Principal's Report

Thank you to the parents who have returned the Parent Opinion Survey for this year. Each year, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development distributes a series of surveys in order to receive feedback about every school’s performance. Students in Grades 5 and 6 are surveyed, staff are surveyed and a random sample of parents are surveyed. The DEECD uses this information for statewide data and provides each school with a series of reports that outline particular strengths and challenges. We use this information to prioritise elements for school improvement and to forward plan. Parent input is valued and important. Once the school receives the report, we will present findings to the community through the newsletter.

Congratulations to all Grades three to six students for their fine performance and participation in the house sports last week. There were many ‘personal bests’ and the support for each other and teamwork within the houses was wonderful to see.

The Tournament of Minds teams have been practising for the regional competitions to be held at La Trobe University on Saturday 17th August. The two teams have entered the Maths Engineering section and the Social Sciences sections. This is a nationwide competition with several categories and many schools across the private and public sector competing. We are very proud of our students for taking on this challenge and wish both teams all the best and hope that they enjoy the experience and achieve their goals.

Important Dates

Thurs 8 Aug
Senior School Concert
Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre
Matinee:12.00pm
Evening: 7.00pm

Weds 14 - Fri 16 Aug
Grade 5 Anglesea Camp

Fri 16 Aug
Communication Committee meeting. 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Fairfield Primary School

Sat 17 Aug
Farmer’s Market
9.00am - 1.30pm

Mon 19 Aug
• Grade 3 - 6 Assembly - Gym
9.10am - 10.00am
• School Council Meeting
6.30pm Staff room

Tues 20 Aug
Prep - Grade 2 Assembly - Gym
9.10am - 9.30pm

Thurs 22 Aug
Book Parade Basketball Court
9.00am - 10.00pm

Weds 28 Aug
• OZ Opera performance for all students - Gym
• Buildings & Grounds Meeting
Staff room 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Thurs 29 Aug
Fathers Day Stall
Information will be distributed closer to date.

Tuesday 3 Sept
Healthy Eating Sessions for parents. 9.15am & 6pm Staffroom

Fri 6, Sat 7 - Sun 8 Sept
Art Show
Tues 10 Sept
Prep - Grade 2 Assembly - Gym
9.00am - 9.30pm
Fri 20 Sept
Thank you to Bendigo Bank

At our July assembly Fairfield Primary School were thrilled to welcome Nan Caple and Sam Pearce from the East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg Community Bank® branches, to present two significant cheques to the school. The first was a cheque for $9000, for major sponsorship of both our Fair to Remember and Art4All Show, as well as bonus payments of $1000 as two of our families have transferred their home loans to their branch. The Bank will continue to donate another $1000 for every home loan over $250,000 that any community member affiliated with Fairfield Primary School brings to either of their two branches. All families need to do is nominate Fairfield Primary School as the beneficiary of their bonus payment when setting this up.

Students from class 6B were recipients of another cheque from the bank for $780, to fund their “co-mingled recycling” project. The money will cover the cost of three co-mingled recycle bins from Visy, as well as fortnightly pick-ups for 12 months, in a student-led initiative to reduce waste in our school grounds.

We would like to thank the team at the East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg Community Bank branches for their generous contributions to our school.

The Community Bank model means that bank profits go directly back to community groups like schools, kinders and sporting groups. If you have any banking needs, please drop into the branch and speak to Sam or any of the other staff members – and make sure you let them know you are from Fairfield Primary, as they keep a tally of all banking business generated from each group they support. This helps us ensure funding from the Bendigo Bank for the long term! For more information or to set up a meeting call Sam Pearce on 9457 2055 or email sam.pearce@bendigoadelaide.com.au. He is happy to come and meet with you at your convenience.

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Darebin Council Support for Safe and Sustainable Travel

Darebin Council is planning work with the Fairfield Primary School on safe and sustainable travel projects to support the existing efforts of the school community. There are a number of elements to this initiative that include the following:

- One project will involve an infrastructural audit of the key walking and cycling routes that students use to get to school, offering up suggested improvements to Council.
- A key project will be the generation of a School Travel Plan by parents, teachers and students to ensure that the hard work of families and teachers who travel to school by sustainable means are celebrated and supported.
- Bike Education will also be on offer to build on students’ riding skills, safety and awareness.
- Darebin Council will also be offering Cycle Confidence training to parents who would like to help grow their children’s skills.
- There will also be the opportunity for the student leadership group to work with Darebin Council’s Safe Travel Officer to workshop innovative, creative road safety messages for the wider community.
School Council Report

What a beautiful winter we are having. Even an old Sandgroper like myself who prefers the warmer seasons can enjoy this!

As I'm sure you appreciate, there is a lot of “stuff” that gets covered off at school council. I'm just going to focus on a few things here but I encourage you to check out the minutes from council meetings on the school website if you want to get a more detailed picture.

Firstly I want acknowledge the fantastic contribution the fundraising activities over the past couple of years have made to schools' healthy financial position. Some of these funds have been invested in classroom resources such as iPads and interactive whiteboards and equipment for future community events and school working bees (e.g. marquees, a sound system, lighting, outdoor heaters, lawn mower, whipper snipper, leaf blowers). However, we have held off allocating the bulk of the community-raised funds pending finalisation of the school masterplan, so that funds can be targeted at specific projects and areas in the school.

The masterplan is now almost complete and should be available to the school community over the next month. Thank you to all of you who provided feedback and suggestions to inform the plan. Council is sensitive to the variety of views in the school community that have been expressed during this process. I think it is important that we all recognise that the masterplan is conceptual and primarily intended to guide decisions on priorities for future development and investment. Any actual changes in the school will require more detailed planning and consultation. In the first instance, the masterplan will assist council to endorse some priority projects for investment of community-raised funds that we understand will have general school community support.

One particular investment that I want to advise you of is the trialling of some new drink fountains that will be occurring this term. Blockages in the existing drink troughs through leaf litter and children using them for play (sand, twigs) has been a constant source of inconvenience, frustration and expense for the school. This term we will be trialing two stand alone drink fountains , on the north and south sides of the staffroom, and will be removing the most problematic drink troughs which are outside of the OSH Club and at the rear entry to the school admin area. Those of you who frequent local parks will be familiar with the type of fountains being installed. We will be monitoring this change closely but council is confident that student access to drinking fountains will remain adequate while reducing cost and inconvenience due to blocked drains.

Another change that will occur shortly, and will no doubt be disappointing to some children and families, is the need to remove the scrambler frame at the rear of the amphitheatre. Recent attempts to repair and stabilise the frame have not been successful and it has become too much of a safety hazard to retain. Options for replacing the frame are currently being investigated.

Those of you who know me know how much I love a WORKING BEE! I want to thank all of the families who come along regularly or when they can to help at working bees. It's lots of fun for the kids, parents and staff who attend and a great reflection on the sense of community in our school. And the free sausage sizzle at the end of each working bee is always a winner! If you’ve never made it to a working bee, keep an eye out for the working bee signs for the next “opportunity”. And I’ll let you know in the newsletter when that is too!

I particularly want to acknowledge and thank Gareth Williamson for organizing and leading the waste audit that occurred as part of the 28 July working bee. The outcomes from the audit will inform the schools’ approach to waste minimisation and management in the future, something we will be engaging with the school community about over the rest of this year.

Like the rest of the school community I’m sure, I’m really enjoying watching this year’s Art Show coming together and can’t wait for the event to arrive. Last year was amazing and this year is shaping up to be even better. Thanks to everyone who is contributing to that event.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the Senior School Concert on Thursday.

Cheers.

Geoff Reany, Council President
**Grade 5 Camp 14 August**

On the 14th August the Grade 5 students are going on camp to Anglesea for 3 days. The Grade fives are going to do some activities as well as the giant swing and rock climbing. We are all looking forward to it.

We are also looking forward to staying in cabins with our friends, because it will be like a three day sleepover!

Siena L, Alice C, Will B
Grade 5 Students

**Senior School Concert**

Rehearsals have been going well for all our grades 3-6 students in preparation for our two performances on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

As with previous years, our grade 5/6 students have been actively involved in many aspects of the production including prop and set design and construction, program, slideshow/backdrop, backstage and rehearsals. I have been delighted with their enthusiasm and commitment to the production.

In addition to this, we have had a group of parents assisting with the sets/props on Friday afternoons. This has been a great working team as parents have been working with the students in creating fun and creative props for the performances. Thank you!

Our dedicated cast has worked very well together, encouraging one another and working hard to both learn their lines and take direction. Our Oompa Loompa’s are a great bunch of students who are working on perfecting their Oompa Loompa walks and comical expressions.

The school is somewhat alive with modern music at the moment as grades 3-6 has been rehearsing their grade dance routines. All students are involved in their grade dance presentations and the opening and closing group performances.

Once again I would like to thank all the students for their interest and enthusiasm and the teachers and parents for supporting our production through assisting with costumes, interest and encouragement.

Rebecca Creswick

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**Fairfield Primary Senior School presents**

Roald Dahl’s

“*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*”
(adapted by Richard George)

Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013**    -    **Matinee 12 pm and Evening 7pm**

[Book tickets here](#)

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**ART4ALL**

Fairfield Primary School Art Show

September 6th - 8th 2013

We are looking forward to our annual Art Show again this year. The Art Show will be held on September 7 - 8th at Fairfield Primary School. Lots of family fun and interesting activities have been organised over this weekend. We invite you to attend to join the fun and enjoy the wonderful art that will be exhibited. [Read more](#)
The House System at Fairfield Primary

The Student Engagement and Wellbeing Professional Learning Action Team (PLAT) has developed the following House System to commence with a whole school meeting during Planning Week. It will be reviewed at the end of Term 4.

A House System promotes a whole school community connectedness. It provides a sense of belonging to an additional group within our school and allows students to feel linked to others beyond their classroom.

The House Captains have the opportunity to take on roles of leadership, to work with teachers and to feel a part of management. They have the chance to be independent, to validate their organisational skills and to demonstrate empathy towards others.

The House System

- Every student and staff member will belong to a House.
- Each House will have a gender balance with a teacher from each area and a member from the Student Engagement and Wellbeing PLAT represented.
- There will be an opportunity each term for each House to be responsible for a whole school activity.
- Each term there will be two whole school House meetings, one scheduled in Planning Week and one in Week 5.
- There will regular House Captain Meetings.

Whole School Activities

Over the school year each House will be involved in the organisation of four whole school activities which will be under the headings of:

- Environment - The House is responsible for ensuring there are bins available, overseeing recycling and developing a way of keeping the playground clean and safe.
- Events - The House has to plan fundraising events. They have to agree on and organise all the details that is required to make it successful.
- Lunchtime Activities - The House will be in charge of PALS and establish other lunchtime activities.
- Yard Duty Assistants - Three or four 5/6 students from the House will be lunchtime assistants, where they help others. They will wear House coloured vests and carry band aids and tissues. Specific duties are to be determined by the House in charge.

Organisation of the House System for 2013

Houses:

- DAREBIN……………….BLUE
- DIAMOND……………….YELLOW
- MERRI………………..GREEN
- YARRA………………..RED

House Captains and Vice Captains

- **DAREBIN:** Meg Roemmelt, Toby Howells, Mikaela Price, Paul Likiardopoulos
- **DIAMOND:** Amelia Owen, Henry Van Toledo, Manola Marino, Charlie O’Brien
- **MERRI:** Niamh Moloney, Tom Salomon, Lucca Randazzo, Harrison O’Brien
- **YARRA** Meaghan Cloonan, Flynn Grace, Helena Burrage, Will Morrish

House Captains Report

Darebin

As house captains we have been involved in a new house system. In Darebin we chose to do yard duty assistance. We made a roster for the year 5&6 students in Darebin to assist the yard duty teachers. The students walk around the yard during lunch, in a bright blue vest and they carry a waist bag. Their role is to help with the minor problems that happen during the hour, for example, if a younger student is feeling unwell they might take them to first aid or get a bandaid.

Meg, Toby, Paul and Mikaela, Darebin House and Vice captains

Diamond

This term the Diamond house has been organising great events. On the 13th of August every student will be in their pj’s. We want this event to bring every student together as one whole community. Bring a gold coin donation to support Fairfield Primary.

On the 18th of September there will be an AFL day. You may wear your team colours or come as your favourite player on your football team. This event also will be fun and bring the school together. Bring a gold coin donation. This will be helping to fund our house system.

Amelia, Henry, Manola, and Charlie

Diamond House and Vice captains
Merri

The Merri house this term were assigned the job of looking after our school environment. After discussing ideas with the whole house we realised that the bins in our school are a big problem. We came to a decision that they should be changed over twice a week instead of once. We also agreed that we would need to assign places in the yard for the bins to go. By doing this we can make sure they are accessible from all places in the grounds. Congratulations to everyone who competed in the House sports and helped us win! Everyone added to the success because every point counts. The Merri house had great team spirit and we were supporting each other really well. Go Merri!

Tom, Niamh, Harrison and Lucca

Merri House and Vice captains

Yarra

Yarra’s responsibility for this term is lunchtime activities. This means running PALS until the end of term and also coming up with other activities such as Martial arts, which will be run with Flynn, the house captain. These activities will be good for students who are feeling left out or have nothing to do during lunchtimes. Congratulations to the Yarra students who competed in the house athletics. We were able to pull out a fantastic 2nd place. Go Yarra!

Meaghan, Flynn, Helena and Will

Yarra House and Vice captains

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ANZAC Day Award

The Grade 6 students at Fairfield Primary School entered the ANZAC Day School’s Award Competition 2013 for the best local history research. Their entry was submitted with a film that the students made about the school’s participation in researching the school honour roll and past students of the school.

We congratulate the students for their hard work in researching and submitting their entry. We are proud to announce that our students received a Highly Commended Certificate for outstanding achievement.
Junior School Council - Semester 2 update

Our Junior School Council representatives voted to raise funds for the Lort Smith Animal Hospital for our Term 2 fundraiser. The Lort Smith Animal Hospital is the largest not-for-profit animal hospital in Australia, providing shelter, adoption and fostering services for abandoned and relinquished animals, as well as veterinary services for pet owners with limited means.

A disco was held on the last day of the term and all participants brought a gold coin as a donation. We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations, which helped us to raise $460.

We would also like to thank all the outgoing class representatives for Semester 1 who willingly gave up several their lunchtimes to attend meetings where they discussed issues around the school and organised events. They have done a stellar job and are indeed exemplary role models for their peers. We congratulate and thank the following students:

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Elections will be held in early Term 3 for Junior School Council representatives for Semester 2. JSC representatives have the responsibility for holding meetings in their classes to discuss issues around the school and then conveying these matters to the teachers via regular lunchtime meetings. We would like to encourage students who would like to work with the teachers to improve our school, to stand for election as their class representative. We look forward to working with another set of community-minded students with initiative and enthusiasm.

Grade 6 Leadership

As part of our leadership work we have been doing a fitness program with the prep classes. We are focusing on a different sport each week. We are encouraging them to take up these sports outside of school. So far we have done football and netball and have had a great time.

Meaghan, Mikaela, Jack and Jesse 6B.

The Ivanhoe Knights Basketball Club are running a free clinic for kids in prep, grade 1 and grade 2 on Sunday 11 August in the Fairfield Primary School gym. The session is an introductory clinic to introduce kids to the game and give them a few skills, to see if they are interested in taking it up in the future.

The times are as follows:  
Girls 11am – 12.30pm  
Boys 1pm – 2.30pm

Venue: Fairfield Primary School gym. Enter off Fairfield Road gate.

There is no cost but they have requested that you register your intention to attend so they have enough equipment, by emailing Benno Spearritt on bsspearritt@gmail.com
Sports News

Congratulations to Merri on their success in the House Athletics Carnival. The day saw many individual successes and I am sure those students will represent us well at the district athletics carnival to be held later this term. Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped out on the day and made it such a success.

The Prep - 2 swimming program is up and running this term and we hope that all involved will learn a valuable life skill and will enjoy their lessons at the Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre.

5-6 Friday sports will start up again next term with the Grade 6 students finishing off the summer roster. The grade 5's will once again have a special program organised for them.

Geoff Mc Shane
Health and Physical Education Teacher

Fairfield Primary School A Healthy Eating Community

Interested in keeping up to date with the latest news?
Interested in healthy eating or passionate about food?

An opportunity for parents to hear all that is new about the 2013 Australian Dietary Guidelines and implications for parents and the school community will be presented by Veronica Graham, Paediatric Dietitian, in the staff room at Fairfield Primary School on Tuesday 3rd September at 9.15am and repeated again 6.00pm on the same day. Sessions will run for approx. 1 hour. Veronica is happy to answer all your questions at the sessions.

For enquiries and to R.S.V.P please contact our office by emailing fairfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

North Alphington Cricket Club

2013-14 Junior Cricket Registration Day
10am - 12 noon
Sunday, 18 August

All boys, girls and families welcome

Season starts during Term 4
Milo Cricket: Sat 9-10am
U11: Games Mon 5-7pm; Training Sat 9-10.30am
U13: Games Fri 5-8pm; Training Wed 4-5.30pm
OSHClub News

Before School / After School Care Program

The term is off to a great start. Next week we are beginning our Active After School programs for this term with Basketball and Circus skills. This upcoming week will be the last week of our dancing program, so our activity schedule for this term is:

Monday- Construction/ Papercraft Club
Tuesday- Basketball
Wednesday- Circus Skills
Thursday- Cooking Club
Friday- Group Games

Please encourage your children to sign up for these activities when they arrive in the afternoon.

This upcoming Thursday we will be opening starting at 12.30 to correspond with the early end of school for parent-teacher interviews. Bookings for that day have been cleared so please go online and make sure they are correct.

We received notification last week that our program will be evaluated according to the National Quality Framework in early October. This is an assessment and ratings process that will allow us to be evaluated according to the national standard. For this reason, if you have any outstanding paperwork, the sooner you can get it back the better. There is a list in the portable if you are unsure if you are missing anything.

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Parent Information

OSHClp program phone: 0432680504
Coordinator: Samantha Hicks
Assistants: Elly Stirrat, Kirsta Hawkins
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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