Principal’s Comments

School Council and Annual General Meeting
The first School Council for 2016-2017 sat on Monday 21st March. Congratulations to the following people who were co-opted onto council to fill the two vacancies: Fiona Robinson and Maree Jackson. Congratulations to the following officer holders:

- School Council President: Melanie Hedley
- Vice School Council President: Simon Cowan
- Treasurer: Andrea Haley
- Secretary: Danielle Macleod

The following people are on School Council Sub-Committees but we are looking for other Karoo people to join the Sub-Committees as listed below. All welcome to attend a meeting or to speak with the convenors.

Education Committee
- Convenor: Leanne Vines
- Members: Sarah Lawler, Fiona Robinson, Danielle Macleod, Annette Badham, Kerry Legg.
- Meeting: To be advised

Finance Committee (This Sub-Committee includes Marketing and Grants)
- Convenor: Irene Harding
- Meeting: Friday 22nd April at 2.30 p.m.

Building and Grounds Committee
- Convenor: Andrew Jones
- Members: Simon Cowan, Leanne Vines and Karen Corrales
- Meeting: To be advised

Fundraising Committee
- Convenor: Andrew Jones
- Members: Maree Jackson, Simon Cowan, Rebecca Young and KPA
- Meeting: To be advised

Out of School Hours Committee
- Convenor: Danielle Macleod
- Members: Melissa Newlands, Andrea Haley, Maree Jackson and Irene Harding
- Meeting: Tuesday 26th April at 6.15pm

Next School Council Meeting: Monday 2nd May at 7:00pm
Next KPA Meeting: Monday 18th April at 7:00pm

2015 Annual Report: Available on School website

Twilight Sports
The Twilight Sports was a very exciting and collaborative community event. There were so many helpers contributing to setting up, cooking, supervising and helping in a million ways. We think that we had at least 80% of our students in attendance loving the chance to compete, cheer, chant and wave streamers. The BBQ and drinks were a huge success on a lovely warm evening.

To every person who supported and participated in the Twilight Sports we value your efforts and contribution to a strong sense of community. The thinking, attention to detail, organisation, collaboration and motivation of the Twilight Sports Committee: Janelle Toh, Peta Alexander, Leanne Siwes and Andrew Jones was incredible and we thank them sincerely!!

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KPA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
TODAY FROM 2:30—3:45pm
In the Courtyard—most items on sale for gold coin

Phone: 9759-6222    Fax: 9759-6211    Email: karoo.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au    Web: http://www.karoops.vic.edu.au
Principal's Comments continued -

Junior School Council—Easter Egg Raffle
A wonderful range of eggs and items were wrapped by a big team of parent helpers and Class Representatives. It was a fantastic effort and lots of prizes were drawn at the Twilight Sports and over $1900 was raised. Thank you to all for your generous support with eggs and buying tickets.

Road Safety
Please remind your children to use the school crossings. The traffic officers have reported some very dangerous crossings of Karoo Road by children and parents. Also the Staff Car Park is not to be used by parents as it is dangerous to be dropping children there before and after school. Some families access the school through the carpark, for safety reasons please use the allocated gates. The gate on the reserve is now open to assist access. Road safety is a priority around schools. Please keep our children safe.

Cross Country
Last Thursday started beautifully with lots of fabulous support for setting up the Cross Country. The students were very excited and the classes were called out in levels and enjoyed the chance to rest and cheer while sitting on the reserve under the shade of the big trees with a lovely breeze. The Cross Country started at 11.30am with the Year 6s then the Year 5s running the 2 kilometres and each of them striving for a place or for their personal best. At 12.30pm the Year 5s boys were finishing and some of the Year 5s girls were just completing their third lap. By this stage the temperature had risen to the 30s, the children were looking very hot and we postponed the 10 year old, 9 year old and 8 year old events until Tuesday of this week.
Sharon Lee did a wonderful job in re-engineering the track and had a fabulous team of helpers at school at 7.45am to assist with setting up again! Tuesday was a perfect day to finish the event. We give our sincere thanks to all of those people who assisted over both of the days and contributed to the children having the opportunity to do their best.

No Assembly on Thursday.
School Dismissal on Thursday 24th March is 2.30pm

Enjoy a safe and happy Easter.
Irene Harding - Principal

CLASS AWARDS

Prep—Year 6
Week Ending—18th March, 2016

Level 2—Luke C, Tyson M & Campbell S—1U
P.E: 1A, 3M and 4M  Performing Arts: 3M and 4M

OFFICE NEWS...

Chicken Pox
We have had 2 cases of chicken pox reported to the office during the last week. A reminder that if you child is unwell during school time, the best place for them is at home and if you have any concerns consult your medical practitioner.

Thank you, Office Staff

SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING (SEAL)

- This is a program developed by the Education Department to enhance the learning opportunities of higher ability students throughout Victoria.
- Fairhills High School is the accredited SEAL school for the Knox and Maroondah areas. There are 40 other accredited SEAL schools in the rest of the state.
- Interested Grade 6 students make application to Fairhills High School which conducts a selection process in May each year.
- Students selected for the program are placed in a SEAL class at Fairhills where they complete the Years 7-10 curriculum at a faster rate and in greater depth taking three rather than four years. They then complete their VCE over three years instead of two and are able to study a wider range of VCE subjects and in some cases include a University subject all of which leads to higher university entrance ATAR scores.
- If your Grade 6 student is considered to be achieving highly in their class and you are interested in the SEAL program, you can obtain an information pack including an application form on request to your primary school principal.

Harvey Wood
Principal of Fairhills High School

WHEELERS HILL SECONDARY COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT 2016

Wheelers Hill Secondary College will be holding its annual Open Night for prospective students on Thursday 28th April, 2016 at 6.00 pm.

Guided Tours of the College displaying our students work in the Year 7 Learning Centre, Science laboratories, Food technology centre, and Gym, will leave from the College Foyer from 6 pm with many opportunities to interact with students and staff.

ICY POLES FOR SALE—$1:00

Today: 3:30-3:45pm
Tomorrow: 2:30-2:45pm

We will be selling icy poles for $1.00 after school in the Courtyard. The money will go towards the Year 6 Graduation. So please help support the Year 6s in their final year of primary school.

Thank you!
Lilian and Madison on behalf of Year 6 students.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS NEWS

Karoo Cross Country
The Karoo Cross Country was conducted last Thursday in warm conditions for the 12/13 and 11 year old students. This Tuesday, under much cooler conditions, the 10, 9 and 8 year old students had their events. With the emphasis on participation and attempting to achieve your personal best, I saw many hot and tired but proud faces at the finish line last Thursday. On Tuesday the faces were no less tired, but were a little happier with the cooler weather on that day. All students received a well done ribbon for their efforts and a drink to rehydrate themselves from our drink dispensers at the finish line. A very big thank you must go to the many wonderful parents who gave up their time to help out around the course. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to those parents who assisted on both days, and to Peta Alexander and the class reps who were also fantastic in securing helpers for both days that the cross country was on and I thank them very much for their help. Karoo teachers and staff also assisted with the successful running of the event. The school and house captains showed wonderful leadership and enthusiasm on the day, assisting with the setting out and packing up of the course, hand stamping, presentation of ribbons and dispensing of the water at the finish line. The 1st–10th results for each age and gender group are published below. First – third place getters will receive a medal and certificate. Fourth – tenth place getters will receive a certificate and ribbon for their fine efforts. The medals and certificates will be presented at a whole school assembly in Term 2, (not week 1 as I will be on camp).

District Cross Country
The Karoo Cross Country Team, which will represent our school at the District Cross Country, will be selected early in Term 2. Up to 10 runners in each age group, for both boys and girls can be selected. The results of the Karoo Cross Country and other Phys. Ed. running assessments are used to select the team. Students who were injured or absent for the Karoo Cross Country will also be considered. Year 4s who ran in the 9 year old races at our cross country will come under consideration for the 9/10 year old team. District Cross Country Day is Friday May 6th at Jell’s Park.

Swimming Accomplishments
The 23 students who were members of our District Swimming Team, received their recognition certificates at assembly this week. We were very proud of the efforts and achievements of all the students who contributed to the team’s 4th placing out of the 8 schools competing. Summer M 5W and Will V 4M deserve extra recognition for their success at the Division competition and subsequent participation at the Region Swimming competition. They both swam in 5 races at our district event, including 2 butterfly races – which is a huge effort. Well done Summer and Will! Here is a photo of the successful pair with their certificates.

Karoo Cross Country 2016 place getters

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LYSTERFIELD AUSKICK: Starting 16th April 2016 from 9:30am to 11:00am at Lakesfield Reserve, Lakesfield Drive, Lysterfield. To register go to www.aflauskick.com.au/register and select Lysterfield as your Auskick Centre. Please note that all registrations have to complete and paid online. Your Auskick pack will be delivered to your home address. For all enquiries call Brad McNay on 0409 149 868.

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Saturday: 9:00am-1:00pm
Uniform List available from office.

CANTEEN NEWS …

Canteen is open for lunch orders & recess counter sales on Thursday 24th March (last day of school). Please make sure you use the latest menu when ordering.

DOWNLOAD THE TiQBIZ APP TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECT TO YOUR MOBILE PHONE OR PC

LAST DAY OF TERM — THURSDAY 24TH MARCH
STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 2:30pm

Wishing all our families a safe and happy Easter break!