Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

Term one has been another extremely busy time with a myriad of activities for students, teachers, parents and the community.

Today’s School House Sports day is an engaging culmination and celebration of the term with students and teachers dressed in house colours and participating in a combination of PMP and sporting rotations. We are focussing on doing your best, being resilient and sportsmanship.

All parents are reminded of the new DEECD policy regarding student absences and lateness to school which came into force this week. I am required to formally notify parents when a threshold looms for student absences and today, I am sending out numerous letters.

You will all have read articles around days missed, long term absence impacts on learning and the importance of being at school every day. What we also find is that there are a significant number of children who arrive at school after 9.00am ever day. A child who arrives to class after the lesson introduction is behind for the rest of the session. A child who is late 10 minutes a day for a term misses over 8 hours of learning, almost 2 full days.

EVERY DAY COUNTS …….. BE IN LINE TO BE ON TIME

I wish all families a safe and enjoyable holiday and a Happy Easter.

See you all on Wednesday April 23rd for the beginning of Term Two.
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

Orchard (behind the Library)
This area has been chained off from the footpath to the bike shelter, I encourage everyone to stay out of this area to ensure our fruit trees continue to grow successfully. It was unfortunate that the miniature peach tree next to the footpath has been stood on? and is now broken at the base.

It’s holiday time again and I have the usual requests for families. Enjoy the school grounds, keep an eye out for any concerns and if there are others here damaging school property please ring the police.

Have an enjoyable and well deserved break.

THE FFFFC - FLEMINGTON FATHERS FIRST FRIDAY CLUB
We are a group of fathers of students of present and past students at Flemington Primary School. We meet on the first Friday of each month and enjoy each other’s company as well as presenting a range of awards and scholarships to present students.

Current research indicates that men benefit socially by belonging to groups such as the FFFFC – where the topics of conversation range from philosophical existentialism to the performance of various AFL teams and everything in between !!!

For more information look at our website: FFFFC AUSTRALIA
YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US at the Laurel Hotel - in Mount Alexander Road this coming Friday night - April 4th at 7:30pm to watch the football and chat with friends.
For more information contact Ian Bull: bulli@stkevins.vic.edu.au

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

School Sport Tops
The school sport tops have finally arrived and will be available for purchase tomorrow morning. Back orders will be filled tomorrow also.

Online Newsletter Subscription
If you would like to subscribe to receive our weekly newsletters, and other important announcements, please visit our website http://www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au, click on ‘subscribe to newsletter’ and enter your details.

We are not permitted under the Information Privacy Act to do this for you, nor do we have the resources to update information for all our families.

We also use the Konnective APP
To access Konnective, please visit www.konnective.com.au and join up using your email address and name. You will then need to verify a verification email sent to the email you have joined with. Or see the link on the school website.

OSHC Program
The Vacation Care program will operate throughout the holidays with Karl, Jennifer and the team providing engaging activities, supervision and interaction every day except the Public Holidays. This is a fabulous program and wonderful socialisation and fun times for children while parents are at work. Please enrol through the Camp Australia website.

This program also provides security for our school during the holidays.

Camp Australia 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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URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Allergies – This year we have several children who may suffer severe life-threatening reactions to some foods. As part of our management of these student’s allergies we are requesting the cooperation of all parents in providing a safe environment at our school. We are requesting NUT PRODUCTS, including all peanuts; peanut butter, Nutella and all tree nuts such as cashews are not part of any child’s lunch. Children must not share food with others and parents are advised to reinforce this at home. In previous years we have had fantastic support by all the school community and we are very appreciative of the cooperation of all families in caring for the well being of others.

Arabic

الحساسية - هذا العام لدينا العديد من الأطفال الذين قد يعانون ردود فعل شديدة تهدد الحياة لبعض الأطعمة. كجزء من إدارتنا من الحساسية هذه الطالب نحن نطلب تعاون من جميع الآباء والأمهات في توفير بيئة آمنة في مدرستنا. نحن نطلب المنتجات الجوز، بما في ذلك جميع الفول السوداني وزبدة الفول السوداني، وجميع نوتيلا البندق مثل الكاجو وليس جزءًا من أي وجبة غداء الطفل. الأطفال يجب أن لا يشارك الطعام مع الآخرين، ويحتاج الأباء والأمهات لتعزيز هذا في الداخل. في السنوات السابقة كان لدينا دعمًا رائعاً من قبل جميع المجتمع المدرسي، ونحن ممتنون جدًا للتعاون جميع الأسر في رعاية لكونه جيدًا للأخرين.

Somali

Xajiinta - Sannadkan waxaan ku leeyihiin dhowr carruur ah, kuwaas oo ku dhici kara oo nafta halis daran cuntooyinka qaar ka mid ah. Iyadoo qayb ka ah maaraaynta xasaasiyad kuwaas ardayaa our aanu ka codsanaya wada-shaqaqan ah ee dhammaan waaliidinta ee bixinta jawi nabadaa at our dugsiiga. Waxaan ku codsanaya borootiin, oo ay ku jiraa dhammaan lawksa, looska, Nutella iyo dhammaan nuts geed sida cashews ma qayb ka mid ah qado ilmo kasta ee. Caruurta waa in aan cuntada la wadaageysaa dadka kale iyo waaliidka waxaa lagula talinayaa inay xoojiyaan this guriga. Sanadhii hore waxaan taageero fantastic lahaa dhammaan bulshada dugsiiga iyo waxaan aad ugu mahad celiyaan wada-shaqaqan ah ee qoysaska oo dhan ee daryeeshaa ceelka isagoo dadka kale.
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

- **Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

- **“Day off”** – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

- **Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au
### Flemington Primary School Holiday Club
**Mt Alexander Road Flemington VIC 3031**  
0403 704 181 (07:00-18:00)

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| Monday 7 April 2014| **Step Into Fun!**  
Step it up and get ready to have some fun today! We'll be getting involved in a range of ball games, relays, obstacle courses and much, much more. | $51.20 |
| Tuesday 8 April 2014| **Build em’ up with Brickworks!**  
Get ready to use your imagination today as we build awesomely colourful constructions all day long. | $61.20 |
| Wednesday 9 April 2014| **Bags of Fun**  
Create your very own custom designed bag! Take it with you to the movies, library or even to your friend’s house! How awesome can you make your bag look? | $61.20 |
| Thursday 10 April 2014| **Hula Hoops of Fun - Disco**  
It’s a Hoopla Disco! Hula Hoop your way through the day and swing your hips in time to the music. See how long you can keep the Hula Hoop up? | $61.20 |
| Friday 11 April 2014| **The Colours of Autumn**  
Orange, blue, green and red are some of the many colours that you will see during Autumn. Today we explore all the wonderful things about Autumn! | $51.20 |
| Monday 14 April 2014| **Animal Adventures**  
Get ready to swing through the trees, prowl through the jungle and watch out for animals in the deep water! Join us today as we explore the amazing world of animals! | $51.20 |
| Tuesday 15 April 2014| **The Amazing Race**  
*Be the first to cross the finish line in our ‘Amazing Race’!* Run, jump and work out the clues! Work as a team and play your way through the day! | $61.20 |
| Wednesday 16 April 2014| **Action! Movie Mania**  
We’re off by bus on an adventure to the movies to see the latest children’s movie release….The Lego Movie. And that’s a wrap! Please arrive by 8:45AM as programming starts at 9:00AM | $67.20 |
| Thursday 17 April 2014| **Egg Egg-stravaganza!**  
Get ready to ‘Hop to it’ in a day full of egg-citing activities all about Easter. Design, play and create your way through the day which is sure to be EGG-stra ordinary. | $51.20 |
| Friday 18 April 2014| No program |         |

* Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please) wet weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for an active and sunsmart day.  
* An afternoon fruit snack will be provided. 

Hub News (FPS Parent's Association)
Rochelle Carland (HUB President)
carlandr@bigpond.net.au - 0416 177 219

Fete Thanks.

With the fete over for another couple of years I wanted to thank the team that worked together to make the Fete such a huge success.

Karin Moore, who played THE major role in co-ordinating the fete including organising the rides, all the tables, chairs, marquees, equipment and much more.

Vince Andreana who was the other MAJOR co-ordinator and whose attention to all the logistical aspects ensured everything ran smoothly on the day.

I would also like to thank Sandra McOrist who was a massive help on the day and leading up to the Fete.

Jodie Brennan, who was amazing with all the graphic design for flyers, posters, supertreat passes, signage, thank you certificates and billboards.

Annette Williams and Rochelle Carland who managed to secure over $12,000 in sponsorship and donations. Unbelievably brilliant effort!

Fiona Hiscock and Mark Robertson who not only made the 200 jars of chutney but undertook the massive task of co-ordinating all the food and there was the perfect amount.

I would also like to thank Nujum Abdala and her team for the African food stall. The food was delicious.

A big thanks to Karl who not only organised the Hungi, Security and the dancers who had to do an encore performance. If you missed this, check it out on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOkN6bkCevY

Thanks to Rose Iser who organised the roster of over 150 helpers on the day.

A sensational effort from Natalie MacLaren, Joanne Vadnal and Erna Doria who worked all day in the office counting money.

Thanks also to our MC Richard Hann who did a fantastic job all day,

Massive heartfelt thanks to all the stall co-ordinators who started work on this last year.


Thanks to the teachers that helped out co-ordinating the stalls, specifically Sarah Nightingale, Kate Tyson, Agata Puglia, Katia Scicluna, Dave Meyer and thank you Vern O’Hara for the music.

A huge thank you to everyone who was there at 8am setting up and still there at 7pm cleaning up.

A massive thank you to all the parents, teachers and kids that helped out not only on the stalls during the day but the whole lead up to the fete.

And a final thanks to everyone who donated items and came and supported and enjoyed the day.

With my youngest daughter Jess in grade 5 this will be my final involvement in the Fetes at FPS. I have been extremely proud of the community involvement in this year’s fete and as always, continually impressed by the dedicated group of people that just make it happen. I look forward to the FPS 2016 Fete and coming back as a spectator only.

Gabrielle Dolan

Grade 5/6 Excursion: Scienceworks

Last Wednesday the 26th of March, the grade 5/6’s had a trip to ScienceWorks. We experienced a few exhibitions including- Rescue, Tilt and Think Ahead.

Rescue was an exhibition about Rescue units, A.K.A Police, Fire Fighters and Life Savers. It was a cool experience and we all loved it. There were many hands on ways you could ‘rescue’ people in need like ride a jet ski simulator, a helicopter simulator, you could pretend to be a news reporter covering an inferno, and many more.

Tilt was an exhibition in the planetarium about the Earth needing to have a tilt for there to be seasons. We went on a visual expedition through the solar system with a sister, a brother and his robot. We learnt that the Earth having its tilt produced the seasons and the temperature in the season is an effect of the angled position.

Also in the Planetarium we were shown the night sky of Melbourne, and where to spot out the planets and the stars consolations at night. We were shown all the constellations visible from Earth and learned how they were named. We were also shown some planets that are close to Earth, most of them appear nightly around 3-4 am.

To wrap it all up, we saw a fairly new exhibition called Think Ahead, here we where shown futuristic ideas and potential impacts they may have for the environment. You could do many things such as; designing a future car, making a robot, seeing yourself in the future and MANY more.

In the end you could say that after the ScienceWorks experience we had an amazing day and it also improved our knowledge in an exciting way.

Written By Oscar, Riley and Yahaya
What is Rotary?

Rotary is a world wide organisation which works to support people and communities everywhere. We are neighbours, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good. Our motto is Doing Good in the World!

We create lasting change in communities around the world focussing on 6 areas of need:
* Promoting and working towards peace and conflict resolution
* Preventing disease
* Providing access to clean water and sanitation
* Enhancing maternal and child health
* Improving access to basic education and literacy
* Helping communities to develop and become economically strong

We are especially dedicated to ending polio in our lifetime through the End Polio program which, with the assistance of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has helped to eradicate wild polio from all but 3 countries.

www.rotaryflemington.org.au/

In recent years, the Rotary Club of Flemington has:

- Opened and operated an Opportunity Shop in Racecourse Road which provides low costs clothing, books, toys and household goods for our community.
- Developed and funded the RoadSTART Driving program for disadvantaged adult learner drivers in Flemington.
- Sponsored local secondary school students to Youth Leadership programs including the National Youth Science Forum, Model United Nations, Rotary Youth Leadership, Rotary Program of Enrichment and Rotary Peace Scholars.
- Provides scholarships to all local Primary schools for Year 6 students.
- Worked with the local communities to sponsor the Flemington Eagles & North Lions Soccer clubs.
- Assisted local groups with auspicing, grant applications and fundraising.
- Sponsored a child from New Guinea to Australia for life saving surgery.
- Funded the construction of toilets for schools in Bangladesh.
- Funded and stocked containers of equipment to send to schools and hospitals in Africa.
- Participated in Youth Exchange sponsoring local secondary students to live in Brazil, Finland and the USA for 12 months.
- Assisted local schools with fundraising BBQs, gardens and art smocks
- Raised funds for BlazeAid and bushfire relief Australia wide.
- Supported Pacific communities through natural disaster relief.
- Assisted Moonee Valley Council and Regional Rail Link with BBQs.
- Delivers left over bread each Friday from Bakers Delight to the Debeys Park residents.

Please join us for breakfast on a Wednesday at 7.30am, Quest in Epsom Road, and discover our world.
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Community News

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

**PRE-EASTER / SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS**

**CLINIC 1:** April 7-10 (4 days of school holidays - Mon-Thurs)
1st school term finishes Friday April 4. Parents, these clinics are the perfect pre-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: 8am - 12.30pm (Mon to Thurs) $180
9.30 am drop-off available.

**CLINIC 2:** April 14-16 (2nd week of school holidays - Mon-Wed)
Format 1: 8am - 12.30pm (Mon to Wed) $150
9.30 am drop-off available.

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

Check out the new website!
[www.dandonnellytennis.com](http://www.dandonnellytennis.com)

For all bookings, call 9347 3604.

Wishing all families a Happy Easter.

Regards
Dan Donnelly
Club Coach Royal Park T.C.

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**Low cost School Holiday activities for the kids**

The Kensington Neighbourhood House is running a series of low cost activities for primary school aged children on Monday 14th April. Activities include art & craft, ukulele, sewing and cooking.

Telephone 9376 6366 or go to our website [www.kensingtonneighbourhoodhouse.com](http://www.kensingtonneighbourhoodhouse.com) to get a copy of the full program.

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**Children With Type 1 Diabetes**

**Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes?**

Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: [https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes](https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes)

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre

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**Ace Fun Tennis School**

School Holidays Tennis Clinics

**Clinic 1**
Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April

**Clinic 2**
Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th April.
9.30am to 11am $25 per day or $65 for the 3 days
or 9.30am to 12.30pm $45 per day or $120 for the 3 days at:

- North Park Tennis Club, Flemington Road Parkville.
- Gladstone Park Tennis Club, 18 Elmhurst Road Gladstone Park.
- Kensington Banks Tennis Club, Smithfield Road Kensington.

To confirm spot can you please make payment prior to commencement.

For further information contact Gabriel 0418178328.