Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

Thank you to those parents who supported our teachers today. A small group of children enjoyed a relaxed day working on literacy, numeracy and on computer activities while staff on duty continued organising the home reading materials and preparation.

The oval has had a long drink and a rest with children limited to the courtyard and junior play equipment. The sprinkler system is working fine, however there is an issue with the pump when a power outage occurs in that the pressure falls and needs manual adjustment. This is now being repaired.

The Arborist will attend in the next couple of weeks to complete annual maintenance and attend to the Peppercorn tree in the Amphi. Tall people need to continue to ‘duck’ until then.

Following an incident at school yesterday, I need to remind parents & guardians that here is no parent parking available in the school car parks. We have insufficient space for our staff now, and the school Travel Plan clearly explains the alternatives.

As a Green Travel school, we encourage all children and parents to walk or ride to school; park in Flemington, Wellington, Kent or Mangalore streets and walk with or allow their children to walk to school. There are two crossings with Lollipop people to assist.

Parents who continue to ignore this reminder may incur a hefty fine when the Council Parking Officers are called.

One parent will receive a significant invoice for damage incurred to school property yesterday.

The School Council Election process will commence on Monday 25th February when the Call for Nominations to council will be distributed to all families.

Thank you to Rose Iser, Jutta Vines Dreier and David Amor who have completed their terms of office; each is able to renominate.

Special thanks to Brett Hoogenbosch who has served on council for many years including a term as President. Brett was one of the driving forces who enabled us to have the new classrooms built and leaves FPS after 15 years and 4 children.

Should you be interested in nominating for School Council or require more information, please contact either myself, School Council President Peter Pickering or one of the current councillors. Nomination materials will be distributed to all children on 25th February.

Due to the ongoing industrial action between DEECD and the AEU and the ‘work to rule on hours’, the Welcome BBQ planned for 22nd February has been postponed.
Pupil of the Week
Week beginning 4 February 2013

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<td>Agata Zara</td>
<td>For confidently asking questions</td>
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<td>PM</td>
<td>Chris Wade</td>
<td>For being confident in helping others in ICT</td>
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<td>Mark Quinn</td>
<td>For displaying school values and for having great manners</td>
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<td>PMC</td>
<td>Mollie Henry</td>
<td>For his fantastic start to the Prep. Well done!</td>
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<td>1L</td>
<td>Zoe Olivia</td>
<td>Working independently and completing all tasks within the timeframe</td>
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<td>Katia Tikki</td>
<td>For showing confidence when reading her work to the grade</td>
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<td>Yvette Alick</td>
<td>For finding strategies to organise his work to avoid errors when representing data graphically</td>
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<td>Leonie Andrew</td>
<td>For completing tasks on time and sharing his knowledge</td>
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<td>Sarah Thomas</td>
<td>For striving to complete all his work tasks to the best of his ability</td>
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<td>Alex Francis</td>
<td>For completing tasks on time and sharing his knowledge</td>
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<td>34D</td>
<td>Nicola Tim</td>
<td>For remaining open to continuous learning when listening to new ideas</td>
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<td>34J</td>
<td>Chloe Mariam</td>
<td>For a good start at Flemington PS. Terrific effort! Welcome to our class</td>
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<td>Jessica Amelie</td>
<td>Responding with wonderment and awe. Having fun figuring it out. Finding the world awesome, mysterious and being intrigued</td>
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<td>Grace Mullata</td>
<td>For thinking flexibly, first time in music classes and working at his best</td>
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<td>34T</td>
<td>James Ally</td>
<td>For persisting, remaining focussed when representing data graphically</td>
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<td>56C</td>
<td>Phil/Christina Josh</td>
<td>For thinking and communicating with clarity and precision by producing an impressive job application</td>
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<td>56F</td>
<td>Fiona Thao</td>
<td>For persisting and striving for accuracy in all class tasks and for creating achievable learning goals for the term</td>
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<td>56M</td>
<td>Dave Abubaker</td>
<td>Striving for accuracy in all written tasks and starting 2013 with confidence</td>
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<td>56T</td>
<td>Elise Raph</td>
<td>For creating, imagining and innovating when producing his amazing elective video application</td>
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<td>Merric A</td>
<td>Dedication to his Student Leadership role.</td>
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Visitors Badges
All visitors, including parents, need to pick up and wear a badge when visiting the school at any time. If parents are helping in classrooms or attending meetings please call at the Office first.

Working With Children Check
Parents and family are reminded that to help in the classroom, on excursions, camps and at swimming you must hold a valid Working With Children Check.

These are available at the Post Office and are free for volunteers.

2013 Education Maintenance Allowance
FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT YET LODGED THEIR EMA APPLICATIONS, PLEASE NOTE THEY MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2013
No late applications can be accepted
If you applied for the 2013 EMA at the end of 2012 you DO NOT need to reapply.

If you are a holder of a Health Care Card and wish to apply for the EMA, please come by the office, sign a form and we will photocopy your Health Care Card for you.

Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday
Due to a reduction in admin staff hours, there will not be anyone to respond to telephone calls or window enquiries between 9.30-11.00 daily.

Payments
When making payments at the office, please complete the details on a payment envelope and place in the cash box. Please make sure you include your child’s name, grade and the reason for the payment.

Welcome back to School Banking for 2013.
Thursday is our Banking Day.
Please ensure all yellow wallets are handed into your child’s teacher first thing in the morning to ensure their deposit is processed.
All money should be securely enclosed in the yellow wallet and deposit slips MUST be completed. Send them in as little as $5 per week.
Each deposit earns a SILVER TOKEN which should be kept safe at home... when they collect 10 tokens they can redeem for exciting rewards!
If your child would like to join the program please visit your local Commonwealth Bank with photo ID for yourself and your child’s birth certificate – too easy!
School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.
Curriculum News
The Homework Policy at Flemington PS follows the guidelines set by DEECD. We expect:

- daily reading to, with, and by parents/older siblings or independent reading of fiction and non-fiction texts of 20-45 minutes daily.
- Mathletics of a minimum of 1000 points over each week.
- Reading Eggs {P-4}
- 200 Most Used Words sight reading and spelling {as per year level}

Due to the ongoing Enterprise Bargaining negotiations with DEECD, no other homework will be set or assessed this term.

Grade 5/6 Camp
Expressions of interest for the Grade 5/6 camp to Portsea in Term 2 were due this week.

Due to the ongoing industrial negotiations, we are unable to communicate how the camp will work at this time, but I am confident that an agreement will be reached before Term 2 ensuring an exciting experience for students.

The cost of the camp is $400 per child which is made up of:
- Bus $37
- Food $171
- Accommodation $178
- Activities $14

CyberSafety – ThinkUKnow
A Parent information evening will be held next Tuesday 19th February at the school run by the Australian Communications and Media Authority. Entitled ThinkUKnow, this session is for adults only, not students and will cover the best practice in cybersafety awareness.

http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/

Literacy News
This year we are introducing a new literacy assessment program. As a result of this we need to re-catalogue our levelled take home books. At this stage your child will take home one classroom library book each night. We are working hard to restructure our levelled books so that they are ready for the new program. As part of our homework program your child should be reading for 15 minutes each night. Please ensure you record and comment on your child’s reading in their yellow logbook.

Many thanks,
Zoe Lewis, Literacy Coordinator

OSHC News
Camp Australia now manage the Before & After School Care program. All bookings, absences and payments need to be made through the Camp Australia website.

Do not leave messages on the school answering machine.

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Community News

**Flemington PS is pleased to advise of the many fantastic after school activities available at our school. Why rush from venue to venue? Enjoy the activities held here and save yourself the travel.**

"Come and try Karate"

Specialised children's classes in the school hall on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school from 4pm.

- 2 free sessions for everyone.
- Learn self-defence, increase your personal confidence and have fun all at the same time with many FPS students.

We provide a free Karate uniform on joining.

Call Amelia on 0407320333, see Gabby at classes or visit [www.artofdefence.com.au](http://www.artofdefence.com.au)

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**Chinese Language** classes will be held again this year, on a Wednesday after school in the Library. Classes run from 3.40 to 5pm.

If you are interested, please complete and return the language form by Tuesday 12th February.

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**CHESS CLUB**

Tuesdays 3.45-4.30

In the Library

Forms are available at the office.

There are 2 classes:

- Beginners and Advanced. Cost $9 per week.

Classes are run by state and national champions, David & Brunton.

Last year the FPS team made it to the State Finals!
Family Law Network Australia

We have recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on our website could be very useful and of great benefit to families.

www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au

DAN DONNELLY TENNIS COACHING PROGRAMS
Royal Park T.C. (cnr Park St & The Avenue, Parkville/Brunswick)

Tennis Coaching Programs
Available 1st Term

Pee Wee Tennis 5 - 7 year olds
Free trial lesson for Pee Wees.
Saturday February 9, 9am & 9.30am,
Monday February 11, 4pm
Thursday February 14, 3.50pm & 4.50pm

Junior Tennis 8 - 16 year olds
Places available each afternoon school.
Mon - Fri, group lessons & squads.
Parents, tennis is a great social and competitive sport.
Racquets supplied if required.

Adult Coaching - Parents it's never too late!!!
Mon, Tues & Wed evenings and day time classes.
Racquets supplied if required.
Beginners & Intermediate classes.

All enquiries & bookings
call Dan 9347 3604.

Regards
Dan Donnelly,
Club Coach Royal Park T.C.
OLYMPIC FENCING
Learn the basic skills of this dynamic sport.

Classes held at 1st Floor, 204 – 206 Arden St North Melbourne 3051.
Monday 4.15 – 5.15 or Wednesday 4.15 - 5.15
All equipment provided. First session is free.

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M.L.C Tennis Hot Shots
Term 1 2013 starting 4th February
Little Joey (4 – 6 years)
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday
and Sunday Cost $145 for 10 weeks 30 min class
Hot Shots (7 – 17 years)
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Saturday and Sunday Cost
$165 for 10 weeks 45 min class or $195 1 hour class
Cardio Tennis Adults (17 – 80 years)
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Saturday and Sunday Cost
$22.50 per week or $195 1 hour class, 10 weeks
VENUES:
North Park Tennis Club – Gladstone Park Tennis Club –
Kensington Banks Tennis Club
PUTTING THE FUN BACK INTO FUNDAMENTALS
FOR PROGRAM ENQUIRIES CALL 0418 178 328
e:mail ttpt@optusnet.com.au