Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

Yesterday I attended a briefing at the Bastow Institute by Richard Bolt, Secretary of DEECD about the Gonski School Funding agreement. Materials will be prepared by DEECD explaining some elements to parents however, I am pleased to advise that some of the increase will roll out to schools in the 2014 budget. At this stage the $$$ amounts are not finalised, however, the expectation is around 3% additional funding on our per student basis. There will be some constraints on expenditure of these amounts with targets in the Towards Victoria as a Learning Community, the School Reform Agenda and the New Directions for School Leadership and the Teaching Profession.

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/learningcomm.aspx
www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/teachingprofession.aspx

After another very busy and active calendar for Flemington PS over the last few weeks, students are in the final preparations for the District Athletics Carnival this Friday {weather permitting}.

Congratulations to the students who have qualified for the State Chess Championships following the tournament here last Friday. Vinicius, Anna & Daniel, Caoimhan and Lochie S will represent our school in Term 4.

Well done also to the Boys Soccer Team on their persistence and perseverance at the Zone Soccer Championships on Monday.

Next week we celebrate National Science Week, the annual celebration of science in Australia. It provides an opportunity for students, teachers and school communities to explore and enjoy science. National Science Week recognises and celebrates the contribution of scientists from across Australia, including Nobel Prize winners whose research and discoveries have helped transform society. The 2013 National Science Week theme for schools is A Century of Australian Science, inspired by the centenary of the national capital, Canberra. www.scienceweek.net.au
Care Member of the Week
Week beginning 22 July 2013

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<td>Fiona</td>
<td>For joining in activities with enthusiasm and consideration for the feelings of others.</td>
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<td>Mark</td>
<td>For sharing her stories on how to deal with strong emotions.</td>
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<td>Mollie</td>
<td>For doing a great job during role play when saying Hello to others. Great confidence.</td>
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<td>Dave</td>
<td>For enthusiastically participating in role play and showing leadership and maturity in CARE.</td>
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<td>Sarah</td>
<td>For always sharing her thoughts and ideas during CARE sessions.</td>
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<td>Cashmere 1</td>
<td>Katia</td>
<td>For being a responsible and caring member of our group.</td>
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<td>Agata</td>
<td>For sharing strategies on dealing with strong emotions.</td>
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<td>Zoe</td>
<td>For showing confidence and leadership when sharing his ideas with our CARE group. Well done!</td>
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<td>Delhi 1</td>
<td>Phil/Christina</td>
<td>For working well with her partner in our CARE session.</td>
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<td>Delhi 2</td>
<td>Elise</td>
<td>For enthusiastically sharing his ideas about identifying emotions through body language, facial expressions and tone of voice.</td>
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<td>Delhi 3</td>
<td>James</td>
<td>For working well within a group and being a good team member.</td>
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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 term 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.

Student Banking

As you are aware by now the Term 2 campaign has come to an end and all winning entries have been notified. The 1st place winner was from a school in NSW and I was lucky enough to have a runner prize winner from Overnewton Anglican College- Keilor Campus. I presented the prize to a very excited little boy yesterday who banks every week and now has a lot of friends who want to come over for play dates.

There is a new competition commencing this **Monday 12th August and ends Friday 13th September**. For every student that banks at school during this 5 week period they will automatically receive an entry into the draw. This will reward regular bakers as the more times they bank the more entries they will receive.

1st prize- Student Banker- Apple ipad mini
School- Commbank Marquee

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.

Do not leave messages on the school answering machine.

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Morning Laneway Drop Off
Zone changes
We have made minor changes to the morning drop off zone in the lane way. Instead of parents driving all the way up to the chain at the school boundary we would like parents to stop at the yellow bollard (between the two disabled car parks) and drop your children off there, staying in the lane. There is enough room for about 3 cars to let the children out safely. From that position the children can walk straight to the footpath and around the hall to their classes.
This change ensures that no parents are dropping children off in the wrong place, children are not walking between cars and no cars are double parking behind staff cars.

Afternoon Pickups in the laneway
If you collect your child from the lane way at 3:30 PLEASE ensure that they are waiting on the school side of the chain, we do not want children in the car park at any time.

SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH
It has been a pleasure to coordinate the Science Talent Search for FPS this year.

Congratulations to all the students. They have worked so hard over the past few months creating a project demonstrating a science concept of their choice.

Well done to Boyd, Rachel, Olivia, Caoimhin, Oscar and Lewis of grade 3/4 who have already submitted in the Experimental Research or Creative Writing categories.


I sincerely thank the parents of these students. They have been supportive in many ways. As an optional extra project, this could not have happened without support at home.

Thank you to Rita Hardiman, Paul Martinucci, and Daniel Day; parent volunteers from our FPS community who mentored many students to enhance their science understandings.

I am grateful also to Mrs Lesley McCarthy, Bruce Ziebell, and David Meyer for giving their time to the event.

Stay tuned for photos and reports in next week’s newsletter about the STS Judging Day.

Nicola Dziadkiewicz
What a fantastic time we all had throughout NLNW! Thank-you to all the teachers for organising and planning the activities!

On Monday and Tuesday students collected, classified and counted the rubbish from their classroom bins and then used the data to work out the main source of waste and how we could change our rubbish habits. *Data was then uploaded to the National Literacy and Numeracy Week website where students were able to compare their findings with schools from all over Australia.*

At 2.30 on Wednesday we all partook in 'Read Australia' everyone read the story of 'Herman and Rosie' and completed various activities.

Thursday found us dressed up as our favorite book character, and boy did some of the students (and teachers!) look fantastic. A big shout out must go to all the Mums and Dads for going to so much effort!
On our last day of NLNW we celebrated by reading a book to a buddy from another class. It was wonderful to see children so engaged when reading.

Here are students from 5/6M and 2T buddy reading.
**Boys Soccer**

Over the last few weeks the Flemington Boys Soccer Team has been proudly representing our school in the district, division and western region soccer tournaments. Two weeks ago the boys came up against a highly competitive Yarraville West for the division title. It was a game that went down to the wire with the team successfully winning 1-0. This gave us our ticket to the Western Metropolitan Region Finals for the second year running.

The WMR Final was a big day and contained highly skilled and competitive teams. It was great exposure for our students to compete against such talented players, especially considering the majority of our team haven’t even played club soccer. Unfortunately the boys put up a valiant fight but were outclassed by the opposition, losing their three games. The boys need to be extremely proud of their achievement to reach such a strong level of competition. Through the weeks of training they banded together as a team displaying a solid work ethic, skills that can be transferred through all aspects of their lives.

As a coach and a teacher I’m extremely proud of their hard work and dedication and would like to thank all involved in helping the boys reach this level of success.

**Interschool Chess Tournament**

Last Friday over 130 students from 12 schools across the northern and western suburbs congregated in our school hall for a qualifying tournament in the Victorian Chess Competition. FPS fielded a team of 23 students from Grade 1 to Grade 6. After 7 tense and exciting rounds, the FPS team was celebrated as 2nd outright, just 4 points behind regular winners Spensley Street. This means we will take a team to the State Finals later this year.


We have another opportunity to qualify a team in September should we choose to accept this offer.

**Great iPad Apps**

**Maths Trainer** (iPhone/iPad, FREE)
Maths trainer lets you select the area you would like to improve on from Multiplication, Division, Addition and Subtraction.

**BrainPOP** (iPhone/iPad/iTouch, FREE)
BrainPOP features a different, educational animated movie every day followed by an interactive quiz. These award-winning movies are close captioned and explore subjects ranging from science, English to health.
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!

Father’s Day Stall – Thursday 29th August

Our Father’s 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 Acoustic Soda rocking the roof off our hall with all the hits from the 80’s to today.

Please see the notice in this newsletter for more information.

At the Canteen this Friday...

We will be selling popcorn for $1.
Parents' forum
Managing your child's anxiety

Council is holding a free forum to help parents easily manage children’s anxiety with simple strategies and tools.

Guest speaker Nicky Johnson, 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.

In the past eight years Nicky has worked with numerous mental health professionals and supported thousands of desperate parents and teachers to help and care for their 'little worriers'.

Hear how Nicky turned a dark and negative experience into a positive, hopeful and inspiring journey.

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@mvcc.vic.gov.au, calling 9243 8888 or joining the event on facebook.com/mooneevalleycc
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**

- **Adults**: $15.00 evening performance  
  $10.00 matinee performance
- **Children**: $5.00 (children performing no charge)
- **Family**: $35.00 evening performance (2 adults & 2 children)  
  $25.00 matinee performance (2 adults & 2 children)
- **DVD**: $30.00 each

The concert is only five weeks away. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Maria Moonie, Allegra’s Mum from Prep M, for donating some material to make costumes, greatly appreciated.

We are still in need of old bike helmets and more material which can be used to make costumes. If you can help with any of these items please bring them along to school and they will be passed onto our costume coordinators.

**Some reminders this week:**

If your child is a main character they will bring home some important notes regarding extra practice. These notes need to be signed and returned. Please look out for these in your child’s bags or satchels.

Stay tuned to find out more news and other ways you may be able to help.

Regards, The Musical Committee
hurra for
Flemington Primary School!

Join us for this year's 2013 School Concert...

**Wednesday, 11 September 2013**
*Matinee – 1.00pm  Evening – 7.00pm*
*Preps ~ “Minibeasts”  
Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 ~ “Little Red Riding Hood”*

**Thursday, 12 September 2013**
*Matinee – 1.00pm  Evening – 7.00pm*
*Grades 1, 2 ~ “Are We There Yet?”  
Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 ~ “Jack and the Beanstalk”*

The Concert will be held
in the Flemington Primary School Hall
Mt Alexander Road, Flemington

Ticket allocation form to be lodged
with the school office
Trivia Night
Acoustic Soda

Saturdays
19th October
7 PM-12 PM
FPS Hall

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

$20 Each
If purchased before 1st September
$25 After 1st September

Organise your table of 8
Office pays for your table of 8 and advising the names of your table members
or individual tickets available at the office

BYO
Food, drink, eskis and table decorations

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

TIX
Selling fast
don’t miss out

FEATURING
Phill Cristofaro’s
pop rock band
playing 80’s - now.

Tables of 8

PRIZES for most 80’s inspired table
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 10.15a.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 7376 (Tuesday to Friday); or
Mobile 0438 576 743 or by Email:
carolharris@iprimus.com.au

Welcome all students to learn Chinese
at Flemington Primary School

1. No Fees charges
2. Gifts: 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

教而授中文教学：儿歌，朗诵，拼音，造词，造句，作文，
欢迎：学前班，小学和中学的学生参加

Teach Ping Ying, Making Term, Making Sentences, Writing
Essay, Nursery Songs & Read Chapter Aloud.
(From Year Pre-School to Year 10)

新概念中文

New Concept Chinese

电话：0403086532
Mobile:0403086532

Flemington Community Centre – New Program

Master the Art of Cooking on a Budget
Tuesday 6.30p.m – 9pm

Flemington Community Centre in partnership with The Flavour Exchange will
host a series of three exciting, budget friendly cooking classes.
Good friends, good food, good times.

Session 1 (South east Asian): 6 and 13 August
Session 2 (Middle Eastern): 27 August and 3 September
Session 3 (Mexican): 10 and 17 September

Fees Per Session:
Full fee $40, Early bird $30, Concession $25