PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Welcome back

Buildings and Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds sub-committee, school council members, including the President, and staff met at the school on Sunday morning. We were joined by Bride Blake, a landscape architect who is helping us to develop a master plan for the school grounds to ensure that we are creating spaces that match the philosophy of our Mission and Vision statements. Our aim is to develop a consistent plan for our local environment. We want to link the indoors and the outdoors, helping students to make connections between the learning that happens in the classroom and the way they use their outdoor surroundings. Our aim is for the school grounds to include many different areas for students so that they can climb, explore, perform, use their imagination and build strong relationship with each other and their surroundings.

Some of the ideas that have been mentioned include:

- an outdoor stage
- landscaping that links to our section of Kororoit Creek (perhaps a dry creek bed with rocks and native planting)
- a new entrance to the school on Mailey Street
- new playground equipment, including climbing frames and monkey bars
- an outdoor seating area where classes can gather to read, write, create artworks or investigate aspects of Science

At the moment, these are all just ideas. Bride will continue to work with us to try to put all these ideas into a comprehensive plan that we can then prioritise and work on over the next couple of years. Thank you so much to all those who came along on Sunday morning.

If you were not at this meeting, but would like to have some input into how our school looks, please drop in and see me at any time to have a chat and share your ideas.

Another tick of approval

Yesterday Anne Fox visited the school. Anne is our Senior Education Improvement Leader and is responsible for 25 primary and secondary schools in the Brimbank area. After meeting with me and looking over some of our school documentation, she is confident that the school is well situated to keep up its high standards. Both Anne and Alex will continue to support me in my role as Acting Principal.

The passion for writing continues

Alan Wright, our Writing consultant worked with some of our Grade 2 students and teachers yesterday. He stressed how important it is for students to talk about their ideas prior to writing. This fits in with what current research says about children developing strong oral language before they can learn to read or write.

After students had written their first draft, Alan encouraged them to find a quiet place in the classroom where they could read back over their writing and think about any
changes they would like to include to make it better. This is
the part of writing that students often find most difficult,
but is a crucial part of the process to ensure that their work
is of the highest quality possible. Our work on Growth
Mindset reminds us that we should always keep working
hard so that we can continue to get better and better.

Hope everyone has had a great week.

Jacinta Goldie
Acting Principal

Canteen
Thank you to all parents for your support with the
closure of the canteen for Term 3. There have only
been a small number of children who have come to
school with no lunch. The Uplift Collective are
getting set to run some healthy food stalls this
term. Look out for information to come.

Late Arrivals
The mornings are cold and we all want those
few extra minutes in bed...

However, it is important that all students arrive
at school before 9am. This has a major impact
on how their day starts off. A settled and
orderly morning sets students up for the day
ahead and contributes to them participating in
their best learning. Students arriving after 9am
often miss out on the most important part of
the morning when teachers are explaining
important information for the lesson to come.

Can we please ask parents to do their very best
to assist us in this matter.

UPLIFT COLLECTIVE FUNDRAISING NEWS

Raising extra funds for kids, thanks to the
work of our students!

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Please note that money raised in 2015 was
to be used to contribute to the creation of
an outdoor space for the students. This
project has been delayed due to the works
occurring in relation to the $421,000
Government Grant and will commence in
Term 3.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday at Assembly

Prep:
A  Archie Kagiooglou
B  Akvin Susitharan
C  Ibrahim Mohamad
D  William Nguyen

One:
A  Chloe Kuloski
B  Scarlett Loh
C  Logan Lay

Two:
2A  TBA
2B  Paddy Alexander
2C  Peter Taylor

Three:
A  Lewis Zito-Ryan
B  Lana Schulz
3/4A  Lung Lung Za Thang

Four:
A  Alisha Narain-Ali

Five:
A  Subana Murugamoorthy
B  Jelena Nikolic

Six:
A  Maria Christodoulou
B  Nasro Agan

Multimedia:  Sara Banjanin
Art:  Salma El Mejdaoui
Sport:  TBA
Spanish:  TBA
Science:  Scarlett Loh

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

Instrumental Lessons at School

Did you know that Music:
Develops mind hand & eye co-ordination
Enhances listening skills
Improves self esteem
Is fun!

Lessons starting from $14.00
5% discount to parents wishing to enrol more than 1 child.

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact Genesis Music
School Direct on 0421 426 674
**Literacy and Numeracy Tips of the Week**

**Literacy Tip**: Talk to your child about the process you go through when selecting books for your own reading. Then, let them tell you how they select their books.

**Numeracy Tip**: Play I Spy or other games to identify shapes, numbers and patterns.

**Useful Literacy and Numeracy Websites**

**Literacy Websites**:

4. [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
5. [www.tumblebooklibrary.com](http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com)

*Sunshine Online is now available at the App Store!*

**Numeracy Websites**:


Sonia Papadopoulos- **Literacy Coach**  
Gail Liakoureas- **Numeracy Coach**
Join us on the oval to complete our planting and mulching of the native grasses, Poa labillardierei (Common tussock-grass) and Dichanthium sericeum (Silky bluegrass)

Thanks to Melbourne Water and Friends of Kororoit Creek for their recent generous donation of native shrubs and grasses for our oval.

These plants will provide a habitat for small birds, butterflies, skinks and insects.

Stay for as little or as long as you like

Questions? Contact Lisa 0423329734

Many hands make light Work
It's back to '56 at Sunshine Heights.
To celebrate our 60th Birthday we want to...

SWING BACK
TO THE 60's
AND FLY BACK
TO THE 50's

Thursday 8 September
Gates open 5:30pm

Featuring
50s and 60s
6-piece cover band
The Cadillacs!

Come and see our
‘Exhibition of Learning’
created by the students
to showcase the history of
Sunshine & our school

Bring a picnic dinner,
drinks & your crazy
50s/60s outfit
HOMELESSNESS WEEK

First Week of August 2016

Part of the Uplift Collective’s mission is to encourage students to act out of kindness and have empathy for others. And lending a helping hand to those less fortunate than us is a great way to pay kindness forward. Which is why we are inviting students and their families to pay it forward during the first week of August, 2016. The first week of August marks the annual, Homelessness Week, which aims to raise awareness and funds for the many Australians who are homeless and sleeping on the street. Can you imagine sleeping on the streets in this cold? Neither can we. To bring awareness to this growing issue and to help those who do not have shelter or food or warm clothing, we will be running a drive for St Mary’s House of Welcome, as well as selling blue laces in support of the foundation ‘Youth Off the Streets’. Read on to find out more information and to find out how to pay it forward.

Did you know?
On any given night in Australia 1 in 200 people are homeless and will sleep on the streets.

And...
There are an estimated 32,444 young people aged between 12 and 24 who are homeless and lack family support.

And...
Only 2 in 7 homeless Australians will be able to find a bed in a boarding house and only 1 in 7 find a bed in a service system.

And...
Of the thousands of Australians who are homeless, 10,000 of those are children, just like our students.
ST MARY’S HOUSE OF WELCOME

St Mary’s House of Welcome in Fitzroy is a support centre for disadvantaged people experiencing homelessness, poverty and mental health issues. St Mary’s serve over 40,000 meals a year to homeless people as well as providing clothing and shelter. But in order for them to maintain this, they need donations of staple items such as the following:

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<td>Individual Soap Bars</td>
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<pre><code>                                                             | without any stains. **NEW**                                      |
                                                             | women’s underwear from                                          |
                                                             | size 14-20+ is also needed.                                      |
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A box will be set up in the office foyer area labelled ‘St Mary’s House of Welcome’ for your donations to go in. We will be accepting donations between Monday 1st August and Friday 5th August 2016 after which all donations will be taken directly to St Mary’s House of Welcome.

LACE IT UP FOR YOUTH OFF THE STREETS

Throughout the first week of August, the Uplift Collective will be coming around to classrooms to sell ‘blue laces’ to raise money for the organisation **Youth Off the Streets** who do amazing work supporting the 47,000 youth under 25 who are living on our streets. Each pair of blue laces will cost $5.00 and students are encouraged to swap their ordinary laces for the blue ones in solidarity for young people, just like them, who are doing it tough. A box of laces will also be on display at the office for parents to purchase.

LETTERS OF HOPE

The Uplift Collective will be setting up a postbox at the office and encourage students and their families to write a letter of hope to a young homeless person just to let them know they are not alone. These will be delivered to St Mary’s House of Welcome alongside our food, toiletry and clothing donations.