The count of votes for the School Council elections was conducted this morning by Adrienne McIntosh, Camille Hatziargiou and Joanne Vadnal under my supervision. The following parents have been elected to serve a 2 year term: Robbie Allan, David Amor, Jutta Dreier and Justin Lucas.

Thank you to Daniel Day, Marina Slifirski and Phillip Smith for their willingness to be involved and nominate for council.

With just 5 school days remaining in Term one, there are many exciting events still to occur. Friday will be a very busy day with bikes and scooters parked in front of the stage doors for RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY. All children who ride, walk, scoot or skate will go into the draw for a voucher at Flemington Cycles courtesy of our local member, Jennifer Kanis. Ms Kanis will also visit our school to draw the lucky winner at a special assembly at 9.00am.

Student Leaders have displayed posters around the school and all children and parents are encouraged to:

Ride, Walk, Scoot or Skate
March 22nd is the date!

Friday is also Casual Dress Day in aid of the State Schools Relief organisation. All children are asked to bring a gold coin. SRC will collect and count the money.

At lunchtime, last year’s Grade 6 students will return to school as part of the Year 6/Year 7 Transition program. They will meet with last year’s teachers and this year’s Grade 6 students to discuss transition to secondary school.

On Tuesday we will have a special morning tea to farewell our Operations Manager, Adrienne McIntosh. Adrienne is taking leave prior to retirement in June after having been the Business Manager here at Flemington PS for over 12½ years. Parents are invited to bring a plate to share as we join together to thank Adrienne for her dedication and commitment over these years.

The last day of this term is next Thursday, the 28th March. The School House Sports Carnival will be held during the morning culminating in the presentation of the House Shield to either Cashmere, Delhi, Mangalore or Mooltan. Children are encouraged to wear a tee shirt in their house colour. Who will be the winner? Parents are invited to assist and encourage students in the efforts.

School will then dismiss at 1.30PM

Note also that Monday 15th April will be a Curriculum Day where staff will work on the new Accelerus student assessment and reporting program in preparation for Semester one reports.

Term 2 will commence on Tuesday 16th April at 9.00.
**Pupil of the Week**

*Week beginning 18 March 2013*

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<td>For pointing to the words when reading.</td>
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<td>Allegra M</td>
<td>For her increasing confidence when trying new things. Well done!</td>
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<td>PC</td>
<td>Shona L</td>
<td>For showing confidence and having a go in writing.</td>
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<td>PMC</td>
<td>Samuel L</td>
<td>For his persistence in all areas of Prep. Well done!</td>
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<td>1L</td>
<td>Olivia T</td>
<td>For displaying confidence when helping others model place value. Well done!</td>
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<td>Arwa Z</td>
<td>For confidently using NAB to make 2 digit numbers</td>
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<td>Josie C</td>
<td>For displaying persistence in writing all the sections of a procedural text</td>
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<td>Aisha H</td>
<td>For confidently sharing her ideas in maths place value</td>
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<td>Omar A</td>
<td>For confidently teaching others in our grade how to read larger numbers</td>
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<td>Rimas A</td>
<td>For confidently reading her spelling words</td>
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<td>34D</td>
<td>Ahmed A</td>
<td>For persisting with drafting his script for his puppet play</td>
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<td>34J</td>
<td>Paige L</td>
<td>For creating, imagining and innovating and taking responsible risks in her learning. Great effort in your puppet inquiry work!</td>
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<td>Beth H</td>
<td>Thinking independently, working together and being able to work with and learn from others. Great team work!</td>
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<td>Lai P</td>
<td>Creating, imagining and innovating with his puppet creation and design</td>
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<td>Harmony H</td>
<td>Creating, imagining and showing originality through the creation of her puppet</td>
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<td>56C</td>
<td>Joshua L (4/3/13)</td>
<td>For showing the school value of care and compassion when speaking with others. Fantastic leadership Joshua</td>
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<td>Yianni L</td>
<td>For using the Habit of the Mind remaining open to continuous learning when completing Mathletics at home</td>
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<td>Tamsin C</td>
<td>For persisting and remaining focussed in all activities at the Taskworks excursion, especially in the Cable maze.</td>
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<td>Angelina L</td>
<td>For her marvellous achievements in representing the school and district at the Western Region Swimming championships.</td>
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<td>56T</td>
<td>Prue C</td>
<td>For her persistence in all class tasks and showing the school values care and compassion when interacting with others</td>
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**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.

**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.


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**Flemington Auskick 2013**

Daniel Sundborn will be the new coordinator for season 2013. Register your details online NOW! at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)

$70 gets you a backpack full of fun stuff plus more! Girls welcome.

Start date Saturday 20th April, 9.00am at FPS oval. Hope to see you there!

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**In Touch Newsletter Emails**

InTouch is available on the school website and an alert will be emailed to you advising when it is available. You can be added to the email distribution list by going directly to the school’s website [www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au](http://www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au) and click “subscribe to mailing list” tab or return this form to the office and we can add you

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**In Touch Email Request**

Your name: ____________________________________________

Email address: _______________________________________

Youngest child’s name and class: ............................................
**Assistant Principal’s Report**

**Sandra McOrist**

**Clothing and Lost Property**

We seem to have a large amount of unnamed clothing building up in lost property. I encourage parents to look through the box but to also label clothes with their child’s name. Any second hand clothing needs to have old names removed and the new one added to ensure that items can be returned.

**After school activities**

Just a reminder to parents that if children are attending after school activities such as Kumon, karate or chess they need to stay with the adults conducting the activities.

School teachers and the Camp Australia after hours care people are not responsible for children at other activities. I encourage parents to speak to their children about staying at the activities until collected and not playing in areas where there are no adults and no supervision such as in the amphitheatre.

This week **Cultural Diversity Week** and today is **Harmony Day**.

This year’s Harmony Day theme is **Many Stories – One Australia**.

Students will be writing their story, or their family’s story this week and the stories will be displayed around the school. We extend the invitation to families to write their story, which would be displayed in our shared spaces around the school. Once you have given us your story, Sandra McOrist, Christina Laught or Nicola Dziadkiewicz will take a photo of your family to print and accompany the story.

Story suggestions:
- What is your cultural heritage? How important is your cultural heritage to you?
- Write about a family tradition you participate in.
- Your family’s immigration story.
- A poem about your family.
- History or origins of your family name.

We look forward to reading and sharing your stories! [www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)

On Friday the 22nd, Flemington PS will be hosting a casual clothes day to raise money for the State Schools Relief.

The State Schools Relief is a program that helps to raise money for thousands of students in Victoria, so that low income families are provided with uniforms and shoes for school.

Having a school uniform helps children feel more included and confident and this will give them a better future.

We hope that all students can come to school, in casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation.

So remember on Friday the 22nd, to be wearing casual clothes and to bring a gold coin.

*Thanks The SRC team*
Science with Bruce

Over recent weeks students in grades 3 and 4 have been investigating floating. Students have been considering the shape of their object and the amount of water it displaces.

The story of Mr Archimedes bath has been a good introduction as has the discussion about the difference between Volume & Capacity.

As part of their unit on simple machines, students in grades 5 and 6 have used a spring balance to record the mechanical advantage from using different combination of pulleys.
PE News
Brendan Newman

Division Swimming Finals
A big congratulation to all of the students who participated in the Division Swimming Finals at Oak Park. Competing at such a high standard of competition our students received tremendous results. The results were:

- Oscar S 4th Backstroke
- Luca A 3rd Backstroke
- Angelina L 3rd Breaststroke
- Katja C 5th Breaststroke
- Maia A 4th Freestyle
- Angelina L 1st Freestyle
- Oscar S, Oskar M, Flynn S & Luca A – 4th Medley Relay
- Tamsin C, Maia A, Amy F & Angelina L – 4th Medley Relay
- Shaid S, Isobel C, Beth H & Katja C – 3rd Freestyle Relay
- Will T, Ned T, Leo Z & Oliver A – 2nd Freestyle Relay

Also congratulations to Angelina Lam for winning her event and competing in the Regional Finals!

We have just been informed that Angelina has competed in the Regionals at the Wyndham Indoor Swimming Pool. Swimming well in the heat she made it into the Region final. Being such a high calibre field Angelina did extremely well by coming 2nd. She only missed the Victorian final by one place and to my knowledge is the only student to have placed so high from Flemington PS. Well done Angelina, we are all proud of you!

Premiers Reading Challenge 2013
Cheryl Aquilina, PRC Coordinator

The 2013 Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge is for all Victorian students in Prep to Year 9.

The aim of the Challenge is to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge for each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Challenge ends on 6th September 2013. Students in Years 3 to 6 must read 15 books during this period (10 must be from the challenge list). Students in Prep to Year 2 need to read or experience 30 books during this period.

Flemington Primary school aims to have all children registered for the Challenge. Every child received a pink reading challenge permission slip today week. Last year a number of children did not return their permission forms so missed out on certificates and having their names published.

Just a reminder that the signed consent form was due by Wednesday 20th March 2013. If you have not already done so, please return to the office so that we can register them as soon as possible.

The school will maintain the reading list for Grades Prep to 2 but for all students in grades 3-6, please login to the website and update your reading weekly.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Thank you, they’ve arrived!!!

Last year many of our families could be seen at their local supermarkets collecting stickers for schools. Not only was this a sneaky chance to add a few extra items to the weekly shopping without guilt, but we had in fact, generated a large number of stickers which were then translated into valuable literacy and numeracy resources for our school! Zoe and Dave had the tough job of spending this free money and have been extremely pleased to disperse new hands-on resources into all grade levels for immediate use. Thank you so much to our entire school community for your efforts, which will undoubtedly benefit all of our students!

David Meyer
Numeracy Co-ordinator

Please note this program will commence again Monday 8th April so please collect your points sheet and start collecting.
EASTER RAFFLE

A reminder that the Easter Raffle will be drawn at assembly next Monday morning (22nd March) and that tickets must be returned to the office by Friday 22nd March.

We’ve only received about 20% of our tickets back to date, so buy some tickets and help us raise money for the school – plus you could win one of three fantastic hampers containing Easter eggs or gourmet food goods!

Many thanks to La Delicatessa, Woolworths, Ascot Market, Coles and Kmart for their kind donations. These are local businesses so make sure you let them know how much FPS appreciates their support when you’re next in their shops!

The tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5.

Thanks for your support!

OSHC News

Camp Australia now manages 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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Scholarship Program/High Achievers Discovery Program

Registration for Scholarship Testing closes Monday 29/4/13

Testing for the scholarship will be on Friday 17/5/13
Community News

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS!
ACE FUN TENNIS SCHOOL
Clinic 1: Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th 2013
Clinic 2: Mon 8th to Wed 10th 2013
Little Joey (4 – 6 years) 9.30am to 11am
Cost 3 days $65 or daily $25
Hot Shots (7 – 17 years) 9.30am to 12.30pm
Cost 3 days $115 or daily $45
Hot Shots (7 – 17 years) 9.30am to 3pm
Cost 3 days $185 or daily $65
North Park Tennis Club – Flemington Road, Parkville.
PUTTING THE FUN BACK INTO FUNDAMENTALS
FOR PROGRAM ENQUIRIES
CALL 0418 178 328 OR tpt@optusnet.com.au

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

POST-EASTER / SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

CLINIC 1: April 2-5 (1st week of school holidays • Tues-Fri)
1st school term finishes Thursday March 28. Parents, these clinics
are the perfect post-Easter activity. Please note, no fees are payable until
the clinic commencement dates. The clinic is available for all ages and playing
standards.
Format 1 9am - 12.30pm (Tues to Fri) $180
Format 2 9am - 3.30pm (Tues to Fri) $200
5.30 am drop-off available.

CLINIC 2: April 8-11 (2nd week of school holidays • Mon-Thurs)
Parents, dislike these dates for an activity post the beach! Four days of fun
tennis catering for all ages. Racquets supplied if required.
Format 1 9am - 12.30pm (Mon to Thurs) $180
Format 2 9am - 3.30pm (Mon to Thurs) $200
5.30 am drop-off available.

Bookings for 2nd term Coaching Programs being taken
(Pee Wee Tennis / Junior Coaching / Adult Coaching)

For all bookings, call 9347 3604.

Wishing all families a Happy Easter.

Regards
Dan Donnelly,
Club Coach Royal Park T.C.

Hey girls...
These school holidays, why not try something new and...

BE A GUIDE FOR A DAY

WHEN: Thursday 4th April
WHERE: College Church Hall, Gatehouse St Parkville
COST & TIME: 9am – 9pm $45
9am – 4pm $40

NB: Please be a FRIEND, take off $5 each!

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided. This event will be fully supervised by qualified adults at all times.

**** For girls aged 7 – 12 ****
Fun activities all day!

THIS IS A FUNDRAISING EVENT AND ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO SUPPORTING GIRL GUIDES

* YES! PLEASE SEND ME AN APPLICATION FORM, MY DAUGHTER WOULD LIKE TO BE A GUIDE FOR A DAY
GIRL’S NAME
POSTAL ADDRESS
EMAIL

TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION FOLDER, RETURN THIS FORM OR EMAIL
women@vad.org.au or CALL 9604 6914 (Gala).
*“Please no candles, schools in suit to avoid disappointment.”
For further inquiries, contact Jane Dourcy-Needham on 9604 6948.
10 WAYS TO PROMOTE GOOD MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING IN KIDS

1. Model good mental health habits
2. Make sure they get enough sleep
3. Encourage kids to exercise
4. Give them creative outlets
5. Provide a space of their own
6. Talk about their troubles
7. Help them to relax
8. Have two routines - weekday and weekend
9. Foster volunteering and helpfulness
10. Bring fun and playfulness into their lives

For information from Michael Grose about raising exceptional kids...