DIARY DATES

THURS, 12 DECEMBER
Instrumental Music Concert
BBQ starting at 5.00pm
Evening session 6.30pm

FRI, 13 DECEMBER
Semester 2 reports sent home
Soiree – Leonie 6.00pm music room

MON, 16 DECEMBER
Carols in the Amphitheatre
Mt Alexander College Year 12 Graduation in the Hall

TUES, 17 DECEMBER
Grade 6 Graduation

WED, 18 DECEMBER
Grade 6 Big Day Out

Furniture Moving Day!!
THURS, 19 DECEMBER
Class Parties

FRI, 20 DECEMBER
School finishes at 1.00pm

THUR, 30 JANUARY
Grades 1 to 6 start school 8.55am

FRI, 31 JANUARY
Prep Grades start school 8.55am

Parents please note that chess has finished for the year and will resume on Tuesday 11th February 2014.

2014 Preparations
Any families not intending to return to Flemington PS next year are requested to advise Mrs McCarthy in writing as soon as possible.

Any families travelling overseas must advise the Principal in writing before they leave with an estimated return date prior to February 15th otherwise a continuing enrolment cannot be guaranteed.

Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

As we count down to the end of school, students, teachers and parents are becoming very excited, tired and some losing patience. Please remember we are all working together for the best of every child in the school. If you have a concern please speak with your classroom teacher or email me via the school email address so this can be addressed. Please remember that our school values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility apply to all members of the community!

Last week I attended the celebration fundraising lunch for the Oromo Women’s community and the Flemington Community Centre. Many of our FPS parents were in attendance and it was great to catch up with them again. After a delicious lunch, we were treated to music and dancing.

Congratulations to Zoe Lewis on her wedding to Mark last Saturday. This gala event was attended by a number of FPS staff who shared the joy. Don’t they look fabulous?

At School Council on Monday night Jutta Dreier and Karin Moore presented the HUB fundraising report for 2013. Congratulations were proffered to all HUB members for their organisation and efforts and to all parents who have assisted during the year. The total profit for the year as at 9th December was $22,551.20.

This has been used to fund: Computer headphones for Prep-2, Art prints, Prep-2 home reading books, Fountas & Pinnell Literacy Levelled Intervention Kit and Grade 3-4 books. See the full breakdown on page 5.

PARENTS PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.00PM NEXT FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER
Pupil of the Week
Week beginning 9 December 2013

PP  Agata Aley P. For making good choices when playing with friends.
PM  Chris Hawa A. For her producing an information book on butterflies.
PC  Mark Chris K. For always demonstrating the school values throughout the year. Well done!
PMC Mollie Nate R.C. For a wonderful year in grade Prep. Keep it up!
1L  Zoe Arky S. Tasneem I. For persisting with his handwriting. For working hard on writing poetry.
1S  Katia Josh P. James S. For their constant persistence with all tasks.
1Y  Yvette Marco A. Benjamin L. James R. For confidently using descriptive language in poetry.
2I  Leonie Angus C. For persisting with his handwriting. Great work!
2N  Sarah Thomas B. For developing confidence in his own abilities during Grade 2. Well done!
2T  Alex Ahmed Y. For making good choices towards his learning.
34D Nicola Harriet F. Shaid S. For making positive contributions to our classroom community. For showing leadership skills in teamwork.
34J Chloe Samira A. For striving for accuracy in her information report about the human body.
34L Jessica Wyatt B. For being an outstanding team member during inquiry!
34M Grace Skyla M.R. For her leadership and co-operative skills in her group project.
34T Geoff Audrey I. For her dedication to school work and working well with others.
56C Phil/Christina A’esha Y. For always listening to her peers and teachers with understanding and empathy.
56F Fiona Dabbal H. For taking responsible risks by being adventurous with his historical narrative and passion project.
56M Dave Sophia J. For creating, imagining and innovating when working on her passion project.
56T Elise Victoria J. For her persistent approach to all tasks which has drastically improved her confidence in class. This was highly evident in her amazing passion project presentation.

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

OFFICE CLOSURE
The office will be closed on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December to enable staff time to finalise end of year procedures. Any payments must be made at the office by 11.00am Wednesday 18th December as this will be the last day for receipting. It would be appreciated if all contact to the office from Thursday 19th December be kept to a minimum.

New Uniform Items for 2014
We have arranged with our uniform supplier for white and navy blue hijabs to be available for 2014 at a cost of $12.00. They will have ‘FPS’ embroidered on the bottom front left hand side.
As per requests from parents we will also have extra long summer dresses and cost will be confirmed in 2014.

2nd Hand Uniform
If you have any 2nd hand uniforms to donate to the school could you please wash and bag them and bring along to the office. We are in need of girl’s school dresses and pants.

Head Lice
It has come to our attention that some students have been infected with live head lice. Parents could you please check your child’s hair and, if required, treat accordingly.

OSHC Holiday Program
Bookings are now open for the Holiday Program at FPS. The program reopens on Monday 6th January with our reliable trusty staff back at work. Please consider your program needs and book early!

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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Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

Picking up children in Flemington Street

Collecting children at the end of the day is always interesting, but over the last week it has become quite scary, with a car nearly hitting a child. This same day we also had parents turning in the middle of the road blocking traffic both ways and another driving down the road on the wrong side. The police have been contacted and they, as well as the council traffic officers, will be checking Flemington Street more often.

It is important that when crossing the road parents do the following things, hold their child’s hand as they walk across the road and when crossing the road go directly across. We have a number of families walk down the road with their children following behind.

Lunches

We have had a rise in the number of emergency lunches being given out at the office. Emergency lunches are exactly that for that odd occasion when a child finds no lunch in their bag. The school actually pays for the food and does ask for a $3 donation to ensure the stocks are kept up. If the school is to continue to provide this service we would appreciate payment promptly and that any outstanding amounts could be paid for at your earliest convenience.

Uniform

Just a reminder to label all items of clothing that may come to school, we have many items in the lost property. If not collected we do send items to opportunity shops.

Also parents please advise your children that the office do not have spare hats for them if they forget their own.

Pedestrian Safety

Children need assistance dealing with the traffic environment until at least the age of 10 as they are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep them safe. Like learning to drive a car, children need practise and experience to walk in the traffic environment.

Alongside the benefits of learning road safety, it is a great chance to spend time with your family and good exercise!!

Children are vulnerable road users. Anywhere where there is a potential for moving vehicles is a potentially dangerous traffic situation for children. This includes residential areas, car-parks, at traffic lights, along footpaths, zebra and other crossings, driveways, quiet streets, and busy streets.

Although children may think they can handle crossing a road by themselves, remember that children:

- are easily distracted and focus on only one aspect of what is happening
- are smaller and harder for drivers to see
- are less predictable than other pedestrians
- cannot accurately judge the speed and distance of moving vehicles
- cannot accurately predict the direction sounds are coming from
- are unable to cope with sudden changes in traffic conditions
- do not understand abstract ideas - such as road safety
- are unable to identify safe places to cross the road
- tend to act inconsistently in and around traffic

Many children below the age of 10 years do not have the capability or judgement to handle many pedestrian situations. Children need to be accompanied and closely supervised by a parent or adult carer to keep them safer.

Parents and caregivers have a key role in educating their children about road safety. Children learn about road safety largely by experience. Parents and adult carers have opportunities in day-to-day routines to discuss road safety with children on the way to the newsagent, local shop or going to school. Whenever crossing roads, it is an idea to talk about when and why it is safe to cross the road with your children so they can gain a good understanding of road safety issues.
SCIENCE NEWS

Do you know what non Newtonian fluids are? Ask a student.


CSIRO Holiday Program

Join the science fun and games with a range of great holiday programs for children between the ages of 10-13. Bookings are essential for the programs.

21 January 2014, 10:00am - 4:00pm
West Footscray Scout Hall
684 Barkly Street
Footscray West VIC 3012

The Senior program at West Footscray runs from 10am to 4pm and includes the following three activities.

5/6 Science

This week we were lucky enough to have one of our parents, Andrew Clayton Associate Professor of Biophotonics in the Centre for Micro-Photonics at Swinburne University of Technology spend time with us. He introduced the topic of DNA and the grades were involved in an activity to extract DNA from a banana.

Many thanks for your time Andrew
## 2013 HUB Fundraising report

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**CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!**
InTouch Newsletter

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

Last Day of School - Champers in the Park
As the final day of school for 2013 draws near, we would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and welcome you all to the break-up BBQ and Champers in the Park from 12pm on Friday 20 December at Caldwell Park on the corner of Mangalore St and Cashmere St. After final assembly and school finishes at 1pm the children are invited back for a sausage and cool drink.

Christmas Cake stall at Flemington Farmers' Market
Last Sunday, The Hub ran a stall of Christmas goodies at the Flemington Farmers Market. We sold most of our remaining Christmas cakes made by the parents and friends of the Hub and raffled a beautiful gingerbread house and decorated Xmas cake. We received many generous donations from the FPS community such as gingerbread cookies, shortbread, rum balls and fudge to sell on the day. We were really pleased with how well the day went and all proceeds raised are going towards the prep to 2 home readers fundraising. Many thanks to those who baked and made items for us to sell and to parents who helped set-up, pack-up and sell on the day. A special mention to our FPS 'buskers' of Oskar & Lucas Moore and Flynn & Andrew Seward who added a festive atmosphere to our stall with their Xmas carols. Thanks, also, to Karin Moore for co-ordinating the stall.

FETE – Saturday 22nd March 2014, 11am to 4pm
Confirmed Fete stalls: second hand books, DVD and toys, craft, jams and preserves, plant and seedlings, silent auction plus many more.

At this stage you can help out by
1. Donating QUALITY items that can be sold.
2. Making • jams/preserves • growing plants • making craft items. Contact Katie Evans for craft information.

Do not drop anything at the school until March 2014.

We are seeking silent auction and raffle items.
- Do you have a holiday house that you can donate for a weekend?
- Do you run your own business or work for an organisation that can donate a service, product or voucher?
- Can your friends or family offer something?

We are seeking sponsorship for the Fete: • A Platinum sponsor ($5000) • Gold ($1000) • Silver ($500) • Bronze ($250) sponsors.

To find out what is involved in sponsorship or to donate silent auction/raffle items please contact Rochelle Carland or Annette Williams.

Gabrielle Dolan
0405 144 092 or gabrielle@gabrielledolan.com

Farmers’ Market at Mount Alexander College
Last Sunday, HUB representatives held a stall at the Farmers’ Market at Mount Alexander College. This was a fantastic effort with Christmas Cakes, Gingerbread and cookies as well as the raffle of the Gingerbread House.

Thanks to Phillip Smith for the photos.

Icy Poles
Icy poles are on sale for $1 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of Term 4.
Music News

Vern O’Hara 0403 777 050

End of Year Instrumental Concert

The end of year instrumental music concert will be held this Thursday 12th December. BBQ starts at 5.00pm and the concert starts at 6.30pm. The Senior and Junior Choirs, Bands, Strings, Rock Bands and Percussion groups will be performing as well as the recipients of this year’s Achievement Awards.

The music tops have arrived and are on sale from the office. Students performing at the concert can wear either the old or new music tops this year.

Students with Hire instruments need to return their instruments by next Monday to Mr O’Hara.

We will be holding a BBQ before the concert starting at 5.00pm with halal sausages available, as well as drinks, cakes and lollies.

We will also be holding a raffle and selling the new music tops and music bags.

All parents and students are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

School Concert Photos

Phillip Smith was our official photographer at this year’s concert and has made available a number of photographs for parents to order. They are set up in a Dropbox account for viewing. To access the Dropbox account please email Philip directly at philip@photosmith.com.au.

Phil will then share the link with you to view and select your photos. Orders can then be placed at the office for full colour, high quality professional photographs, of your children during the concert. You can also purchase the photos on CD or via email.

Instrumental Soirees Dates.

Leonie: Friday 13th December, 6.00pm in the music room

Green Travel Plan News

Bart Sbeghen
M 0418 231 686 E macbart@bigpond.com

Congrats to all those who tried walking, scooting or cycling in November as part of Walk to School month. There were numerous prizes given out and well done all. We are looking to arrange an informal walking/scooter group from Debney Meadows to school and back.

Any parents willing to lead this initiative?

Arabic

تتمنى لجميع أولئك الذين حاولوا المشي، أو ركوب الدراجات/ scootering في نوفمبر تشرير الثاني كجزء من المشي إلى المدرسة الشهر. كانت هناك العديد من الجوائز التي وزمت وكذلك فت كل برنامج تنظيم جمعية المشي /scootering رسمية من Debney. أي الأباء على استعداد لقيادة هذه المبادرة؟

Hindi

स्कूल महीने के लिए अभाव में एक स्कूल की रूप में विका नवम्बर में घूमना, Scootering या साइकिल को कोसियाका क्षेत्र, जो एक सफेद बच्चे की बच्चेदारी का बच्ची बच्ची का बच्ची बच्ची का बच्ची बच्ची का बच्ची.

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हमा स्कूला वापस परियोजना के लिए लिए Debney में भिड़ा छोटे छोटे से एक अनुपाकारिका कलाने/ Scootering समुहा की व्यवस्था परियोजना को लिए देखा रहेगा. कृपया अपने पहले उपभोक्ताओं के लिए भी?

Babysitter available!

My name is Lucinda and I am nearly 18 years old. I recently graduated from high school and therefore I have flexible available working hours.

I have babysat before and I enjoy the company of children and babies. I have had a lot of experience with children including swim teaching children under the age of seven, and coaching beginner’s hockey for children under the age of twelve.

I can also complete household chores if needed.

I live in Flemington and can attend to houses around the north Melbourne and Essendon area.

My hourly rate is $15.

My mobile number is 0410 033 774.

Flemington E Newsletter
Flemington Primary School has been invited to join in a FREE DEECD trial of Konnective. Konnective is a mobile app solution that will allow us to communicate with you, our parents, straight to your smartphone. We will be sending news, events, photos and more so that you can be even more connected with your children’s activities and events at the school.

Using the Konnective app, you can add events directly to your phone's calendar, set reminders for things you need to do and receive important alerts (similar to a text message) as soon as they are released.

Via the app, we can send communication to specific grade levels, so you will receive information specific to your child’s grade as well as general news, events and updates that will go to everyone. This will extend and enhance our existing communications (eg. Newsletter, website).

We encourage you to be a part of this new school initiative and give us your feedback. Shortly you will be sent an invitation email from Konnective, which will provide you with instructions on how to download the app and register (it’s free), if you wish to do so.

For those without a smartphone there is a web mobile version as well as a website version.

To access Konnective, please provide your email address and name to the school by email to the school email address: Flemington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au even if you have already registered for the newsletter alert by email.

If you have already supplied your email address to the school but do not wish to be involved in this initiative please respond to Doria.erna.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

Welcome to our new communications portal.

Lesley McCarthy
Principal
Community News

Does your child love performing?

Are you looking for an extra-curricular activity which helps develop your child’s confidence? Does your child want to learn how to develop their performance skills and become more outgoing? We provide fun, engaging and creative weekly classes for kids aged 3 to 16 years. Our classes offer a supportive environment where students can develop communication skills, creativity, and confidence. Ranging from Acting & Drama to Modelling & Confidence as well as Fun Club for preschoolers, we have a variety of classes to suit your little performer’s passion. Our industry trained tutoring staff are actively engaged in the entertainment industry and have extensive experience working with children and teens. We are committed to developing the self confidence and creativity of young Australians and look forward to working with your child to help nurture and build upon their natural creativity and performance skills!

Places are limited for Term 1 2014 - call 1300 658 016 to secure your spot! www.aspireentertainment.com.au

Melbourne Heart Football Clinic

On Thursday 19 December, Melbourne Heart FC will be visiting the Flemington Community Centre to run skill-based soccer clinics and a match for those wanting to participate.

Melbourne Heart players will be in attendance to sign autographs and have their photos taken with participants. We invite you to come along, learn some soccer skills, have a kick with the players and enjoy a free BBQ afterwards.

The event will run between 4 – 6pm.

For information contact the Flemington Community Centre on 8325 1800
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MON 16TH DEC 2013 - WED 18TH DEC 2013
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3 DAYS $60 4TH-6TH 2nds
3 DAYS $60 7TH-9TH 2nds

THURSDAY 11-13 years 3-3.30pm
THURSDAY 9-11 years 3-3.30pm
THURSDAY 11-13 years 3-3.30pm
3 DAYS $65 U14 DAILY $23

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