Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

Thursday 30th August is the anniversary of the first landing of settlers in the place which was to become known as Melbourne.

It was on 30 August 1835 that these first settlers landed and commenced with the building of a thatched storage hut and the clearing of land along the north bank of the Yarra River. These settlers sailed from Van Diemen’s Land (Tasmania) on board the schooner Enterprize.

They landed on the north bank of the Yarra River, close to where Customs House stands today and the place now known as Enterprize Park, where Williams Street and Flinders Street meet near the old Customs House.

The people of the Kulin nation are the traditional owners of the land that became Melbourne, including the Boonwurrung, Woiwurrung, Taungurung and Djadjawurrung people, who gathered in this place for ceremonies and cultural activities.

This is the City of Melbourne flag, a white background divided into four quadrants by a red cross, which is the cross of St. George, the patron saint of England and taken from the English flag. In the centre, a crown is visible, signifying the Australian city’s links to the British Monarchy. Other items featured are a fleece hanging from a red ring, a bull, a ship and a whale.

The four cantons represent the main activities of which the economy of the City of Melbourne was based in the mid-19th century. They were wool growing, cattle raising, shipping and whaling.

As you will be aware industrial action is continuing from ongoing DEECD enterprise bargaining with the Australian Education Union, the CPSU and United Voice regarding logs of claim covering employees in the executive class, the principal class, the teacher class, the paraprofessional class and the education support class. This is everyone employed at our school. The previous EBA ended on 31 Dec 2011.

Wednesday 5th September has been declared a stop work day.

At this stage, I am unsure how many staff will be at school, however at the previous stop work 3 teachers were in attendance.

Before and After School Care will not operate.

A letter will be sent home on Monday 3rd informing you of the staff who will be in attendance.

Following on from the Grade 1 students’ participation in the Memory Maestros program through the Royal Children’s Hospital, several children identified as meeting the criteria will soon begin a specific 2 week memory training program at school. I have discussed with the coordinator, the option of viewing the program and possibly implementing it into our school. Memory Maestros trials the CogMed program and focusses on Working Memory.

## Care Member of the Week

**Week beginning 13 August 2012**

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<td>For sharing his knowledge on Vietnam. Well done!!</td>
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<td>Thomas C</td>
<td>For showing confidence when teaching us a new game.</td>
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<td>Skyla M.R</td>
<td>For participating confidently and listening to others during our CARE group lessons on Italy.</td>
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<td>Ike T</td>
<td>For being a well mannered and attentive listener during CARE activities.</td>
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<td>Moaz Y</td>
<td>For his constant enthusiasm in CARE group!</td>
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<td>Abubaker H</td>
<td>For making an awesome Chinese dragon and for helping the younger CARE members.</td>
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<td>Andrew S</td>
<td>For making a great Chinese dragon whilst investigating China. Well done!!</td>
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<td>Tessa C</td>
<td>For her consistent approach and positive attitude to our CARE lesson on China.</td>
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<td>Delhi 4</td>
<td>Jack S</td>
<td>For contributing thoughtfully and sensibly to our CARE lesson on Greece. Well done!!</td>
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<td>Finnegan B</td>
<td>For learning to share and trying hard to complete his Zeus puppet.</td>
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## Office News

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

### Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

The sticker cards have been posted and we now await verification of the points we can spend on literacy products. Thank you to everyone who collected for the school our **Total was 46,710 points**.

### Coles Sport for Schools Program

All vouchers have been posted and we now await verification of our points to spend on sporting goods. Our total is estimated to be **65,880 points**.

### Boost Free Fruit Program

Our school was chosen to be included in the Boost Free Fruit Program as advertised on Fox FM. Lesley McCarthy nominated our school and as from today fresh fruit is being delivered to our school every week for four weeks.

We still have Happy Apple delivering fruit on Fridays for the remainder of this year and most of next year.
Assistant Principal's Corner
Sandra McOrist

Rocks - Could I Please Have your Assistance

Once again I am making a plea about our children playing with rocks. Each time that I think we have collected them all more are excavated by the children.

I would encourage all families to discuss the issue and the dangers of playing with and throwing rocks.

FLEMINGTON STREET PICK UP

We seem to have a lot of families at present who are double and triple parking in order to collect their children from the gate. I would encourage parents to park legally and walk to collect their children. Yard Duty times at the end of the day are 3:30-3:45. If your child is out in the yard or down at Flemington Street after that time they will be taken to the office to wait inside. If you are running late please ring the school so as to make the appropriate arrangements.

RACV Energy Breakthrough: Recumbent Bike

Please note that our two teams will continue their riding training each morning and afternoon on the running track. Families are advised to take extra care whilst dropping off and picking up their children and avoid using the running track at all costs.

Thank you for your assistance.
David Meyer

Many thanks and congratulations to everyone involved in the outstanding Literacy & Numeracy Week activities on offer for our students and their families this week. From the Reach For The Stars Maths & Literacy activities conducted in every class to the Family & Friends book donation sale; the Family Maths with MAV to the visiting authors - Roland Harvey and Kate Wilson; and the excitement of new books in the Library and classrooms, what a week!

Special thanks to Zoe Lewis, & David Meyer and their teams for all their work in the planning and organisation. Well done!
Lesley McCarthy

Curriculum News

National Literacy and Numeracy Week

National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) represents a collaborative approach by all Governments and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people.

The week aims to recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills. During NLNW we will be getting involved in a range of literacy and numeracy activities including:

- FAMFA maths night for families
- Presentation from the engaging mathematics presenter and author Rob Vingerhoeds
- Family and Friends book donation sale each afternoon in the prep rooms
- Visiting Authors
- All students will complete Reach for the Stars numeracy and literacy activities in class

Family and Friends Book Donations
27th-31st August at 3.45pm-4.15pm

During National Literacy and Numeracy Week (27th-31st August) we are hosting a Family and Friends book donation sale each day from 3.45pm-4.15pm in the Prep rooms.

Parents and students are invited to purchase needed books and donate them to the school. This year we have recognised the need to upgrade our 3/4 classroom libraries and fill up our prep-2 take home readers. The books on sale will go directly to these areas.

Once you purchase a book you will receive a donation sticker. The person who is donating the book will have their name stuck inside the cover of the book. Of course you can purchase as many books as you like. They could be donated by different members of the family!
Family & Friends Maths Night with MAV

I’d like to start by applauding all the families and staff who were in attendance on Tuesday night. Not only was it a great way for the school to kick off National Literacy and Numeracy Week, but celebrated our students’ mathematics and brought families into the classroom providing a snapshot of how their children learn.

Thank you to Courtney who represented the Mathematics Association of Victoria (MAV) and hosted the evening. The wide range of hands-on activities required a variety of problem solving strategies and proved highly engaging, challenging students, parents, teachers and assistant principals alike. Please keep an eye on the school website as all the activities from the night will be made available very soon.

Personally, I had many wonderful conversations with parents who were extremely appreciative, not only the night, but also appreciative of all the fantastic mathematics that is happening in classrooms on a daily basis. I had the impression that there are many parents who don’t want to be intrusive at school, however really are interested in discussing the learning and seeing just what is going on inside our 4 walls; something that I know all staff openly welcome.

Another point that I picked up on was how important it is for parents to know how to ask questions to their children. Questions that don’t merely scratch the surface, rather they dig deeper and really unlock the thinking strategies / reasoning skills of their children.

i.e.

- What other possible answers could there be?
- How could you explain this to someone else?
- Where else could you use this strategy? Where in the real world?
- What could change and what has to stay the same so that ... is still the same?
- What were you saying in your mind as you were working?
- How do you know there are no other possible answers?
- What exactly is the question asking you to do?
- Which parts were the easiest / most difficult to solve?
- What do you now know? Still not know?
- That’s great. Now prove it.

Finally, please don’t forget about our second maths night with Professional Maths Consultant, Rob Vingerhoets as he explores how you can help your child learn the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Please note that even if you missed last Tuesday, this session is open to all (adults only).

Date: Tuesday 11th September
Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm
Venue: 5/6 Learning Neighbourhood Building

David Meyer
What’s been happening in grade 1/2?
At the beginning of the term we learnt about the Olympics. As part of our inquiry and writing lessons, students wrote letters to an Olympian.

We spent many sessions planning, composing, editing and publishing our letters. Finally, we addressed them in an envelope and walked down to the post box to post them.

It has been nearly 3 weeks since we sent our letters. BUT TODAY WE GOT A REPLY!!!! Jessica Schapper was one of the athletes we wrote to and she responded to each person who wrote to her! Each postcard had a personal message - we were so excited! Hopefully the other athletes will write back too!

Alarice, Haimi and Victoria with their post cards from Jessica Schapper!

This week the 5/6s had a visit from the author, Kate Wilson. She has written a few books about her life, one of which is “Black Saturday was my Dad’s Birthday”. Kate Wilson experienced the devastating Black Saturday bush fires which destroyed her family home. To help her emotional recovery she wrote the picture story book about her experience. During her talk she brought some of the things that she collected after the fire had ruined her house and most of them were melted metal. She has put her collection in resin to preserve them. She also shared with us some photos of the bush fires and she discussed the range of emotions she felt as a result of this devastating disaster. We thoroughly enjoyed her visit. By Maddie and Jay.

Roland Harvey Author Visit!

On Tuesday as part of NLUW we got the opportunity to meet the famous children’s/writer and illustrator Roland Harvey. Here is what some of the students thought of him:

I thought that he was good at making things 3D and I liked his books. Sam 1L

- I thought that Roland Harvey was funny and he drew funny faces with square, circle and triangle faces. Lucy 1L

- I thought he was funny at the start when he was doing a role play. His drawings were very interesting and funny and I liked it when he drew the road perspective. Max 3T

- I thought he was a really good drawer. He was very funny and made all of us laugh. I liked how he drew the pictures of the animals. Rachel 3T

- I enjoyed how Roland Harvey showed us how to draw interesting illustrations. Ally 2W

- Roland Harvey taught us how to draw different faces. Raymond 2W

- Roland makes books and draws pictures. Nadia PP

- Roland Harvey came to our school. He showed us how he makes books and draws horses. George PP

Original artwork from Roland’s book
Roland signing our books

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Instrumental Music Program

Vern O’Hara

Next Wednesday 5th September the teachers will be on strike. As most teachers and students will not be attending school on that day, no instrumental lessons will be given.

- Senior band will be held on Thursday 6th September.
- Rosey will teach her Wednesday students on Thursday 6th September.
- Leonie will teach her Wednesday students next Monday 3rd September.
- Chris will give a makeup lesson in the last week of this term.

Also note that Vern will not be giving piano lessons next Friday 7th September as he will be at State School Spectacular rehearsals all day. He will give makeup lessons on the last Friday of this term, 21st September.

Flemington Kensington Colts Heroic 2012 Premiership Win

The Flemington Kensington Colts had a dramatic Grand Final win over the much bigger Albion yesterday to decisively take the Western region U12B Premiership 10.11.71 to 7.6.48.

FPS’s Yosl L and Rohan A C starred, along with the great boys from Kensington, Ascot Vale, North Melbourne, and other local schools.
2012 Prep Father’s Day PMP
Community News

Early bird rate for The Kids Up Front Holiday Camp expires September 3rd.

Kensington Junior Cricket Club

KJCC is your community based club competing in the NWCA.
We are part of the Kensington Flemington Junior Sports Club and are based at Holland Park in Kensington.

Registration is open to boys and girls for U10, U12, U14 & U16 age groups.
MILO In2Cricket registrations - on line thru club web site or Cricket Victoria.

Training begins at JJ Holland Park on Saturday 1st September.

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