Our students and teachers have again been very busy this week organising and delivering a range of engaging activities. With a large number of Pre Service teachers assisting in the school, students are being introduced to new and innovative lessons as well as our own curriculum. Flemington PS is a strong supporter of Pre Service Teacher training and welcomes students from all universities.

This week’s activities have included School Photos; Prep students making Gingerbread Men; Grade 1 & 2 students visiting the Zoo; Recumbent Bike practice and ongoing Concert rehearsals and preparations. What a busy time of year!

As the oval begins to dry out, we have also allowed limited use at recess and lunchtimes. This use will depend each day on the weather and the state of the oval which is showing signs of wear in some places. As a very expensive investment, we cannot allow the surface or grass to be damaged beyond repair so use has to be restricted.

The Instrumental Music Program is a self-funded program managed by the School Council. It is a separate entity to the school Music classes.

The fees for tuition are set by the Instrumental Music Committee to cover the cost of music teachers’ salaries and invoices are sent out each term. Any invoices not paid mean that the school becomes liable for teacher’s wages and other music expenses. Invoices not paid by the due date incur a $30 late fee.

This policy has been in practice since the beginning of the 2013 year to address the significant number of families who do not pay their fees on time.

I have been very disappointed in the response to reminder phone calls by the Instrumental Music assistant. Our school values are not being shown by parents involved, who have responded in a rude and challenging manner. I expect every parent to observe our school values and respond appropriately to school staff.

Medical Alert
We have had a number of students and staff suffering with Gastroenteritis, along with Chicken pox, Shingles and severe viruses. If your child/children are ill please keep them at home to avoid spreading the problem. Please Also remind children to wash hands thoroughly and check for rashes.
Care Member of the Week
Week beginning 22 July 2013

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<td>Hugo G.</td>
<td>For contributing enthusiastically and being a positive group member when participating in “Stop, Think, Do”.</td>
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<td>Alix S.</td>
<td>For being a responsible team member and working well with everyone in his group.</td>
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<td>Boyd L.</td>
<td>For sharing his ideas about “Stop, Think, Do”. Well done!</td>
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<td>Mooltan 1</td>
<td>Omar A.</td>
<td>For responding to feedback in a positive way, modelling our strategy of “Stop, Think, Do”.</td>
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<td>For contributing to the group and being an active group member.</td>
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<td>Cashmere 1</td>
<td>Audrey I.</td>
<td>For being an active and positive team member.</td>
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<td>Julia H.</td>
<td>For confidently contributing to our session on consequences.</td>
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<td>Wyatt B.</td>
<td>For his insightful contributions to our lessons on “Stop, Think, Go”. Great job!</td>
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<td>Delhi 1</td>
<td>Angus C.</td>
<td>For an enthusiastic and thoughtful contribution to our CARE discussion and activity.</td>
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<td>Delhi 2</td>
<td>Lena M.</td>
<td>For taking on responsible leadership by encouraging others to participate and work cooperatively.</td>
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<td>Delhi 3</td>
<td>Amitesh J.</td>
<td>For contributing to the group and being an active group member.</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

Uniform Shop
Please note the uniform shop will be closed for personal shopping until Monday 16th September when it will reopen and operate at the usual operating hours:
MONDAY – 3.15pm-3.45pm
FRIDAY – 8.45am-9.15am

Office staff are not able to accommodate daily shopping. Should you need to buy uniform please leave an order at the office and they will fill it as soon as possible.

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

Late Pickup
There is a marked increase in students not being collected when school ends at 3.30pm each day. The office staff are having to make a number of phone calls and at times parents do not answer their phones. Please note, if you are going to be late call the office prior so that your child can be given the message. All students not collected by 3.45pm (when yard duty ends) will be sent to wait for collection from the office foyer. Should they not be collected by 4.00pm then they will be sent to After School Care and parents will incur a charge.

Scholastic Book Club
Issue 6 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by Monday 2nd September by 9.00am
No late orders will be accepted

Please note, that orders sent before this date will now be sent to Scholastic as received (except cash which will be processed on the final day). The office will now process orders a couple times a week (for credit and cheque payments only) so the earlier the order, the earlier the children will get their book.
Assistant Principal's Report
Sandra McOrist

Prep parents, please remember to complete your school nurse forms and return them as soon as you can. The final date is September 12th but if we can get them all in beforehand that would be great. If any parent are not sure how to complete the forms don’t hesitate to ask the teachers or office staff.

Morning Drop Off Zone.

I continue to be pleased with the response to our change to the drop area. I know how busy all families are in the morning and feel that it would assist parents if they encourage their older children to assist their siblings in getting out of the car instead of parents having to do it. Giving children the responsibility to do even the smallest job is always a bonus to their self-esteem and confidence. I look forward to seeing this develop.

2014 Planning

As we continue to work on planning for 2014, we have heard that there may be a number of families travelling overseas in Term 4.

Parents must be aware that taking children out of school for significant periods of time can have a detrimental effect on their learning. Also, as a school are funded by the number of children attending school on Census Day in February. If you are not here on February 21st, we are not funded to educate your child.

We have also been advised of several children who may be leaving to enter a private school in Grade 5. Could those parents please advise the office in writing as soon as possible as this effects our grade structures and teacher employment.

Families & Environment

We have been approached by RMIT University seeking parent and student participation in a research project about Connectedness to Nature and Subjective Wellbeing: A Family Perspective.

They are interested in how it is that parents and their children connect with nature, or not, and what impact this has on their wellbeing. We desperately need participants for this survey! This research is being conducted by Josh Armistead (B.AppSci) at RMIT University, under the supervision of A.Prof Andrew Francis.

This survey is targeted at children between 8 – 16 and their parents. If you would like to find out more, please visit our Facebook page, or go straight to the survey. All participants have the option to go into a draw for an iPad-mini J.

The face book page is: www.facebook.com/ConnectednessToNatureAndWellbeingSurvey
The direct link to online survey is: https://rmit.asia.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bCmFec8bb9d0Ryl

East-West Link Community Survey

Over 1400 people have taken the time to complete the East West Link community survey!

There are only 10 days left before the survey closes, so this is your last chance to provide input into the survey.

This work forms part of the Social Impact Assessment for the East West Link, which aims to find out how people are travelling around Melbourne and how they use local community spaces. These studies help to better understand the impact of the project to communities, so they can be managed as part of the planning process.

The survey will take around 15 minutes to complete and will close on Friday 23 August 2013.

Complete the East West Link community survey now
“Helping my child to understand maths? Count me in!”

A free information session for parents about primary mathematics

An evening presentation hosted by the Mathematics Teaching and Learning Research Centre, Australian Catholic University (ACU).

Venue: Philippa Brazill Lecture Theatre, Daniel Mannix Building 
(entry via Young St or Brunswick St) ACU, Fitzroy
Date: Tuesday 3rd September, 2013
Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Presented by:
Professor Doug Clarke & ACU Colleagues from the Mathematics Teaching and Learning Research Centre.

The presenters will share information about:

- how the teaching of mathematics is changing and why
- the kinds of everyday, fun activities that you can do with your children to support their maths learning

There will be a comprehensive handout covering the main ideas presented in the session and lots of suggestions on how you can support your child’s learning at home.

Please RSVP to Louise Hamilton at louise.hamilton@acu.edu.au or call 9953 3836, for catering (tea/coffee/supper) and handout purposes.

Car parking: Victoria Parade (free after 6.30pm) or Young St multi-story car park ($7 flat rate)
Tram stop: 13 (routes 24, 31, 109); Bus stop: 327 (bus 302, 303, 305, 309, 313, 315, 318, 340, 905, 906, 907, 908)
Prep Incursion

Last Tuesday the Preps had an incursion based on our inquiry topic: “Being Healthy and People who help us” They were very excited when they saw the ambulance with its flashing lights and sirens. Here are some of the children’s recounts of the event.

First we got to look in the ambulance we were excited about the ambulance. We saw stretch in the ambulance. Then we got to see the Ouch story. We were reading the red words. She was reading the white words. After that we went in the ambulance. She told us something about the ambulance.
Zac Prep C

First Marie showed us a toy called stretch and an ambulance box. Then we read a story called Ouch and we had to say all the red words. After that Marie gave us one sheet to colour in. Next we got to the ambulance outside. We took some photos. Finally we got to hear the sirens they were loud.
Zara Prep P

Yesterday a Paramedic came to our school. We learnt about the paramedics and how they help people. We got to hear the siren. I went inside the Ambulance and pressed the button to turn the lights on. I felt happy and excited. If there is an emergency call 000.
Samuel L Prep MC

On Tuesday Marie and Stretch the bear came to see the Preps. We got to see inside the ambulance. After that we got to have a photo with Stretch. We got to put on a paramedic uniform on. Jack and Allegra went into the ambulance they put the lights on and they also put the sirens on they were loud.
Alara Prep M

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THE GREAT BOOK SWAP

The Great Book Swap is a simple fundraising initiative that helps raise funds to purchase books for children living in remote and isolated regions of Australia. It’s very simple - and fun!

It’s as easy as 3 steps!

Step 1: Choose one of your favorite books to place in the Great Book Swap. Bring it into school and fill out a Book Swap note so that the person who buys your book knows where it came from and why you loved it!

Step 2: On Wednesday 4th September bring in a gold coin and you can buy someone else’s favorite book. Each book is one gold coin donation.

Step 3: Go and read your new book and congratulate yourself for helping to raise funds to buy books to improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous children living in remote and isolated regions of Australia!
School Camping Program
Flemington Primary School has a strong camping program which provides opportunities for learning in a different environment. The aim of the Camping program is to develop children’s’ independence, resilience and freedom to explore a new environment in a safe situation.

It is very important that parents’ understand the rationale behind the camps and encourage their children to participate.

We understand that there may be financial constraints for some families and the Principal is also willing to explore options to ensure children attend.

Camp dates are:
Grade 2 – 27th - 28th November
Grade 3/4 - 9th – 11th October
Grade 5/6 – 11th – 15th November

If you have not returned the Expression of Interest form and deposit, please do so immediately as we need to confirm numbers for buses and camp.

Football Clinics
Pre Service teachers working in PE have an arrangement through VUT with Essendon FC and are implementing an ongoing series of football clinics which will culminate in Footy Day and special lunch on the last day of term 3.
Students in Grades ¾ also have the opportunity to attend the Essendon vs Richmond game on 31st August on request.

See Brendan, Sophie or Elyse for more information.
**Instrumental Music News**  
*Vern O’Hara*

**Australian Girls Choir**
There will be an information session next Monday 26th August, 11.00am in the music room for any interested Grade 1 to 6 girls.

**Concert News**
Preparations for the 2013 school concerts are well underway. The students are doing a fantastic job learning their songs, movements/actions and dialogue.
Tickets will be on sale for the two concerts from next week.
Preps will be performing ‘Minibeasts ’ on **Wednesday 11th September** with the 3-6 students involved in the musical ‘Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf’
Year 1/2 students will be performing ‘Are We There Yet?’ on **Thursday 12th September** with the 3-6 students involved in the musical ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’.
The students should have received copies of the lyrics of the songs they will be performing to practice at home. We would appreciate parents encouraging their son/daughter to memorize the lyrics in the next few weeks.

**Ticket Pricing**

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Three weeks until the concert,

If you have not purchased tickets make sure you do so as tickets are selling fast.
We are all in concert mode, busy rehearsing.
We are still in need of wire coat hangers, 2 or 3 old bicycle helmets and people who can sew, your skills are needed. If you are able to help please contact Natalie Maclaren on 0414 348 552

**Some reminders this week:**
Our weekend rehearsal is coming up this weekend, can you make sure your child arrives on time as we have a tight schedule.
Stay tuned to find out more news and other ways you may be able to help.

Regards, The Musical Committee
Flemington Primary School conducts

2013 School Concert

Featuring . . . .

Preps ~ “Minibeasts” (Wednesday)
Grades 1-2 ~ “Are We There Yet?” (Thursday)
Grades 3-6 ~ “Little Red Riding Hood” (Wednesday)
Grades 3-6 ~ “Jack and the Beanstalk” (Thursday)

Flemington Primary School Hall
Mt Alexander Road, Flemington 3031

Preps (Minibeasts) & Grades 3–6 (Little Red Riding Hood)
Wednesday, 11 September 2013
Matinee – 1.40pm  Evening – 7.00pm

Grades 1-2 (Are We There Yet?) & Grades 3-6 (Jack and the Beanstalk)
Thursday, 12 September 2013
Matinee – 1.40pm  Evening – 7.00pm

Ticket Allocation Form to be lodged with Office
Back to the 80's
Trivia Night
Acoustic Soda
FEATURING Phill Cristofaro's pop rock band playing 80's - now.

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 7PM-12
FPS HALL

for parents, teachers, partners and friends only, no kids

TIX SELLING FAST DON'T MISS OUT

$20 EACH IF PURCHASED BEFORE 1ST SEPTEMBER
$25 AFTER 1ST SEPTEMBER

ORGANISE YOUR TABLE OF 8
OFFICE PAY FOR YOUR TABLE OF 8 AND ADVISING THE NAMES OF YOUR TABLE MEMBERS OR INDIVIDUAL TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.

BYO FOOD, DRINK, ESKI & TABLE DECORATIONS

PRIZES for most 80's inspired table

Feel free to come dressed in all your 80's glory (emergency shoulder pads and hair gel will be available on the night)

Any questions contact Gabrielle gabrielle@onethousandandone.com.au or Lara laradw@hotmail.com
Community News

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 10:15 a.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

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Welcome all students to learn Chinese at Flemington Primary School

1. No Fees charges
2. Gift: Every one has three Free color Text Books

Time: Wednesday afternoon 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Preparation: A pencil case, One exercise book

New Concept Chinese

电话: 0403086532 Mobile: 0403086532

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T: 0400 803 473
E: simpsonp71@gmail.com

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Contours Moonee Ponds
OPEN DAY
Saturday 31st August
8:00am - 1:00pm

- Back to Back Classes
- Giveaways inc 12 Mth M/ship
- Goody Bags
- HUGE savings on Membership
- Product Sale
- Competitions and much more

Throw on your runners, grab a girlfriend and come enjoy the party

Contours Moonee Ponds
Level 1, 39 Puckle St
9370 3320

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St Aloysius College
Creating a Better Future For Your Daughter

Join us for a Talk & Tour of the College
Monday 2nd September 9.30am
Monday 21st October 9.30am
Friday 22nd November 9.30am

For further information or to register for the tour please contact
Jean McLeod on 9320 8411
St Aloysius College
www.staloysiuscollege.com.au