at the school office. Your card must be current as at Monday 14 July (first day of Term 3). Please bring your card with you as we need to take a photocopy. Forms must be filled in before Thursday 31 July. No late applications can be accepted.

**OSHC News**

Camp Australia manages the Before & After School Care program. All bookings, absences and payments need to be made through the Camp Australia website. Do not leave messages on the school answering machine.

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**School Photos**

*Tues. 19th August*

School Photo envelopes went out earlier this week and need to be returned to the office by Friday, 15 August. Should you require any extra envelopes or a family photo envelope please collect these from the office.
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOris

Request for a change of sign
Just letting all the families know that I have written to the council to change a sign outside the school to say 2 minute pick up only, that may assist us in people moving quickly through the street. I will let everyone know if my request has been successful.

Reminders

Late Passes
It was wonderful yesterday to have the bell go and no cars were coming up the lane way. To me that meant that all children were in class ready to learn and not waiting at the office in line for a late pass. Certainly brought a smile to my face!

Please remember that the music starts at approximately 8:55, there are 2 songs and then the bell. If all families aim for 8:55 at school then children, parents and teachers will all be happy.

All parents are reminded of the legislative changes which came into place on March 1st. Significant absence and lateness without a valid reason will have these details forwarded to DEECD for action.

It’s Not OK To Be Away
It’s Not OK To Be Late to School!

Waa Not OK Si aad daahayso Dugsi!

Bicycle Recycle Program
The weather is warming up and drying up. Time to get those bikes and scooters out again!

The Bicycle Recycle Program is featured in this month’s Ride On magazine – Australia’s most widely ready cycling magazine.

Peter “the bike guru” Hormann and Lesley McCarthy talk about the program’s success and how other schools might copy it.

We are still looking for bikes for older children so if you have, or know of, a high school student who has grown out of their bike tell them to send it our way.

Bike Shed is open, as always, on Friday mornings. See you there!

Bart Sbeghen (aka Mr Travolta)
M 0418 231 686 E macbart@bigpond.com

Kensington Legal Service

The Outreach Worker, Selina Nivelle will be providing a family support service through Flemington PS each Thursday commencing August 14th. To provide an overview and information of the available services, Selina will present an information session for interested parents on Monday 11th August in the MultiPurpose room directly after Assembly.

Amongst the services offered are intervention orders, victims of crime assistance, divorce and family custody issues, fines and other legal issues. Selina can also arrange for a referral to a Lawyer at the Flemington Kensington Community Legal Centre if necessary.

www.mvls.org.au

Shaqaalaha Outreach The, Selina Nivelle siin doontaa adeeg qoyska taagero ah iyada oo loo marayo Flemington PS kasta Thursday bilaabida August 21st. Si guud laga bixiyo iyo macluumaad ah ee ku saabsan adeegyada la hela karo, Selina soo bandhigi doonan kulan warbixinneed oo loogu talagalay waalidiinta danaynaya on Monday 11th August qolka MultiPurpose si toos ah kadib markii Golaha.

www.mvls.org.au
Raising money for take home readers
We will be holding a School Read-A-Thon during National Literacy and Numeracy Week between 25th and 29th August as a major fundraising event this year.

The School Read-A-Thon is a stimulating, fun and literacy based fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about developing literacy skills and a love of reading. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students will receive a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase: **take home readers**.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. In the Sponsorship Form you will find all the tools you need for successful fundraising, and more!

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto [readathon.com.au/students](http://readathon.com.au/students) and creating a Student Profile Page.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Zoe Lewis
Literacy Coordinator

**SRC News**

**Pyjama Day**

*On Wednesday 13th of August, the SRC’s will be organising a Pyjama Day. Wear your pyjamas to school and remember to bring a gold coin donation. The funds collected will be donated to Melbourne City Mission – an organization that raises money for homeless people. The SRC’s will be collecting your donations on the day.*

This August, we’re getting involved in **Mindfulness Matters** to help support healthy bodies and healthy minds!

**Grill’d** has partnered with not-for-profit organisation **Smiling Mind** to encourage Australian’s to be more ‘mindful’ of their physical and mental health. As such, **Flemington PS** is proud to be a local recipient of the Local Matters community donation program at Grill’d Highpoint. Funds from the program will provide Smiling Mind resources and materials that will support the mental wellbeing and resilience of our school community.

To jump on-board and support **Mindfulness Matters**, get down to **Grill’d Highpoint** during August and pop your Local Matters token into the **Flemington Primary School** jar!

**Sharing is caring**

Social media is a great way to spread the word about the Mindfulness Matters program. Just share your Mindful moments on Instagram, hash tag #Mindfulness Matters, tag Smiling Mind and Grill’d and we will both feature our weekly favourites throughout the campaign.

Here’s some ways The Flemington Community can get involved:

- Take a pic of your pre or post-game / class Smiling Mind meditation session in action
- Snap your team or classmates celebrating a win or great study session in a Grill’d restaurant
- Physically spell out the campaign hash tag #Mindfulness Matters, tag Smiling Mind and Grill’d and we will both feature our weekly favourites throughout the campaign

Have fun & get creative!


Grace Mittas
FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST
COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER!!

Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favorite book character and share their favorite book with their class. Students are encouraged to bring the book they are dressed up as so they can complete activities. Here are some ideas...
**Music News**  
*Vern O’Hara 0403 777 050*

This is the final reminder to parents that the Term 3 Music fees are now overdue. Please make payments ASAP so that you do not incur the $30.00 late fee.

**Library News**  
*Vanessa Griffin - Library Technician*

**Book Fair Results**

Thank you to teachers, students and families who braved the wild weather and supported the Book Fair last week.

We sold just under $4000 of books and have raised approximately $800 in funds for the Library. This year the money raised will go towards some new comfy furniture for the Library space for all students to enjoy.

Happy reading everyone!

**ART NEWS**

**Artist in Residence**

Our clay works are progressing really nicely and all students from P-6 are all engaged and interested in Fiona’s works. They are also becoming more informed and skilled at creating their own pieces. All the hard work will culminate with a large Art Exhibition in The Hall on the 14th of October. Mark it in your diaries!!

**For Your Interest**

Robert Lee Davis our artist who worked with the 3 and 4 students last year is involved in an exhibition at The Moonee Ponds Art Space, Level1/3-7 Puckle St, Moonee Ponds from August 7.

The Silk Cut Award Exhibition, featuring our students lino printing work, will be open from 6-21 of September at The Glen Eira City Council Gallery. Apart from this great reason to visit, the exhibition also features some of the best lino print artists in the country!
Bringing NAPLAN home: The results and your child

As parents and carers, we all take great interest in our children and their paths in life. We know it is really important that they develop key skills such as literacy and numeracy to help them through school, work and life.

NAPLAN (the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a national test undertaken by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students, designed to provide information on your child’s literacy and numeracy achievements. This year NAPLAN was taken on 13, 14 and 15 May.

NAPLAN results provide additional information, which can be used along with school assessment and testing. It allows you to compare your child’s achievement with other children across Australia. By itself, NAPLAN does not improve the quality of education, but it gives us a national snapshot of how our children are doing in those important skills of literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN is important to your child as it provides information for school authorities and schools to review the effectiveness of their programs and to address any areas requiring improvement. It is important that you know as early as possible about your child’s strengths or if your child needs assistance. NAPLAN helps with this.

Sometime in August and September you will receive your son or daughter’s NAPLAN report. I encourage you to read the report in the context of what you already know about your child’s academic performance and in conjunction with other assessment information and reports you may already have received from your child’s school. Further information on how to read the report is found on the NAP website: [www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports.html)

Your son or daughter’s results will be reported against six levels of achievement. Your child’s results will be indicated by a black dot. The black triangle shows the national average for children in that year level.
This means you can compare your child’s performance to children in the same year level. As with all tests, small differences between students’ NAPLAN scores do not reflect real achievement differences.

Using this information, you can then take the time to celebrate the success that you see and/or identify areas for improvement. You should talk to your child’s teacher about what you should do next if you see areas that need improvement.

If your child is concerned with their results, remind them that NAPLAN isn’t a pass or fail test and there are no rewards or penalties for the result your child achieves. Rather, the NAPLAN student report is a point in time snapshot of your child’s achievements in the important areas of literacy and numeracy. This snapshot gives an indication of how your child compares with students across Australia.

ACARA is committed to improving learning for all young Australians through world-class curriculum, assessment and reporting. This year, we are aiming for NAPLAN results to be returned to you more quickly than in previous years.

As teachers and parents continue on with the rest of 2014, I urge you to keep NAPLAN student reports in context. Don’t stop any activities your child enjoys; don’t focus your child only on literacy and numeracy. Evidence shows that a well-rounded education, including the pursuit of other activities such as sport and art, contributes to the development of literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills. All activities are crucial to the school program and contribute to developing informed, happy children who are confident in their own abilities.

Robert Randall
Chief Executive Officer, ACARA
Interested in transport issues that affect Moonee Valley?

**State Election: Transport Forum**  
Come along to a public forum on major transport developments affecting Moonee Valley in the lead up to the State election.

As a city in transition, managing our growing population and the increasing pressure on our transport systems is a major focus for Council.

The *MTF/Leader newspapers’ State Election: Transport Forum* is a timely opportunity to hear what the major parties have to say about transport issues and for residents to ask questions about local concerns.

Hear from speakers:
- Fred Ackerman, Liberal candidate for Essendon
- Colleen Hartland, The Greens MLC Western Metro
- Danny Pearson, Labor candidate for Essendon

Topics being discussed include:
- East West Link and CityLink-Tullamarine widening
- Melbourne Airport public transport links
- Resolving the Buckley Street level crossing
- Improving public transport across Moonee Valley

To RSVP, suggest a question or for more information visit [transportforum.org.au/moonee_valley](http://transportforum.org.au/moonee_valley)

*When:* Thursday, 28 August, 7.00-8.15pm  
*Where:* Clocktower Centre, 750 Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds
Community News

RoadSTART

Seeking Enrolments – One Day Only!

Thursday 14 August 2014, 11am to 4pm
Flemington Community Centre
25 Mt Alexander Road, Flemington

Are you interested in learning to drive?

- Are you over 21 years of age?
- Do you have your learner’s licence?
- Do you have a basic level of English?
- Are you from a migrant or refugee background?
- Do you live in Moonee Valley City Council?
- Do you receive a Centrelink benefit?

Please bring supporting documentation for the above information.

If you answered yes to all of the above questions you may be eligible to participate in this program.

Due to high demand of this program, not everyone that attends this session will be accepted into the program. Only 20 places available.

No enrolments will be accepted before or after this date.

Supporting partners:
- Moonee Valley Legal Service
- PACV
- Victoria Police

Bob Jones Martial Arts

Starting 10th August

Classes now at

64 North Melbourne Boxing & Fitness

$15 Per Lesson
Saturdays 11:00am to 11:45am

This is a fast paced class which aims to develop a healthy attitude towards self & a healthy attitude towards sport. Using basic martial arts training and self defence skills we work towards improving your child’s basic motor skills, self discipline, co-operation. All of this is achieved by making sure we are having fun. Students are rewarded for attending by earning the right to grade through different levels. Instructors Mark & Jude Connell have 30 years experience.

Enquiries
0422 450 027

Author talk:

An afternoon with Andy Griffiths
Moonee Valley Libraries presents the fabulous Andy Griffiths. Andy will be talking about his new book The 52-Storey Treehouse.

Books will be on sale and Andy will be signing copies.

Andy has written over 25 books including The day my bum went psycho, The bad book, and the much loved Just! series.

Be entertained and inspired by this great author.

Saturday 30 August, 2pm
The Clocktower Centre
750 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds

FREE but bookings essential. For more information call 8325 1900
Online bookings: mooneevalleylibraries.eventbrite.com.au

This is a free public event but registration is essential.
Contact gtac@rmit.edu.au , phone: 03 9340 3000