School Leadership Message – Glenn Butler, Alison Rees, Christian Holdsworth, Bianca Gatherum and Anne Ng

Principals in the Classroom
Over the last fortnight it has been wonderful to be a part of student learning in Year One, Four and Five. Each of our classroom visits aligned to one of the school’s goals for the year - develop a whole school approach to literacy. Working alongside the classroom teachers we witnessed firsthand the benefits to student learning that are provided through inquiry learning, the explicit teaching of skills and concepts, teacher conferences and clear processes.

Aarush and Adarsh in 4JT shared the processes they follow as a part of Mount View’s Writer’s Workshop:

1. They unpacked their ideas relative to the ‘Sharing the planet’ Unit of Inquiry.
2. They choose the text type for their piece. They had both chosen an Information Report. Emily in 4JT chose a narrative.
3. The vital next step was then to plan their writing. This drew upon the explicit teaching moments from their years of schooling and required them to ensure they had the essential elements of an Information Report:
   - Introduction – Definition and clear explanation of the subject.
   - Body – A description of the subject using factual language, action verbs and evidence. Including: tables, web links and diagrams to add more information.
   - Conclusion – An interesting statement or series of statements to summarise the information presented.
4. The boys then researched and gathered factual information on their topic.
5. Their information was melded into their plan as they produced their first draft. Jian-Yu is pictured below drafting his work.
6. Aarush and Adarsh are pictured re-reading and edited their work using the Writer’s Checklist.
7. At this stage student groups then work with the teacher in a conference group where they receive rich feedback from the teacher and their peers on their piece’s strengths and areas for improvement.
8. Following a re-draft and peer conference, students then publish their piece in a format of their choice.

*Throughout the process students move their photo along the process plan which provides a clear visual of how their piece is tracking.

It was very satisfying to see students engaged in their learning and to see consistent teacher practice in each of classrooms we joined. Whole school approaches to teaching and learning provide students with predictable learning experiences; identified by the Department of Education as a High Impact Teaching Strategy and a measure of successful schools.
School Council

School Councils play a key role in Victorian government schools. The School Council supports the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. Participating as a School Council member or as a member of a committee is a rewarding and challenging experience. School Council membership for 2018 includes parents: David Lee, Rohan Dowd, Sonal Patel, Kamala Powell, Savi Dias, Genie Blamey, Anh Nguyen and Samuel Liu. Department of Education and Training employee members include: Kate Hansen, Christian Holdsworth, Natalie Wynd and Frances Braithwaite. The Principal, Glenn Butler is an ex officio member of School Council. We welcome all members of our community to join committees or attend School Council meetings as guests.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th of May 7:00 pm (Sub-Committees) and 7:30 pm (Council).

This year’s committees:

- Finance and Trading Operations
- Education and Policy

School News

New Goal Post Padding

Great news for all our football fanatics! The new goal post padding has arrived and has been fitted to the football posts.

Staffing

Visual Arts

On Monday we will welcome Christine Locke who will take up the vacant Visual Arts position. Working alongside Jude Insole, Christine will bring a wealth of experience and energy to this specialist program. Christine comes to Mount View from Maramba PS where she has been the Visual Arts teacher for a number of years.

Performing Arts

Today we bid farewell to Michelle Crupi who has taken up an on-going Performing Arts position at Kismet Park PS in Sunbury. Michelle has been with us since the beginning of 2017 and we greatly appreciate the work she has done for the benefit of the Mount View students. The selection process is well underway to find a new Performing Arts teacher. The new appointment will be made in the next two weeks.

Website

Communication between the school and the community is a prime focus. Many parents will have accessed the school website which is currently under development and noted that it requires some significant improvement. The school proposes the formation of a small working group of parent volunteers to assist in the maintenance of a vibrant school website. The initial time commitment would a brief afternoon or evening meeting followed by action and editing at times convenient to each of the group members. Please contact Glenn Butler at butler.glenn.d@edumail.vic.gov.au to indicate your interest.
ICAS – Bianca Gatherum, Anne Ng and Joanna Meehan

2018 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Thank you to the Years 3-6 families who have already lodged their interest in the ICAS competitions scheduled for Term 2 and Term 3. The due date for most of the competitions was 29th March as listed below.

If your child is involved, please ensure that you don’t make medical or dental appointments on these mornings.

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Information about ICAS can be found on the following website. [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is happening from Monday 21st to Friday 25th May. We are celebrating ‘The Arts’ in 2018 and by opening up all classrooms on Tuesday 22nd May from 2pm -4pm. Our ‘Showcase’ of students performing on our new STAGE under the cover area will be happening from 4-5pm. Come along to visit classroom and watch performances like AUSLAN club, Year 3 Recorder, singing, dancing and students playing instruments.

ICT News – ICT Leader Erwin Dumenden

Come and Visit

Prep ‘Investigation Time with Mum’

This year the prep team will hold an ‘Investigation Time with Mum’ event to celebrate Mother’s Day. It will be Friday 11th May 2.15 – 3.15 in the prep building. Prep mothers/grandmothers are invited to come along and participate in Investigation Time with their child.

The prep team is excited to share and celebrate Investigation Time with the community. Information will be shared in the coming week. Please see you child’s Prep teacher if you have any questions.
On Saturday 21st of April we were graced by the arrival of a delegation of 8 students and 2 teacher chaperones from El Salvador. As soon as they exited the airport they experienced the cool Melbourne weather as they were blown to bits by our gale force winds. This was only the beginning of the weather that Melbourne had to offer our Central American visitors and the saying of ‘Four Season in one day’ certainly was something that would stick in their minds.

Throughout the three weeks the students and teachers were embraced by the school community and felt the warm welcome from the staff. Students were engaged in lessons with their host student’s class and the teacher chaperones enjoyed exploring all the Mount View learning spaces and getting inspiration for their school back in San Salvador.

We were honoured with the presence of the El Salvadoran Consul General to Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia at our Welcome Assembly. He was overwhelmed by the ISSE program and thrilled that students from his country were sharing their culture with our Mount View community. He welcomed the delegation with a gift and shared his gratitude with the school community by presenting our principal Glenn Butler with an art work from his private collection.

The delegation and their hosts were fortunate enough to go on a number of excursions to experience our unique Australian culture and history. They visited the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Hosier Lane, Healesville Sanctuary, Werribee Gorge and Sovereign Hill as part of these wonderful excursions.
As part of the hosting experience, all families hosted a dinner for the two chaperons and accompanying Mount View ISSE Committee members. At these dinners they experienced the wonderful range of our Australian and International food culture whilst also being able to see first-hand where each student was staying and witness the everyday lives of the families. We are so grateful for the time and effort each of the host families put in to the program and for making each delegation member feel so at home and blessed to have been part of the program.

During the weekends the delegation headed off on adventures in and around the city with their hosts and got to experience what Melbourne and its surrounds had to offer. One of the highlights for Celina and Carmen was visiting the Great Ocean Road, staying in Apollo Bay right on the water and being able to feed some of the native wildlife. Thanks to Andrew Levey for being our personal tour guide and driver for the weekend and ensuring our time on the East Coast was exciting and educational. We shared many laughs and made many wonderful memories over the weekend.

The final full day had to be one of the most profound and moving experiences I have had since the arrival of our Salvadoran visitors. I spent the morning going about my day as normal for a Thursday. I arrived at school and prepared for the classes I had planned. At 11:30 I was mid-way through a Maths lesson when the classroom door flung open and in walked Mrs Pullbrook, the two Chaperones and our Assistant Principal Christian Holdsworth. Amongst all of the excitement, I was quite surprised that they had arranged for Jo and I to take our Chaperones to the colder, elevated parts of Victoria to try our luck at seeing some snow. Before I knew it, we were thrust into the car and driving up to Lake Mountain. As we got further and further up the mountain the temperature continued to drop until we begun to see sprinklings of snow. Mid way up, we pulled to the side of the road to touch the white snow that was blanketing the native trees. To hear the delightful laughs of Carmen and Celina as the snow fell on their heads was a sound that will be forever etched in my memory.
I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Kate Baxter, Adam Foster and the Leadership team for allowing me to be part of such a special program. Being a host has truly been one of the most beautiful experiences of my life for so many reasons.

I have been able to showcase many of our unique and epically picturesque landscapes, all of which are nothing short of awe-inspiring. Whether it be the stunning East Coast, the colourful city lane ways or the ever-changing colours of the Dandenong Ranges, we sure do live in a majestic place. But asides from the places we visited, is the lifelong friendships forged. I have grown to respect Celina and Carmen enormously in the short time I’ve known them, both as individuals to look up to and be inspired by, and as true friends.

The exchange and the spirit with which each student and family member has thrown themselves into the program has been nothing short of amazing. Watching all of the delegation and their host families bond together and bond with the Mount View community is such a beautiful sight. We are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful program that brings people from two different worlds together.
A BIG THANKS TO THE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

We are so excited about the latest addition to the gymnasium! This week 4 climbing ropes, a climbing ladder and Olympic Rings were installed into the roof of the gym. The PE team are really looking forward to utilising this new equipment for the Sensory Motor Program (SMP), fitness circuits and to aid in developing upper body strength essential for health fitness and learning. The climbing equipment caters for different age and levels and can be adapted to challenge all skill and fitness levels. Every student from Prep to Year 6 will have regular access to the use of this climbing equipment and will form part of their unique PE experience.

A huge thankyou to the Parents & Friends Association for generously funding the purchase of this new and exciting equipment for the Mount View Primary School community to benefit from. We are so grateful and look forward to seeing the growth in our students’ development as a result of this purchase.

Thankyou!
Merryn Ashcroft
State Swimming

Last Wednesday 4 students from Mount View competed at the State Swimming Championships held at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. They competed against the best swimmers in Victoria and we are very proud of their achievements and the way they conducted themselves as athletes and representatives of Mount View Primary School. The students received the following placings in their events. What an outstanding achievement and they should be very proud of themselves!

**Elissa Pomeroy** – 3rd in MC freestyle and 4th in MC Breaststroke and MC Backstroke

**Saskia Myers-Hately** – 2nd in MC Freestyle, 3rd in MC Backstroke and MC Breaststroke.

**Justin Zhou** – 4th in Backstroke

**Emily Wu** – 1st in MC freestyle and MC Breaststroke and 3rd in MC Backstroke

Congratulations!

The PE team
Congratulations to all students who completed the house cross country on Monday. It was a perfect day for running with our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students starting their morning with their Cross Country Race before recess. It was fantastic to see ALL the students make their way to the finish line and complete the race. It was great to see so many students dressed in their house colours and ready to do their best. The results of the Junior Cross Country were as follows.

**Prep**

1st - Tommy L, 2nd - Jeter L, 3rd – Jayden F

1st – Ava S, 2nd – Pawani M, 3rd – Nanami H

**Year 1**

1st – Amina B, 2nd - Andrea F, 3rd - Gisele P

1st – Jack C, 2nd – Isaac L, 3rd – Tobias U
The *Mount View Art Show* exhibits art works from artists from around Australia. It is one of the major fundraisers for MVPS and has now been running for 33 years! We would love for you to be involved.

**Get involved**

**JOIN THE ART SHOW COMMITTEE**

**MUMS and DADS:**

We desperately need your help setting up the show, receiving art works, hanging the art works, during the show weekend, and dismantling after the show. You do not need to be artistic to help, just offer some time and energy. Without the help of our community the show cannot run. To join the Committee or just to help out, please contact Sue Gadler via email at gadler-hele.sue.s@edumail.vic.gov.au.

**BECOME A SPONSOR:** Financial contributions are needed to fund this very important event and in return, **major** sponsors will receive lots of advertising and promotion. This includes on billboards, through flyers and the newsletters, on our Art Show website, etc. You will also receive free tickets to our Spectrum Opening Night. Sponsorship can be from a company or business or a family.

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If you are interested in supporting this fantastic event by being a **major** sponsor, please return the slip below to Mount View’s Assistant Principal - Alison Rees either via email or hard copy to the MVPS Office. An invoice will then be sent. For more information about sponsorship, please contact Alison Rees, to arrange how your business could be involved in supporting the show. Her email is: rees.alison.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**Mount View Art Show 2018 Sponsorship**

I/We would like to be a major sponsor of the 2018 Mount View Art Show.

- **Company Name:** _________________________
- **Family Name:** _________________________
- **Contact Name:** _________________________
- **Contact Phone:** _________________________
- **Contact Email:** _________________________
- **Sponsorship Amount:** $500  $750  $1000

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**SPECTRUM OPENING NIGHT** - Wednesday August 22nd from 7:00pm

A fantastic social night out for the grownups with great food, drinks, entertainment and first chance to see the show and another great way to support the school. More info on this event in future newsletters.

**VISIT THE ART SHOW** - Bring the family along

Open every day - Thursday 23rd – Sunday 26th August
**NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted from **Tuesday 15 May to Thursday 17 May** for all Year 3 & 5 students across Australia. These tests are to assess students’ literacy and numeracy skills in comparison with all other students at the same year level in Australia. The results of the NAPLAN are used by the school as one of the many sources of information about your child’s progress.

The timetable for the NAPLAN tests is as follows:

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Important notes about NAPLAN for parents:

- Please ensure that your son or daughter arrives at school by 8:50am, as the testing will begin at 9am. Please do not arrange any dental or other appointments for these mornings.
- If your daughter or son is absent on that day, please log onto Compass as per normal. Catch-up testing due to illness can up until the morning of Friday 18 May.
- There is no need for students to undertake additional preparation outside of school for these tests.

If you require further information or clarification of any of the above arrangements, please feel welcome to contact Bianca Gatherum

*Gatherum.bianca.b@edumail.vic.gov.au* or 9560 0471
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