Congratulations to all students and teachers who were involved in Schools Tree Day last Friday. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the activities and experience; getting their hands dirty, digging, planting and discussing the sensory and physical nature of the day. Thanks to Craig Moore, Jutta Dreier, Mohammed Ahmed and Amanda (our gardener) for all their efforts. Many thanks to Michael Auty, Vince Andreana and Lisa Mifsud for the donations of plants. At the end of the day we had planted over 200 plants plus almost 200 Seedsticks.

Congratulations also to the Boys Soccer Team who won the semifinal against Yarraville West last Thursday in a close fought 1 nil result. The boys will now play in the Finals at Point Cook on Monday and we wish them every success. The players need to be at school ready for an 8.15am departure.

Literacy and Numeracy Week has been filled with engaging and fun activities where students have explored reading, books and maths experiences. Today’s Literacy Dress Up Day has showcased the appreciation students have for literature, as well as the talents and enthusiasm of the parents. Well done everyone!

Tomorrow will see over 80 Chess enthusiasts participating in the Moonee Valley Interschool Chess competition in our school hall. Good luck to our team who will play against 10 other schools for the opportunity to participate in the State Finals later this term. Competitions begins at 9.15.
**Care Member of the Week**

**Week beginning 29 August 2013**

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<td>Cashmere 4 Yvette</td>
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<td>For her participation in role plays when discussing different emotions. Well done!</td>
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<td>Francis B.</td>
<td>For a wonderful enthusiastic approach to our CARE activities.</td>
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<td>For showing great maturity in our discussions.</td>
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**OSHC News**

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

**Office News**

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

**Cash Payments to the Office**

All monies sent to school must be put in an envelope detailing the following:

- Child’s name and grade
- Reason for the money
- Amount

No loose money is to be put in the cash box. Please feel free to use the school envelopes. They are available near the cash box.

**School Photos – Tuesday 20th August**

School Photo envelopes went out earlier this week and need to be returned to the office by Friday, 16 August. Should you require any extra envelopes or a family photo envelope please collect these from the office.

**ST BRENDAN’S PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2013 FOR CATHOLIC CHILDREN WHO ATTEND GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM** is for children in grade 3 upward. It is an eight weeks program beginning at 10.15a.m in St Brendan’s School on 8th September 2013 to 10th November 2013.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7P.M**

If you wish to enrol your child in the program or if you require more information, please contact: Carol Harris, Pastoral Associate, at St Brendan’s Presbytery on 03 9376 7378 (Tuesday to Friday); or Mobile 0438 576 743 or by Email: carolharris@iprimus.com.au
Assistant Principal's Report
Sandra McOrist

Unfortunately, the school oval has developed many bare patches, particularly around the edges and in front of the soccer goals. Combined with the cold and wet weather, the ground is very damp and in order to save the precious resource, we have declared the oval as ‘out of bounds’ for the next few weeks to allow it to rest and regain its vigour.

This means that students are not allowed to use soccer balls or footballs however, basketballs and tennis balls are still able to be used in the courtyard and the 2 basketball rings.

Parents are asked to ensure their children do not bring soccer or footballs to school.

INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AT FPS

Our school is proud to offer a welcoming, positive environment for children and families from different backgrounds, abilities and cultures. We work hard to support and build positive relationships across the diverse range of students and teachers at our school.

Flemington Primary School have been chosen to become one of twelve schools in Victoria working on a national initiative designed to find out what works best in helping schools build intercultural understanding (a General Capability in the new Australian Curriculum). Our school will work with a mentor from Deakin University over the next two years so as to evaluate the differences we make.

This work is part of an exciting national project led by Deakin University and funded by the Australian Research Council. It is being conducted in partnership with the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, the Department of Education and Early Childhood, Together for Humanity Foundation (differentiedifferently.edu.au), along with other tertiary institutions.

This means that over the next two years there will new faces at our school, including PhD student Brandi Fox and our Deakin University mentor Dr Anne Cloonan. They will work with teachers; assisting us to collect information and evaluate what we are doing.

As part of the project, our students will do a short (5-10 minute) quiz three times over the two years, they will participate in incursions (visiting experts in intercultural understanding, offering opportunities to meet different people from different cultures and beliefs and providing a space to ask questions and developing greater understanding) and art lessons among other activities. Teachers will be given opportunities to build their knowledge and skills in working with people from diverse backgrounds. Many teachers have already attended professional learning days at Deakin University. You may have viewed our video at the recent art show “Why do you dress like that?” inviting members of our community to consider how the way they dress reflects their own connections to their culture.

This program will give us a rigorous, evidence base from which we will be best placed to be able to improve the teaching and learning that occurs in our school about cultural diversity. It will help make Flemington Primary School a national leader in understanding and working with diversity in all its forms.

There are many members of staff involved in the project, if you have any questions or would like to become involved, please speak with Sandra McOrist, Christina Laught or Nicola Dziadkiewicz.

Regards,
The intercultural understanding team

http://interculturalunderstanding.org/
**Sustainability News**

On the 26th of July there was a school tree planting day. All the SRC’s got to plant vegetables and herbs. First Mrs McCarthy got us some egg cartons then we had to fill them with potting mix and sprinkle them with water. After that we put seed sticks in and put them in all of the classrooms.

Today we planted basil. All the seeds looked like they were one big fence; the basil will grow into one big bush. It was good learning how to plant basil because we have never planted basil before. It was a good thing to know how to do for the future.

On the 26th of July it was National Tree Day and all the SCR’s were planting trees and herbs. First we had to get egg cartons then we had to fill it with water and put in the seed pods then we put them in our classroom.

Here are the steps to planting carrots:

1. We got an egg carton.
2. We filled it up with soil.
3. Then we put the a little bit of water on the soil.
4. Then we put the seed sticks in the wet soil.
5. After that we put them in 3/4L to let them grow.

By Harriet and Beth SRC

Last week the Preps were involved in tree planting for National Tree Planting day. They were very excited planting vegetables and moving dirt across the yard to fill up the planter boxes. The Student Leaders and the 3/4 students were great at helping the Preps. It was a fantastic day for all with a fabulous outcome.

On the 26th of July 2013, the Student Leaders and SRC’s were doing tree planting. We planted seed sticks in little plastic containers. I planted carrot and thyme. The thyme we be ready to collect in 14 weeks and the carrots will be ready to collect in 12-16 weeks. We have to water them a tiny bit every day. I had a lot of fun planting trees and stuff.

Prue
National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) represents a collaborative approach by all Governments and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people.

**Great Book Swap**


By Mohamed and Nasreen

http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/dictionary.html

Check out this interactive maths dictionary for students of all levels. Parents and children can clarify homework concepts together or investigate new areas of mathematics with ease. This is one website to keep an eye on!

Dave Meyer
Numeracy Co-ordinator

**Library**

Vanessa Griffin, the Library Technician reports that the Library is experiencing a huge borrowing boost again this semester. Last Semester we recorded over 7,000 items borrowed, a record for FPS.

This term, we again have the services of Lucille Redenbach, assisting in the Library and together she and Vanessa will begin a cull of dilapidated books which are no longer fit for use.

Parent donations of good condition and much loved books are always appreciated.

The Premiers Reading Challenge ends on September 12th so students are encouraged to complete their target challenges asap. Students in Prep-2 have almost finished thanks to the great work of the teachers, however, many students in 3-6 still have several books to record as completed. Let’s help FPS have a 100% success rate this year!

If you have lost of forgotten your login details, see your teacher or Cheryl in the office.

**Great iPad Apps**

**Phonics Genius** (iPhone/iPad, FREE)

Phonics Genius is designed to help students recognise and distinguish words by sounds, featuring over 6,000 professionally recorded words carefully grouped into 225 categories.

**History: Maps of World** (iPhone/iPad/iTouch, FREE)

Explore the world through interactive maps illustrating geopolitical and geographic shifts over time.
Fathers Day Stall – Thursday 29th August

Our Fathers Day Stall is fast approaching and will be held on Thursday 29th August in the hall foyer. The kids can purchase a great gift (ranging from $2 to $10) for Dad from our stall during school hours with their class. A notice with more detailed information will be sent home prior to the date.

Volunteers are welcome to assist in making gifts (baked goods always sell well!) and in setting up and selling on the day. Please contact Lara Widdop on laradw@hotmail.com for more information or to offer your assistance.

Trivia and 80’s pop night
Saturday 19th October 2013

SAVE THE DATE – YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS THIS!!!!

Saturday 19th October is going to be the social event of the year for FPS parents, teachers, partners and friends (kids-free zone)!

It will be a combination of a trivia night and Phil Cristofaro’s (grade 5/6 teacher) band Accoustic Soda rocking the roof off our hall with all the hits from the 80’s to today.

More information to follow soon, but for now, put the date in your diary…

At the Canteen this Friday...

We will be selling popcorn for $1.

Kinder Karate Classes

Here at Flemington Primary School Gym on Wednesdays at 11.00am. Specialised intensive 30 minute sessions designed at 4 year old level to help develop confidence, self esteem, self defence strategies and safe techniques.

Inherent in our philosophy is respect, control and discipline with a view to enhance a balance of a strong mind and a strong body.

We use modern coaching principles and we do not condone violence. We procure the very best from our students by encouraging them all the time with positive reinforcement.

2 free sessions for everyone and a FREE Karate uniform on joining for all new students. (a genuine $80 saving)

Come along and try and have fun at the same time!

Call Amelia on 0407320333 or visit www.artofdefence.com.au
Council is holding a free forum to help parents easily manage children’s anxiety with simple strategies and tools.

Guest speaker Nicky Johnston, who is an artist, primary educator, author and illustrator, will share her journey, knowledge and insight gained from raising a child with an anxiety disorder.

Date: Monday, 12 August
Time: 7pm–9pm
Venue: Moonee Valley Civic Centre, 9 Kellaway Avenue, Moonee Ponds
Cost: Free

Secure your place – please RSVP by 4pm on Monday, 12 August by emailing your details to council@mvec.vic.gov.au, calling 9243 8888 or joining the event on facebook.com/mooneevalleycc
CONSENT FOR MEDICATION

NAME OF CHILD: 

GRADE: 

Please provide details of medication, dosage, times, etc.

Medication: 

Dosage: 

Times: 

MEDICATION IS ADMINISTERED AT 1.30PM ONLY

Comments: 

Please note that ALL medicines are to be clearly labelled with your child's name and required dosage of medication.

I consent to school staff supervising the administering of the above medicines to my child.

Signed: 

(Parent / Guardian)

Date: 

Office Use Only

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