**Principal’s Report August 2018**

***Staffing***

The following teachers are currently on long service leave for Weeks 6 and 7 of Term 3:

* Rose Swindon – Rosa Ieria (CRT) employed in 5/6F
* Gary Smith – Steven Giammario (CRT) employed in 5/6A
* Cathy Crundall – Yvonne Broderick (CRT) employed in 3/4A

All of the CRTs have been employed at the school on previous occasions and are working productively within the PLTs for their year level.

***Book Week***

Book Week is being celebrated at Strathmore Primary School in Week 7 from Monday, 27th August to Friday, 31st August. This year’s theme is “Find Your Treasure”. There will be a Book Parade on the Monday from 9:00-10:00, a visit from author/illustrator, Leigh Hobbs, on the Tuesday and a Parent Open Reading Session on the Friday, 31st August from 2:30-3:30.

The school recently ran the “Great Book Swap” as part of Book Week celebrations and it generated a lot of excitement and quality discussion about enjoyment of literature. The school has raised over $500 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

***Year 3-6 House Athletics Carnival***

The Year 3-6 House Athletics Carnival was held recently at the Moonee Valley Athletics Centre in Aberfeldie. The carnival was a great success and we were lucky with the weather holding up for the majority of the day. Student participation was exceptional and many great efforts were noted across the events including 100m and 200m sprints, high jump, long jump, triple jump, discus, shot-put, hurdles and relays. I would like to thank the teachers and education support staff who attended and ran events and provided encouragement and support in their supervision. I would also like to thank the many parents who attended on the day, either as spectators or as helpers. Without the support from parents, events such as these would be considerably more challenging to organise – we greatly appreciate and enjoy your support on these days! I also wish to thank Ben Lepore for his organisation of the event – once again, Ben excelled in his organisation to ensure that it was a successful day and enjoyable for all.

***Year 3/4 Camp***

The Year 3/4 recently attended Camp Wilkin in Anglesea for three days. Students had a wonderful time and the weather was fantastic. We thank the teachers, parents and support staff who attended.

***Building Update***

The recent concrete pours have been successful and it has been pleasing to see that Danny Pearson, the State MP for Essendon, recently visited the school to view the progress of the building project. Danny toured the Foundation and Year 1/2 learning spaces and commented on how well-designed the spaces are to maximise learning for all students. Danny noted that the flexible spaces are allowing teachers and students to work together in productive ways in which the learning needs of students are targeted collaboratively across teaching teams with opportunities for students to foster positive connections with a broader range of peers from across a number of different home group classes. Thank you to the members of School Council who attended, as well as the School Captains and Vice Captains who greeted Danny on the day. Danny was presented with a card by two Year 1/2 students, in which they mentioned the things that they love about their new learning spaces!

***Traffic***

Recently, the local police have been observed patrolling both Lloyd Street and York Street at drop-off and pick-up times. As a school, we welcome this presence as it assists in reinforcing safe use of the roads and footpaths adjacent to the school.

***Parent Opinion Survey***

The survey closes on **Sunday, 26th August**. Reminders have been sent out on Flexibuzz. As of Thursday, 23rd August, we have close to a 30% response rate, which we would like to see increase over the last few days of the survey being open.

**Peter Olm – Acting Principal**