**Principal’s Report:**

**WELCOME BACK!**
It’s great to be back and ready for another full and no doubt rewarding term. I was lucky to once again head off to the country for a restful break over the Easter period and enjoyed the fresh air and lack of connectivity! I have found indulging in a little time off, has helped me develop a better perspective on situations. Maybe the 3R’s are important – relaxation, recreation and rest! I hope you were able to take some time out with your family and friends over the holiday period too.

**FRIDAY’S LAUNCH**
One more sleep! Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who assisted in the organisation of tomorrow’s party! Just a reminder – in case you missed it……

When: 1 – 3.30pm
Where: Dream Space

Mr Steve Dimopoulos will be officiating and we welcome parents, siblings and families along to the celebrations.

**NEW EMAIL AND WEBSITE**
To coincide with Friday’s party, we will also be launching our new website. It will be mobile friendly and far easier to navigate on a range of devices. The website also has a far more modern interface. Whilst new photos are yet to be updated, all information has been revised and edited. Our new website address is: [www.mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au](http://www.mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au) and our email address is: [mountwaverley.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mountwaverley.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

All current Sussex Heights email and web information has been redirected to the above addresses.

**PROMOTIONAL PHOTOS – TUESDAY 26 – PLEASE WEAR NEW UNIFORM**
On Tuesday 26, a photographer will be coming in to take photos of students in our new school uniform. These photos will be for marketing purposes and in particular to develop our new school brochure and to be used on our website. We are requesting that all students wear their new school uniform on Tuesday 26 April. Remember that all students will receive a free polo top on Friday. If the polo top is not the correct size, please feel free to bring it back and swap it over for another size.

**NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM**
We had such an overwhelming response to pre-ordering the new uniform that we had to submit additional orders over the holiday period. Most orders have been filled, however we are still awaiting some items. In particular the larger sizes. We have asked PSW to provide them ASAP.
ANZAC CEREMONY
Next Tuesday, our Yr 6 school leaders will be attending an ANZAC ceremony at the Cenotaph in Glen Waverley. The event will be led by Colonel John Coulson RFD Ed (Ret.) OAM, a Trustee of the Shrine of Remembrance. ANZAC Day, originally a commemoration of the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915, has grown to become perhaps the most important national day in Australia. In addition to recognising the service and sacrifice of all Australians who have served in war or on peacekeeping operations, ANZAC Day has become core to the identity of Australia itself, a day on which Australians reflect on the Anzac spirit and its place in Australia today. This ANZAC Day, we mark the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.

EDUCATION WEEK 2016
Education Week is from the 15th to the 21st May. This year we will be holding a ‘Student Learning Showcase’ and inviting parents up throughout the day to view the wonderful progress our students are making with their learning. We will also be holding a Grandparent/Special person morning and morning tea. Further information to come.

PIECE TOGETHER PREP SESSION
Next Friday, 22 April, will be holding a ‘Story Time’ session from 2:00-3:00pm for any 4 year olds. This session will be held in the library. Invite a friend and come along with your pre-schooler!

YEAR 5/6 CAMP
Just a reminder that our Year 5/6’s will be off to Narmbool in June. A huge thank you to Mr Greg Ajani and Mrs Helen Davies who will be attending alongside Miss Lindsay Hannah and myself. A huge thank you to Greg who has had to arrange leave to attend camp. We are grateful for your assistance.

HIP HOP CLASSES
Hip Hop lunchtime classes are back! They start next Wednesday. There is still room to join. Please download the notice from the website or see the office staff for a form.

AFTER SCHOOL KARATE
GKR Karate are starting after school karate classes on a Tuesday and Friday evening. More information will be sent home after the demonstration at assembly on Monday.

MOTHERS DAY WRITING COMPETITION
The Pinewood Shopping Village is launching their very popular writing competition to all Primary School aged children in Monash. This is a wonderful opportunity for youngsters to put their feelings about their mum down on paper for a chance to win a beautiful Mother’s Day hamper filled with lovely gifts from the Village. The competition will provide a fun activity for all young children (under 14 years of age) and their parent(s) to get involved on this special day.

To enter: Full details can be found at http://pinewoodvillage.com.au/news-and-events/
All entries need to be completed on the official Entry Form by the deadline May 5.

Students will be requested to get their parents signature to participate and either email the completed form to or return it to our dropbox located at the Pinewood Newsagency, by May 5th.

The prize winner will be notified via email on 6th May, 2016.

FACILITIES
• Over the holiday period, the Fire Hydrant in the middle of the driveway was moved (to the garden bed) and upgraded to a new unit at the DET costs.
• You may have also noticed new signage (flag posts) along Huntingdale Rd. Our existing sign on Huntingdale Rd has been moved to the Solomon St entrance where it will be reclad. A larger sign will replace the Huntingdale Rd sign. Additional signage will be erected tonight in preparation for tomorrow’s launch.
• We have kept the old Sussex sign at the front of the school and are looking to find a good spot within the school grounds to place it. It really is a great link to our past and would look fantastic amongst a lush garden bed. If you have any ideas of how we could incorporate the sign into our gardens, I would love to hear from you.

SAVE THE DATE
Education Week – OPEN DAY – Wednesday 20 May

WORKING BEE – Sunday May 14 (9-12pm)
A BUSY TERM AHEAD
Here are a few of the upcoming events...
- Yr 5/6 camp coming up in a couple of months!
- School Photos – Thursday May 26
- Yr 5/6 interschool sports begins next week
- Cross Country
- Excursions
- Education Week Open Day
- ICAS Science testing
- Movie Night
- NAPLAN
- Mother’s day stall
- Rehearsals for Production begin

NEWSLETTER NAMING IDEAS

We need your help....what could we call our newsletter? Got a great idea? Enter your ideas below and return the slip (on the last page of the newsletter) to the school office by next Friday 22 April.

Launch of our New School Name Friday 15th April

In preparation for the launch party, a Register for helpers was created. Some of the spots are split into 2 x 1 hour sessions. If you would like to do the full 2 hours just click on both.
Please use the following link to sign up!

We're using VolunteerSpot to organize volunteers to help with our upcoming school name launch party.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:
1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: http://vols.pt/LiQKo4
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

On the eve of the name launch party we want to take a moment to acknowledge the businesses that have supported our school event through the donation of time, goods or services. It is through this valuable support that we can provide fabulous opportunities like this celebration to our students and school community.

So a very big THANK YOU to:

Masters Hardware – Hawthorn
Jellis Craig

Woolworths - Mount Waverley
Cappuccino XPresso

Berwick Pharmacy
The Topline Group

Heritage Seeds
Sportscove Australia

Until next week,

Sharon
Sharon Reiss-Stone
Assistant Principal’s Report:

**CURRICULUM UPDATE**
Term 2 is set for being a very exciting term! It has been great to see our SMART spelling program that we implemented last term working so well in every classroom. SMART is an acronym for the sequence teachers follow to teach words to students: S: Say, M: Meaning, A: Analyse, R: Remember and T: Teach. The teachers have done a wonderful job putting our whole school approach in action! You will notice the following posters up in classrooms:

These posters act as visual reminders for the students about our SMART spelling program. The spelling rules are not all taught at once, they are taught in the context of words in a way that builds on learning from prior years so your child will not learn all these rules in one year. The SMART spelling approach is designed to explicitly and systematically teach spelling. Spelling is best taught through pattern, regularity and an emphasis on meaning and vocabulary development. We want our students to be able to read their spelling words, understand what they mean and how to use them.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION NOTES:**
- Interschool Sport Round 1 has been moved to Tuesday 19th April 9 – 11am. We are the home team so sports will be played here but to assist Highvale PS our AFL 9’s will be going to their school to play. The AFL 9’s team will be leaving school at 9am sharp, please be on time!!
- Interschool Sport:
  - Round 2: AWAY: St Luke’s 9.00am – 11.00am
  - Round 3: HOME: Huntingtower 1.30pm – 3.30pm
  - Round 4: AWAY: Burwood East details to come
  - Round 5: HOME: St Christopher’s details to come
- We always require assistance in coaching our interschool sport teams so if you are free on Fridays and would like to coach a team please let me know. We have the following teams this term: Netball and Mixed netball, soccer rounders and AFL 9’s.
- Running Club will begin on Tuesday 19th April at 8.30am. Running club will consist of running drills, skipping, aerobic and activities to build up your fitness. It is a great warm up for those students interested in training for the Cross Country later in the term (more details to come soon). It is expected that students commit to at least a term of Running Club. If there are any parents who are interested in assisting with the Running Club, please let me know.

Thanks

*Carolyn*
Mother’s Day Stall Thursday 5th May
Mothers’ Day stall will be on Thursday 5th May. Prices will range from 50c to $5.00 and is a big thrill for many of the children. If you can help on the day from 9am till 12:30pm could you please let the Office or someone on the PA know.

Closet Clean-out Fundraiser – due Tuesday 26th April
Clothes, Linen or soft toys - WE WANT THEM!!!
Any unwanted clothes, linen or soft toys in clean, re-usable condition can be donated and all items are weighed and the school earns money for each kilogram donated. You should have received a bag for your goods with all of the details but you can use any bag you have and as many as you like!

Items MUST be
• In good re-usable condition
• No breakables
• Clean

Bags are due back on Tuesday the 26th April.

Movie Night on 29th April
Put this date in your diary!

Notices went home earlier this week to purchase tickets for the family movie night on the 29th April. It will be held in the PAC from 5:30pm. Relatives and friends are all welcome to come along.

Please return all forms by Friday the 22nd April so that we can organise catering. If you have misplaced your form please access the form on our website.

Sponsor required – If you know of any company or anyone that would like to sponsor the evening please send an email to krishnathurston@gmail.com. The cost is $300.

It is time to buy your Golden Ticket to our Family Movie Night.
Come and join us for:

WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

When: Friday 29th April, 2016
Time: Dinner 5.30pm, Movie 6.30pm
Welcome back to term 2 everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and enjoyed the term break! We were very busy bees at vacation care over the holidays, from excursions to the zoo and inflatable world to creating dishes from clay and making craft with resources from nature we found around the school!

I’m very excited and keen for term 2... lots of exciting things coming up including special visitors to after school care; we will definitely keep you posted!

COMING UP NEXT WEEK --- ANIMAL WEEK!!

M – Clay Echidnas and tiggy mania
T – Tiny teddy cars and action dice
W – Potato stamping and
T – Sheep finger painting and monkey tag
F – Board game bonanza and animal book-marks

From Rylie and the kids at Extend. :)

WATCH THIS SPACE

I am in the midst of setting up our own online blog for our school care program through ‘SEESAW’ where you can log on and see the masterpieces your child has created and photos of them at school care... very exciting stuff!!

No student profiles will be made without prior parent consent.
Come along and enjoy a Japanese cultural event presented by Frankston Susono Friendship Association. See our very own Masahiro Sensei performing.

Japanese Festival
Presented by Frankston Susono Friendship Association
Sunday 17 April 2016, 10am-4pm
Where: Frankston High School - Senior Campus Foot Street, Frankston
Come and help celebrate the Frankston-Susono Sister City relationship and experience Japanese culture. Activities include:
- Hands-on activities for all the family
- Japanese food and cooking
- Cultural displays
- Goods for sale
- Martial arts
- Sister City displays

Loads of prizes and give aways
For more information contact Peter Patterson on 0419581023 or ptpattern@sopetus.net.com.au
More details on our website and Facebook page: www.frankston-susono.com

Entry is $2 per person or $5 per family

GLEN WAVERLEY GYMNASTICS

A fun, safe and challenging gymnastics program for girls and boys aged 5-13 years! Classes are held in the Wesley College gymnasium on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays.
Call now to book your trial class!
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KICK A FOOTBALL
ITALIAN STYLE

NEW! JUNIOR INDOOR COMPETITION
Starting in 3 weeks!
REGISTER interest for our COME & TRY day at info@kickafootball.net or oakleighindoorsports@gmail.com
(bookings essential, please include # children and year level)

Categories: 1. Boys – Year 1&2  2. Girls – Year 1&2

# Rounds: Competition aligned with School term dates

When: Mondays from 4:30pm
from Mon, 2nd May to Mon, 20th June

Where: Oakleigh Indoor Sports & Inflatable World
4 Railway Avenue, Oakleigh

Teams/Players: Minimum 4 teams (max 10) per category
Minimum 5 players (max 10) per team

Cost: $80 per player / tournament
(8 week tournament) Upfront payment

Included: Team registration
FREE tournament uniform/top ($25 value)
FREE (1x) entry to inflatable World ($15 value)
One match per afternoon… plus
Grand Final match (top two teams)
Trophy and team medals (top two teams)
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