Welcome back to Term Three everyone! I hope everybody had an enjoyable break over the holidays and a chance to relax and enjoy some quality family time. We’ve had a very smooth start to the term, thanks in part, to teachers coming in over the holidays and setting up their class programs, but mainly because students have settled in well and are very focussed on their learning programs. During Term Three staff use the results of the Semester One reports to focus on the specific academic outcomes students need to achieve to progress to the next level. This term we will continue our focus on Numeracy, Literacy and Inquiry Learning. Jen Farley and Anne Loney are running Professional Development sessions with staff to assist them to plan challenging learning tasks for Integrated Studies, requiring higher order thinking skills. Each grade level has planned an engaging excursion to focus on their Integrated Studies topic this term and notes will be sent home shortly informing parents of all the relevant details.

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the two barbeques Parents and Friends ran over the holiday period, the first at Bunnings and the second on Election Day. This was a very big effort, and staff and students greatly appreciat parents giving up their time to both coordinate these events and man the stall on both days. We have heard of several schools who did not have barbeques on Election Day, and it’s a terrific example of how supportive our community is that we were able to run both events. Almost $3000 was raised which is an incredible amount and I’d like to congratulate Kim Hill and everyone who supported P & F.
Also over the holidays Wayne was hard at work completing the replacement of the timber fencing on the corner of Horonda St and Grimshaw St with cyclone fencing. This has really opened up the school to the public and enabled everyone to see our fantastic buildings and grounds. We have received a great deal of positive feedback about this ‘new look’ for our school.

CASEA
The Austin Health CASEA Program is involved in our school this year. CASEA is a program designed to ‘get in early’ to help young children with social, emotional and behavioural development. The program is designed to enhance children’s skills in understanding and expressing emotions and problem-solving. This program has also been shown to have a beneficial impact on children’s academic learning.

We are extremely fortunate to be involved in this highly sought after program. It is free for school families! A questionnaire is being sent home to parents of students in Grades Prep – Grade Three today and we ask that it be returned next Monday 18th July. Please return the completed consent form and questionnaire to your child’s class teacher or place the envelope in the box in the foyer.

If you have any queries you can contact Margaret or myself or the CASEA Team on 9496 2822

Staffing
This week we welcomed our new PE teacher, Josh Smith and the students in Grades 3-6 greatly enjoyed their sessions with him. Josh is a fantastic addition to our school and we have already booked him in for some additional CRT work. Jen Farley began Science with the Grades Prep – 2 students and I’m not sure who enjoyed the lessons the most…Jen or the students!

Beginning next week, for the foreseeable future, Erin Donaldson (1/2A) will be reducing her time fraction to 0.8 which means that she will be working Monday – Thursday. To ensure continuation of class programs, Erin will continue to plan the curriculum with Anne Loney and Rebecca Gauci. We are very pleased that Lyn Novak, who is a very experienced teacher and knows our students, school programs and school community very well, is available to teach the class on Fridays.

2016 Parent Opinion Survey
Each year the school conducts an opinion survey of 15 per cent of the school community. Our CASES21 software program randomly selects parents to participate and we use the information to support future school planning and improvement. Surveys will be sent home to families on the generated list next week. If your family is selected, I urge you to take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

Lost Property
A reminder to families to please label clothing clearly so that found items can be returned to students. We currently have over 20 bomber jackets and windcheaters in Lost Property - if these are not claimed they will be washed and placed with our second hand uniforms which can be purchased with a gold coin donation.

Angela Morritt
Principal
Starting in term 3, 2016 at Greensborough Primary

The CASEA (CAMHS and Schools Early Action) program is part of Austin Health and is partnering with our school this year. CASEA has been developed to help children understand and express emotions, and to be better at problem solving and getting along with others. Development of these skills has been shown to enhance student capacity to achieve academically. The CASEA team will be working at the school and classroom levels, as well as at the small group level.

The program is free for your family and also for the school. The small group part of the program has been designed for children in Prep to Grade 3. Parents from these year levels will be asked to complete a short questionnaire that will help us identify families who might benefit from the program. Invitations to participate in the group programs will follow.

We are looking forward to our partnership with CASEA commencing.

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**Pupil of the Week**

**Term 2 ~ Week 11  Week Ending June 24th 2016**

- **Prep ~ Evie ~** For the care she shows towards others by always offering her help.
- **Grade 1/2 A ~ Shannon~** For always displaying a great attitude towards his learning.
- **Grade 1/2 B ~ Lolita ~** For her attention, focus and fabulous progress in handwriting and writing.
- **Grade 3/4 A ~ Olivia H ~** For an outstanding first semester in Grade 4. You are amazing!
- **Grade 3/4 B ~ Charli ~** For being such a hard working and positive student during first semester.
- **Grade 5/6 A ~ Jack ~** For his helpful and caring nature. You’re a star Jack!
- **Grade 5/6 B ~ Grace ~** For her wonderful work on her book report for “Rowan of Rin.”
- **Art ~ Aaron ~** For being a responsible and hard working student in Art.
- **Library ~ Ana ~** For constantly working hard in Library and also helping with Library tasks.
- **PE ~ Sienna ~** For an improved effort in PE classes. Keep up the GREAT work Sienna.
- **Science ~ Ala ~** For always putting in 100% in Science sessions and using great problem solving skills to improve understanding.
‘OUR SUNSET, MY WORLD’
Victoria-Wide Exhibition of Student Art
Federation Square July 23rd 2016

Congratulations to Paris, Rory, Tannaz, Ala, Tyson, Ashley, Max P, Hannah F, Sarah C & Chloe T. Their artwork was short-listed for inclusion in this very special Exhibition which has the dual purpose of highlighting children’s art while raising awareness and funds for disadvantaged children in Cambodia.

The organisers have selected the following student’s artwork to be framed and included in the Exhibition: Paris, Rory, Tannaz & Ala.

Everyone in the school community is invited to attend from 10am onwards on Saturday July 23rd at Federation Square (in the Atrium and The Edge Gallery). The Official Opening is at 3.00pm featuring performances and LIVE Auctions. There is no cost to attend the Exhibition, but artwork will be available to purchase by silent auction. A great start to Term 3!

Janet Troy, Art Teacher.