Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

On Monday at assembly I announced the Student Leaders for 2013. Following an intensive election campaign, voting and an interview process, the following students have been selected as leaders:

School Captain - Zac Zabauroskas & Lena Merhi
Student Leaders – Grace Crawford, Oskar Moore, Lochie Sutton & A’esha Yacoub
House Captains – Cashmere {blue} Merric Auty, Delhi {red} Charlie Young, Mangalore {green} Saida Abdo, Mooltan {yellow} Oscar Sasalu.

Tuesday evening was the end of an era for me as the Grade 6 students celebrated their graduation from primary school. These students were my first Preps as I began my tenure as Principal and have been an absolutely delightful, enthusiastic and high achieving group. The ceremony was touching and had many joyous moments as we relived the photographs from their earlier days.

As well as the traditional awards, this year we awarded 2 new prizes; the Rotary Club of Flemington ICT Award in recognition of the outstanding iPad program, and, the FFFFC Awards which were presented by current President, Ian Bull. The FFFFC is a group of past and current fathers of children at Flemington PS, many of whose children are now in VCE or University. We thank them for their generosity and look forward to a stronger relationship next year.

Congratulations to this year’s scholarship recipients:
School Council Academic Awards - English – Larissa Curtin & Lachlan McLaren
Maths – Lawson Pegler & Sophie Sampson;
Fred Stokes Award – Rohan Anderson Cleary
Rotary Club of Flemington Civics & Citizenship Awards – Ella Dingle & Emily Mizis; Rotary Club of Flemington ICT Award - Lachlan Ward
Flemington Fathers First Friday Club Awards – Claudia Bello & Yosl Langsam
Art – Wendy Davies & Eugene Thomas; Music – Haerry Lowe & Miranda Hilary Carapetis; Languages – Samuel Lu & Camilla Vera Cortes; Science – Akira Abe & Sarah Chatterton; PE – Billy Tsiamis & Victoria Paschalidis; Victoria University Sports Scholarship – Audrey Harrold

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Principal’s Report continued ……

My congratulations and thanks to Elise Turner and the 5/6 team for their outstanding organisation and production of the Graduation evening. It was an exceptional evening, the best so far in our own hall too; and included a strong student voice. The movies showcasing student life over 7 years, culminating in Lachlan Ward’s movie were joyful.

Thanks to Gabrielle Dolan for arranging such an inspirational guest speaker in Catherine Moolenschot who had the audience enthralled.  

Sincere thanks to the HUB parents for their efforts in fundraising to support the Graduation Bears/Soccer balls, the Disco and supper. The Grade 5 parents provided a delicious supper for all and are thanked for their support.

Last week’s Instrumental Music Concert was an exceptional showcase of the talents of our instrumental music students and teachers. The performances were amazing for such young children and a brilliant demonstration of the music program.

Congratulations to all students, particularly those who were awarded trophies and shields; and my sincere thanks and congratulations to Vern O’Hara, Elise Turner, Gavin Lang, Robert Ekselman, Chris Duffy, Leonie Khoury, Lily Parker, Anna Robinson, Rosie Beer and Per Forsberg for their work.

Thank you to Rob Grant for filming the concert for us again. DVDs can be ordered from the office.

Thank you also to the hardworking members of the Instrumental Music Committee for their dedication and efforts. Particularly Nicki Mock who is leaving us after 9 years efforts in music, concerts, costumes and across the school.

Uniform Shop
As Sequoia is now graduating from primary school, we say farewell and thank you to Pam Simpson who has operated the Uniform Shop for us for the last 2 years. Pam has been a dedicated and reliable volunteer and we will miss her.

Next year, Jutta Vines Dreier will take over the role and her cheery smile will greet you when you need to obtain uniform. Thanks to Jutta for offering her services.

100% Attendance Certificates
This year these are awarded to: Monique I-S, Anh Vu, James H, Sophia J, Bindy C and Tim V-D.

Term 4 Chess Awards
Beginners – 1st Callum G, 2nd Tiffany L, 3rd Jack Sh.
Most Improved Atticus King
Advanced =1st Daniel T, Jarod L & Charlie Y. Most Improved Jules B.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all teachers, administration staff, integration and support staff, Music and Camp Australia staff and most of all, to Sandra, Bruce and Adrienne for their ongoing support and assistance. Flemington Primary is a great school and it is due to the combination of students, parents and staff all working together to make it happen.

Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Office staff will return to work on Tuesday 29th January. Uniform sales and collection will be available that day. All paid bookpacks will be sent directly to the classrooms.

If you have not paid the Essential Education Expenses, Excursion Levy and Book packs your child will not receive class materials and will not attend any incursions or excursions until these amounts have been finalized.

Swimming Program
Grade 5/6 students will commence the Swimming Program on Friday 8th February. The swimming notice will be sent home on the first day of Term one. As this is a short term, the cost will be $51.00 for 7 lessons. Grade ¾ students will swim in Term 2.

Hub News
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In case you missed this last week ………….

We would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and welcome you all to the break up BBQ and “Champas in the Park” from 12 noon on Friday 21st December at Calwell Park on the corner of Mangalore St and Cashmere St. After the final assembly at 12.30 and school finish at 1pm the children are invited back for a sausage and cool drink too.
Assistant Principal’s Corner
Sandra McOrist

Lost Property

There is still a large amount of lost property at school. If items are not claimed we send non school items to the op shops and non labelled school items are washed and resold in the used clothing stall.

It is important to always label your child’s clothing and any other school related items.

Looking after our school

Each year I actually have parents offer to come in and check the school and the gardens, watering if necessary. I am more than happy for this to happen again, if you are interested please come and see me.

The Huddle

North Melbourne Football Club received the Premier’s Award for Community Harmony in recognition of the outstanding work of The Huddle. The Award was presented by Premier Ted Baillieu at a ceremony at Government House.

2012 has been a year of enormous growth in The Huddle. We have provided programs to some 9,000 young people in our classroom at Arden St and throughout the communities of North Melbourne, Wyndham and Ballarat. We have been delighted to have you involved in our schools program, which challenges children to consider their place in our multicultural world.

Last week we were delighted to see two young women from our Study Support program receive a scholarship of $2000 to support their education.

Instrumental Music Program

Vern O’Hara - 0403 777 050

Instrumental Music lessons will begin on Monday 4th February 2013.

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