Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

Schedule 4 - Notice of Election and Call for Nominations for School Council

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Flemington Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Friday 1st March, 2013.

If you are interested in standing for council and would like further information, please contact either Peter Pickering, School Council President, or myself.

Lane access and traffic management is being reviewed following further incidents in the laneway this morning and in Flemington Street this week. Parents are urged to consider the safety of all children and be patient. Daily, we receive calls from parents about children being almost hit by cars. Parents are reminded that there is NO DOUBLE PARKING behind cars in the staff carpark. Stay in the lane and wait to drop your child at the drop off point.

The Moonee Valley Festival is on again this Sunday at Queens Park between 10-5. It is always a wonderful day and I encourage families to take the opportunity for a fun summer day full of excitement with rides, live music and activities for the whole family.

Following very successful swimming trials, Brendan has identified the team to represent FPS at the District Swimming Carnival on Friday March 1st at Queens Park pool. Parents are encouraged to attend and support the students in their events.

On March 1st, Katia Scicluna will lead a group of young SRCs to the Student Leader conference. This is always a fantastic experience for the children and assists in the leadership development.

Sincere thanks to the Frankland and Bull families who have donated instruments, equipment and books to the Music program. The Frankland family kindly donated 2 violins and the Bull family donated a Music Stand.

Uniform Shop Opening Times
MONDAY – 3.15pm-3.45pm
FRIDAY – 8.45am-9.15am
Office staff are not able to accommodate daily shopping.

Uniform Order forms are available from the display boxes near the CASH DEPOSIT SLOT or the School’s website.

PLASTIC BAG REQUEST
We are running low on bags that we use for uniforms and scholastic orders. If you have any spare bags please bring them to the office.
Thankyou
## Pupil of the Week

**Week beginning 18 February 2013**

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<tr>
<th>1L</th>
<th>Zoe</th>
<th>Finlay T</th>
<th>For being organised and working hard to complete his tasks. What a great start to Grade 1!</th>
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<td>1S</td>
<td>Kalia</td>
<td>Sharya B</td>
<td>For settling in well at FPS and always getting along with others</td>
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<td>1Y</td>
<td>Yvette</td>
<td>Issy C</td>
<td>For confidently demonstrating the 10s in 20 in Maths</td>
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<td>2I</td>
<td>Leonie</td>
<td>Kelsey C</td>
<td>For confidently sharing her ideas during shared reading activities</td>
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<td>Sarah</td>
<td>Aniketh B</td>
<td>For confidently using his reading strategies to work out tricky words</td>
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<td>2T</td>
<td>Alex</td>
<td>Hannah R</td>
<td>For showing confidence when answering questions</td>
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<td>34D</td>
<td>Nicola</td>
<td>Adam Y</td>
<td>For being open to continuous learning in maths</td>
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<td>34J</td>
<td>Chloe</td>
<td>Hussam A</td>
<td>For taking responsible risks and reading aloud to our class wonderfully. Well done!</td>
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<td>34L</td>
<td>Jessica</td>
<td>Olivia A</td>
<td>Striving for accuracy. Always doing her best. Setting high standards. Checking and finding ways to improve</td>
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<td>34M</td>
<td>Grace</td>
<td>Jess D</td>
<td>For creating and being innovative with independent homework task of making a puppet theatre</td>
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<td>34T</td>
<td>James</td>
<td>Lucas M</td>
<td>For having a fantastic questioning attitude when exploring our inquiry topic on puppets</td>
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<td>56C</td>
<td>Phil/</td>
<td>Uurji A</td>
<td>For persisting with Maths tasks in our data unit. Well done Uurji</td>
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<td>56F</td>
<td>Fiona</td>
<td>Michaela H</td>
<td>For taking responsible risks in all areas of the curriculum and having the confidence to speak up in front of the class</td>
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<td>56M</td>
<td>Dave</td>
<td>Asma M</td>
<td>For responding with wonderment and awe and finding humour in all classroom tasks</td>
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<td>56T</td>
<td>Elise</td>
<td>Ella K</td>
<td>For thinking and communicating with clarity when using trial and error to create a complex machine.</td>
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### Principal’s Award

**Lochie S**

For his confidence speaking to our international visitors this week.

## 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.

## 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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<th>Customer Service</th>
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Have you been to the children’s hospital recently? If you have you would know how valuable the Royal Children’s Hospital is for any children’s emergency or health issue and how close we are to receiving its services. That’s why we have sent home a Good Friday Appeal envelope to each family for your donation. Please return any donations to the office by Monday 25th March 2013.

Thank you for your valuable support

## 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.

### 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.
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

Dogs in the School Grounds

Please remember that the school grounds are for children we would prefer that dogs are not brought into the school grounds under any circumstances. They can frighten the children and yes the children may frighten the dogs.

The Wearing of Hats during Recess and Lunch times

We still have a number of children not wearing hats at all. I can only remind families that if a child has no hat they have no play. With the continuing heat it is important that children have a broad brimmed hat on at all times when outside.
Don’t forget to label all of your child’s clothing.

ART News
Karen Leopold

Artist in School Robert Davis will be starting his work with the Grade 3 & 4 students on 19th March. We need around 130 biscuit or chocolate tins by that date – we currently have 12. If you have any tins clogging your cupboards or can find some, we would happily take them off your hands.
Thanks.

Green Travel Plan
Bart Sbeghen

Ride to School Day is Friday 22nd March.
Get ready for Ride to School Day. Last year nearly everyone walked, scootered or rode to school on the day.
We were just pipped by other schools in the area for percentage of children not being driven to school.
This year again we’ll arrange a bike/scooter safety check day a week before to help get your bike or scooter in order.
Brakes don’t work? Flat tyres? Wobbly handlebar?
Bring it in the Thursday before (14th March) and we’ll check it out for you after school.
Happy riding.
M 0418 231 686 E macbart@bigpond.com
ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE A CHANCE OF A LIFETIME: HOST FAMILIES INVITED NOW!

Rotary Youth Exchange invites kind and caring Host Families within the community to assist local Rotary Clubs offer an outstanding exchange program to young people from all over the world.

A Host Family is a vital part of this cultural and educational exchange and typically hosts a student-aversioneering for a period of between 10 to 16 weeks. In doing so, a Host family officially becomes a friend of Rotary International. The Host Family plays an integral role in offering the student the experience of a new culture and language, whilst at the same time learning itself about a different culture from a young leader. It is a direct window to the world for all members of a Host family.

You not only share a young person’s hopes and dreams, but more importantly, you make those dreams possible. Hosting is the beginning of a lifelong friendship and connection with a student and family overseas. Whilst it can be challenging to help a young person transition to a new culture and ease into the surroundings, it is always fun and the rewards are immeasurable.

Host Families in the Rotary Youth Exchange program come in many shapes and sizes! Young children, older children, and no children at all, extended families and older generations – all have been successful in hosting exchange students.

Please consider this amazing and rewarding opportunity now. Enquiries are most welcome.

Further information is available at www.rotaryyouthexchange.org.au

Contact Chris Drenen at the Rotary Club of Flemington on 0421 085 000