**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Focus on Reading**

We are proud of our Reading program at Sunny Heights. Over the last couple of years teachers have worked hard to build their professional knowledge about teaching reading to students of all ages and levels. We have been supported on this journey by our Literacy Coach and an expert consultant, both of whom work with teachers both during planning and in the classroom. Our work is based on research of current best practice and we strive to ensure that, no matter what grade your child is in, they will receive a consistent and high quality program.

**What happens in the Reading Block?**

During the daily reading block teachers spend part of the lesson with the whole class addressing specific learning needs that have been identified. They provide explicit demonstrations of strategies that good readers use. Students then move off to independent reading, where they select ‘just right books’ to practice the strategies that have been taught and to work on their personal reading goal. Whilst the students are engaged in their reading teachers use this time to conference with individual students and work with small groups of students who all have a similar need. This is a valuable time for both students and teachers. Students are able to access learning that is suited to their specific level and teachers are able to assess students and identify their next step.

Towards the end of the lesson, students are encouraged to reflect on their learning. They think deeply about the texts they have read and reflect on the strategies they have been using to help them read fluently and with good understanding. They meet together as a whole class and discuss these strategies. They give feedback to their peers and share their understanding with each other.

**How do teachers know what their students need?**

Individual student conferences provide excellent opportunities for teachers to listen to students read, identify their strengths and weaknesses and set goals. But during all parts of the reading block teachers are actively listening to students – they ask probing questions during whole class discussions, they move around the room when students are reading independently and they monitor students when they are working in small groups. Teachers keep detailed records on students and they use this information to help them plan lessons that will meet the needs of the whole class and individual students. They have regular meetings with their colleagues to share their expertise and to ensure that there is consistency in the programs that they are providing for all students.

**What can you do to help at home?**

We do not expect our parents to be reading experts. We ask that you encourage your child to read every night and ensure that reading is a pleasurable experience.
You know your child best and could support them in a variety of different ways:

- Listen to your child read
- Read to your child
- Read with your child
- Look at the pictures and talk about the book
- Ask your child to tell you their favourite part
- Ask your child to talk about the characters in a story
- Ask your child about the information they learnt in a nonfiction text
- Ask your child about the strategies they are using
- Remind your child to have a “Growth Mindset” and to try their best

If you have any concerns about your child’s reading, please make a time to talk to their teacher. Alternatively, you are welcome to drop by the office and have a chat with me. Reading is one of my passions and I am always willing to discuss any issues with parents.

Attitudes to School Survey

Every year Ms Noel works with our Grade 5 and 6 students to complete a survey put out by the Department. It asks students for their opinion on a range of topics including classroom behaviour, connectedness to their peers, student motivation and teacher effectiveness. We have just received the results for the 2016 survey and I am pleased to announce that the results are very pleasing. We achieved high levels in most areas and are at state level or above. I would like to thank Ms Noel and the classroom teachers for their ongoing care and support for our students.

Hope everyone has had a great week.

Jacinta Goldie
Acting Principal

So You think You Have Talent

Do you have a talent? Can you sing, dance, juggle, skip, perform magic or tell jokes?

We are currently taking applications for auditions. Auditions will happen at lunch time in Weeks 7 and 8 and students will be given a date and time. The final will be on Wednesday 14th of September and parents are more than welcome to come along.

Entry forms are available at the office.

UPLIFT COLLECTIVE FUNDRAISING NEWS

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

2015 Fundraising $4,633.00
Easter Raffle 2016 $950.10
Mother’s Day T-Shirts $859.28

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.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Jayden Tanu-Saputra’s mum for donating push & pull toys to the Science department of our School.

Miss Polini
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:** Ask your child to choose a character from their favourite book and discuss the character’s actions and feelings. Question your child further to challenge their thinking.

**Numeracy Tip:** Ask your child questions to encourage them to investigate maths:

- What shapes can you see?
- How could we measure the...?
- How will we find half?
- What is the best way to share...?

**Useful Literacy and Numeracy Websites**

**Literacy Websites:**

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

**Numeracy Websites:**


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*Sonia Papadopoulos - Literacy Coach*

*Gail Liakoureas - Numeracy Coach*
Manh, Lewis, Jonah, Christian, Saw, Ahmed, Jett, Edie and Abishek - students from 3A - are showing the heart of compassion, one of our school values.

Through the generosity and support of parents in our school community, they have organised some delicious and healthy sweet treat donations and will sell these to help raise money for Oxfam, an organisation that helps people around the world who are less fortunate and in need of assistance.

These special treats will be sold at recess and lunch, outside of the new canteen, on Tuesday 9th August 2016. Treats will be priced between $1 to $3 and all money raised will be donated to Oxfam to help them make the lives of others a lot better.

Please bring some loose change on the day and support our students showing such compassion and initiative, while supporting an amazing organisation.
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>Quick Oats</td>
<td>Mini Shampoo/Conditioner</td>
<td>New or secondhand men’s and women’s t-shirts, jumpers, tracksuit pants or jeans in M to XL sizes.</td>
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<td>Cornflakes</td>
<td>Individual Soap Bars</td>
<td>Secondhand goods must be in good, clean condition and without any stains. <strong>NEW</strong> women’s underwear from size 14-20+ is also needed.</td>
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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.
Uplift Collective
Canteen Takeover

Week 7, Thursday 25th August 2016

For one day only, the Uplift Collective will be taking over the canteen to offer a healthy and mouth watering menu that’ll provide nourishment for your heart, body and mind.

Lentil Vegie Burgers - $5.00
A delicious and nutritious burger made from lentils and served on a tasty wholemeal roll with fresh lettuce, hummus, beetroot and tomato

INGREDIENTS LIST: olive oil, onion, ground cumin, lentils, carrot, egg, breadcrumbs, wholemeal bread, hummus, beetroot, tomato and lettuce

Strawberry Shortcake Muffins - $2.50 each
They may look a little guilty, but these muffins are both super tasty and super healthy with their perfect blend of strawberries and yoghurt.

INGREDIENTS LIST: oats, plain fat free greek yoghurt, eggs, baking stevia, baking soda, baking powder, strawberries and lemon

Tortilla Chips with Fresh Guacamole - $3.00 per cup
These low in fat, handmade tortilla chips are not only good for you, but have an amazing, tasty crunch. Made even better with our homemade guacamole for you to indulge.

INGREDIENTS LIST: corn tortilla, vegetable oil, avocado, red onion, coriander, lemon and chipotle paste
Banana Bread - $2.50 per slice
The perfect blend of life’s natural goodness and choc-a-block full of taste and good health with banana, wholemeal flour and yummy maple syrup.

INGREDIENTS LIST: wholewheat flour, maple syrup, bananas, milk, baking soda, vanilla extract, salt, cinnamon, dark chocolate and wholewheat flour

Drink – Fresh Orange Juice - $2.00 a cup
Super zingy and fresh, this orange juice will quench not only your thirst, but also your taste buds.

INGREDIENTS LIST: oranges & more oranges

Banana Smoothies - $2.50 a cup
Thick, smooth and full of goodness, our banana smoothies will have you going ape.

INGREDIENTS LIST: bananas, milk, honey, cinnamon and plain yoghurt.
Uplift Collective Canteen Takeover
ORDER FORM
Week 7, Thursday 25th August 2016

Please complete the order form (by ticking the boxes next to the food/drink you wish to order and writing the quantity required) and return to the office with the correct total money enclosed in an envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name and grade. All order forms must be submitted by no later than MONDAY 8th AUGUST 2016. ** Please note, to avoid waste and for catering purpose, ALL food and drinks must be pre-ordered. We will only have very limited muffins and tortilla chips for sale on the day.

- Lentil Veggie Burger - $5.00
- Strawberry Shortcake Muffin - $2.50
- Tortilla Chips with Guacamole - $3.00
- Banana Cake with Dark Chocolate - $2.50
- Banana Smoothie - $2.50
- Fresh Orange Juice - $2.00

QTY________
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TOTAL ENCLOSED: $_______________

CHILD’S NAME: ________________________________________________

CHILD’S GRADE: ________________________________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: ________________________________

** Please note: by signing this form, you acknowledge that you have carefully read the ingredients list for each item you have ordered and have checked for any ingredient items or made inquiries about food items that your child may have an allergy or intolerance to.
Dear Parents, Guardians, Family and Friends,

This FATHER’S DAY the Uplift Collective are very excited to offer you a limited edition cap especially designed for the heroes in your lives! With a rocking pop art design and simple pop text, these caps will make your hero not only stylish but SUPER everyday of the week.

The caps are high quality polyester trucker-style with embroidered eyelets, pre-curved peak and adjustable Velcro fastener.

One size fits all. One Design. Many cap colours to choose from.

Caps are available in black, blue, green, orange, pink, purple, red, white and yellow. Please note, these colour choices are for the actual cap. The actual design is black and white print.

Caps will be $15.00 each.

All profits will go toward the Uplift Collective’s mission of building new positive play spaces within the school for all students to use and enjoy.

If you are interested in ordering a cap, you will need to download the Qkr! app from your app store on your smart phone. Once downloaded, you can register and make online payments for a variety of school events, including ordering our SUPER caps for your heroes! In the app, you can choose your cap colour and pay your money. A link to Qkr! can also be found on the main menu page of Tiqbiz. If you need any help with Qkr or Tiqbiz please see Francine or the office staff.

All orders must be completed no later than Wednesday 13th August 2016. You will be able to collect your t-shirt from the Father’s Day breakfast (or the office if you are unable to attend) on Friday 2nd September or from the office. Please note: we need a minimum of 50 orders to make these caps go ahead, so please do put in your orders promptly to avoid missing out!

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Deepest gratitude,
The Uplift Collective
PS. For cap design, cap style and sample colours, check out the next page!

All hats will have this super cool, pop art-inspired HERO design printed on them.

Designs will be printed on high quality trucker-style hats, available in 11 different colours – white, yellow, orange, pink, red, green, blue, purple and black. You choose your preferred colour when ordering on QKRI.