This year we have intensified our focus on environmental and sustainability education in line with the AusVELS curriculum which includes this as a cross curriculum priority. FPS has always had a strong focus on environmental education through the Science Programs, curriculum units across Prep-6 and extension activities such as Solar Boat and Recumbent Bike. Since 2011 we have been working with Resource Smart AUSSI to document and embed environmental and sustainability education across the curriculum. I am pleased to announce that this week, we have completed all tasks for accreditation of the CORE Module.

Tomorrow the whole school will participate in planting as we celebrate Schools Tree Day and improve the biodiversity of our schoolgrounds. Thanks to the Auty and Mifsud families we have been donated a large number of plants which, together with other purchased and donated native plants will be planted by students on Friday. We are still seeking parent assistance throughout the morning, as well as additional native plants, vegetable seedlings and herbs.

Congratulations to the boys soccer team on their semifinal win against Yarraville West today.
Care Member of the Week
Week beginning 22 July 2013

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<th>Student</th>
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<td>Fiona</td>
<td>For having confidence during all CARE sessions especially when sharing her beautiful singing voice.</td>
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<td>Mark</td>
<td>For working well in a group and for asking great questions. Well Done Henry!</td>
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<td>Mangalore 3</td>
<td>Mollie</td>
<td>For sharing his ideas with his CARE group and including the younger students. Well Done!</td>
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<td>Mooltan 1</td>
<td>Dave</td>
<td>For leading others in conversation and bravely asking questions in group discussion.</td>
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<td>Sarah</td>
<td>For getting along with others and remembering everyone’s name in CARE group.</td>
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<td>Cashmere 1</td>
<td>Katia</td>
<td>For confidently finding things out about others.</td>
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<td>Agata</td>
<td>For showing great speaking and listening skills and for working well in a team.</td>
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<td>Cashmere 3</td>
<td>Zoe</td>
<td>For displaying maturity and leadership in CARE group. Great job!</td>
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<td>Delhi 1</td>
<td>Yannik</td>
<td>For great participation in our CARE group session.</td>
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<td>Delhi 2</td>
<td>Elise</td>
<td>For showing excellent listening skills and sharing friendly ways to meet new people.</td>
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<td>Delhi 3</td>
<td>James</td>
<td>For being a fantastic team member.</td>
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Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Cash Payments to the Office
All monies sent to school must be put in an envelope detailing the following:
- Child’s name and grade
- Reason for the money
- Amount

No loose money is to be put in the cash box. Please feel free to use the school envelopes. They are available near the cash box.

School Photos – Tuesday 20th August
School Photo envelopes went out earlier this week and need to be returned to the office by Friday, 16 August. Should you require any extra envelopes or a family photo envelope please collect these from the office.

Scholastic Book Club
Issue 5 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by Wednesday 31st July by 9.00am
No late orders will be accepted

Please note, that orders sent before this date will now be sent to Scholastic as received (except cash which will be processed on the final day). The office will now process orders a couple times a week (for credit and cheque payments only) so the earlier the order, the earlier the children will get their book.

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Do not leave messages on the school answering machine.

Customer Service 8.00am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday 1300 105 343
Website www.campschool.com.au
Assistant Principal's Report
Sandra McOrist

Play Equipment

Parents are reminded that the 2 sets of play equipment in the school groups are for specific age groups. They are designed for both size and ability of children. The Prep -2 equipment is outside the grade 3/4 rooms and the 3-6 equipment is in the amphitheatre and both are clearly sign posted. If you are allowing your child to play on larger play equipment while they are in your care please ensure that they are supervised.

Drop off Zone

I would like to remind parents and families again that the morning drop off zone is along the lane way. Please remain in the lane and not double park or park in the staff car park.
**Sustainability News**

Two exciting and free APPS for Environment and Sustainability education are: EcoChallenge and the EcoLink Biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains Flora and Fauna Field Guide. [hyperlinked]


and to explore their family carbon footprint via the EPA site: http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/ecologicalfootprint/calculators/

**SCHOOLS TREE DAY**

Tomorrow is Schools Tree Day. Students will be planting trees, shrubs and ground covers to increase the native habitat around the school. Some parents are needed to assist with digging holes, assisting students and mulching.

All plants will be native flora and we are seeking donations of suitable plants, as well as some tree guards and small stakes.

Any parents who can assist are asked to contact Leonie Isaacs or Chloe Jungworth.

For our region:
- Silver Banksia
- Everlasting Daisy
- Parrot Pea
- Montpellier Broom
- Ruby Saltbush
- Gold dust, Golden or Hedge Wattle
- Drooping Sheoak
- Yello Box or Yellow Gum
- Narrow Leafed Peppermint
- Pepper Tree
- Lightwood Wattle

**SPORT NEWS**

‘Art of Defence Australia’ Incursion

This week in Physical Education ‘Art of Defence Australia’ has been very kind in offering their time, free of charge, to offer our students a taste of the values and technique associated to karate. The students were extremely engaged and enthusiastic about the program and received a quality workout. In a highly structured program they learnt to count in Japanese and learnt a variety of self-defence techniques.

At the end of the session each student was given a pass for two free sessions. If you’re interested in trying these sessions the times are:

**Wednesday:** 4:00-4:45pm, 5:00-5:45pm
**Thursday:** 4:00-4:45pm, 5:00-5:45pm, 6:00-6:45pm

Call Amelia – 0407 320 333 or visit www.artofdefence.com.au

**SPELLING RULES**

Explore Homophones with your children and see how many you can find. Homophones are words which sound the same but are spelt differently and have different meanings. Also explore Homonyms and Homographs.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) represents a collaborative approach by all Governments and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people.

The week aims to recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills. During NLNW we will be getting involved in a range of literacy and numeracy activities.

THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST
COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER!!

Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favorite book character and share their favorite book with their class. Students are encouraged to bring the book they are dressed up as so they can complete activities.

Concert News

The concert is only seven weeks away. The children from Prep to Grade 6 have all been busy rehearsing for the fast approaching event.
We would like to take the opportunity to thank Paul Longfield, father of Charlie and Darcy, who very kindly donated some willow tubs to pack and store costumes.
We are in need of old bike helmets and material which can be used to make costumes. If you can provide any of these items please bring them along to school and they will be passed onto our costume coordinators.

Some reminders this week:
At 3.45pm on Monday the 29th of July the Grade 1/2 parents are having a meeting for all those parents who can help out with costumes. This will be held in room 7.
Stay tuned to find out more news and other ways you may be able to help.
Regards The Musical Committee
BENTLEY VISITS FLEMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Report Writing on Bentley the dog

It has a tail and it is fluffy.
It is fluffy and white. He has grey eyes.
He likes bones and he likes meat.
He has a white fluffy tail.
By Nura

He has grey eyes and it has four paws and he is white.
He eats bones and meat.
He pulls sleds and he keeps bears out of the house.
By Sebastian

It is an animal. It is fluffy.
They are animals and has fur. It is fluffy.
He looks like a snow wolf. He is a puppy.
He has grey eyes. He has a wet nose.
By Flora

A dog is a furry creature and an animal.
He has a long fluffy tail and dark blue eyes.
He likes to eat hard juicy bones.
He likes to drink cold water.
By Tama

A dog is an animal with four legs and a tail.
Bentley looks cute and fluffy and he has black eyes.
Bentley likes to eat bones and meat.
He has a wet nose and a long furry tail.
By Angus

A dog is furry. It has four legs.
He has grey eyes It is white.
Bentley eats bones and meat.
Surprisingly he has a lot of fur for a pup.
Chris K

It is fluffy. It is an animal. IT has a tail.
He has four legs and fluffy fur. He has a fluffy soft white tail.
Bentley eats bones and meat.
Bentley digs holes in the garden.
By Abbie

It has a long tail and a friendly puppy.
He has grey eyes.
He eats meat and bones.
He is a Samoyed.
By Caitlin
Green Travel Plan

Brrrrrr!!!

The cold weather is not stopping people from riding, walking or scootering. They are arriving at school with blood pumping and ready to go! Well done!

Good to see the new scooter racks being used. A reminder that the rear wheel of the scooter should go under, and rest underneath the rear rail. That way it is kept steady in the rack.

Bart Sbeghen
M 0418 231 686 E macbart@bigpond.com

Hub News

Trivia and 80’s pop night - Saturday 19th October 2013

This is FPS’s big social night of the year for parents, teachers, partners and friends (no kids).

It will be a combination of a trivia night and Phill Cristofaro’s (grade 5/6 teacher) band Accoustic Soda rocking the roof off our hall with all the hits from the 80’s to today.

More information to follow soon but for now put the date in your diary.
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION LETTER

PROJECT TITLE: THE RENFREW LANGUAGE SCALES: APPLICABILITY TO A VICTORIAN POPULATION

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Dr Diane Jacobs

Dear Parent,

You are invited to have your child participate in the research project described below.

What is the project about?
The Renfrew Language Scales are often used by Speech Pathologists working in schools to help tell if a child has difficulty with their talking (expressive language). The Renfrew Language Scales are three activities that look at a child’s talking skills. Difficulty may be present when a child's score on any of the three activities is lower than scores given in the activity books.

The Renfrew Language Scales were however made in 1966 in the United Kingdom. The scores in the books used by Australian Speech Pathologists to compare Victorian children’s scores comes from testing done in the UK in the late 1980’s. It is possible that the scores from the Renfrew Language Scales that Victorian Speech Pathologists use to tell if a child is at risk of talking difficulty do not apply to Victorian primary school children.

The current study wants to see whether or not the scores from the Renfrew Language Scales should be used for Victorian school children. Also, the study wants to see if the scores on the Renfrew Language Scales match those on a test where scores have already been collected for Victorian children (the Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals – Fourth edition (CELF-4)). The CELF-4 is often used in schools to test children’s understanding of words and sentences as well as their talking.

Who is undertaking the project?
This project is being conducted by Dr Diane Jacobs lecturer in Speech Pathology at Australian Catholic University.

Are there any risks associated with my child participating in this project?
This study is screening the talking skills of children within the school setting and it could be that your child is found to be at risk of talking difficulties. If this happens the researcher will speak with the class teacher and principal regarding this to recommend the referral of your child to the school Speech Pathologist (a free service). This can however only occur with your written permission (your school would give you a form).

What will my child be asked to do?
All children will complete the Renfrew Language Scales. This has the:

- Renfrew Action Picture Test – this task has 10 pictures. For each picture the student is asked a question such as “what is the man doing?”
- Renfrew Bus Story: the child is told a story whilst looking at a 3 page wordless picture book (9 pictures). When the story is finished the child is asked to retell the story in their own words. The story will be audio taped for later transcription. This is needed as children talk fast and it is not possible to correctly write the child’s story as they tell it.
- Word Finding Vocabulary Test: this task requires the child to name 50 black and white pictures.

We need 11 children aged 5.0-5.5; 6 children aged 6.6-6.11; 4 children aged 7.0-7.5; 6 children aged 7.6-7.11 and 17 children aged 8.0-8.5. Children are assessed at school and are out of class for just 15 minutes.

If you are willing for your child to participate in this language study, please complete the slip below and return to the office. Permission forms will then be sent you.

I give permission for my child .......................................................... aged .................. In Grade .................. to participate in the Renfrew Language Scales Study. Please send me the permission forms.

.......................................................... Parent
ST BRENDAN’S PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2013
FOR CATHOLIC CHILDREN WHO ATTEND GOVERNMENT
AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM is for children in grade 3 upward. It is an eight weeks program beginning at 10.15a.m in St Brendan’s School on 8th September 2013 to 10th November 2013.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED
TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7P.M

If you wish to enrol your child in the program or if you require more information, please contact: Carol Harris, Pastoral Associate, at St Brendan’s Presbytery on 03 9376 7378 (Tuesday to Friday); or Mobile 0438 576 743 or by Email: carolharris@iprimus.com.au

Kinder Karate Classes
Here at Flemington Primary School Gym on Wednesdays at 11.00am. Specialised intensive 30 minute sessions designed at 4 year old level to help develop confidence, self esteem, self defence strategies and safe techniques.

Inherent in our philosophy is respect, control and discipline with a view to enhance a balance of a strong mind and a strong body.

We use modern coaching principles and we do not condone violence. We procure the very best from our students by encouraging them all the time with positive reinforcement.

2 free sessions for everyone and a FREE Karate uniform on joining for all new students. (A genuine $80 saving) Come along and try and have fun at the same time!

Call Amelia on 0407320333 or visit www.artofdefence.com.au
Welcome all students to learn Chinese at Flemington Primary School

1. No Fees charged
2. Gifts: Every one has three Free color Text Books

Time: Wednesday afternoon 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Preparation: A pencil case, One exercise book

新概念中文

电邮: 0403086532  Mobile: 0403086532

Level 1 - 3 Gymstar Competitions

Competition 1 - 3 Minas Valley Gymnastics Club
Competition Date: Sunday 10th August
Cost $27

Closing Date: Monday 22nd July
No late entries, Entries will only be accepted with entry form and payment for registration. Payments by cash, cheque or credit card only.

1 entry per child to the Minas Valley 1 - 3 Competition on Sunday 10th August
Closing Date: Monday 22nd July Cost $25

Grades:
Level 1 & 2: 2 hours - 3 Stars
Level 3: 2 hours - 3 Stars

Competition 2 - 3 RTVC Gymnastics Club
Competition Date: Sunday 1st September
Cost $27

Closing Date: Monday 5th August
No late entries, Entries will only be accepted with entry form and payment for registration. Payments by cash, cheque or credit card only.

1 entry per child to the RTVC 1 - 3 Competition on Sunday 1st September
Closing Date: Monday 5th August Cost $25

Grades:
Level 1 & 2: 2 hours - 3 Stars
Level 3: 2 hours - 3 Stars

Competition 3 - 3 Federation City Gymnastics Club
Competition Date: Sunday 17th September
Cost $27

Closing Date: Monday 19th August
No late entries, Entries will only be accepted with entry form and payment for registration. Payments by cash, cheque or credit card only.

1 entry per child to the Federation City 1 - 3 Competition on Sunday 17th September
Closing Date: Monday 19th August Cost $25

Grades:
Level 1 & 2: 2 hours - 3 Stars
Level 3: 2 hours - 3 Stars

Conditions of entry into the Federation City Gymnastics Club Gymnastics competitions, parents/guardians must ensure to book with the manager of the competition. Parents shall take the following forms to enable their child to participate in the competition:
- Entry Form
- Payment Details
- Waiver of Liability

Judges' scorecards must be completed

In this a traditional program for the club, we would express the following: The program of dance for the one cannot be made. This can be clans, top hats, hats, top hats, uniforms etc. Please see below when you can choose the day.

In gymnastics, if participants are from one club, please provide an entry form, for booking with.

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Flemington Community Centre – New Program

Master the Art of Cooking on a Budget

Tuesday 6.30pm - 9pm

Flemington Community Centre in partnership with The Flavour Exchange will host a series of three exciting, budget friendly cooking classes.

Good friends, good food, good times.

Session 1 (South east Asian): 8 and 13 August
Session 2 (Middle Eastern): 27 August and 3 September
Session 3 (Mexican): 10 and 17 September

Fees Per Session:
Full fee $40, Early bird $30, Concession $25