Dear Parents,

We hope that you had a refreshing and enjoyable holiday and Easter period. We are looking forward to a busy and engaging Term 2. This newsletter provides some details of important dates for Term 2; for more specific information please refer to weekly publications of “In Touch” and other notices.

**Important Dates in Term Two:**
- Wednesday 24\textsuperscript{th} April, ANZAC Day service
- Thursday 25\textsuperscript{th} April, ANZAC Day public holiday
- Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} May – 14\textsuperscript{th} June, Interschool Sport (Grade 6 only)
- Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} May, NAPLAN (Grade 5 language conventions and writing)
- Wednesday 15\textsuperscript{th} May, NAPLAN (Grade 5 reading)
- Thursday 16\textsuperscript{th} May, NAPLAN (Grade 5 mathematics)
- Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May, Education Week Open Day
- Friday 31\textsuperscript{st} May, Grade 6 transition forms due
- Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} June, Queen’s Birthday public holiday
- Wednesday 12\textsuperscript{th} June, Reach Rookies Workshop
- Tuesday 25\textsuperscript{th} June and Thursday 27\textsuperscript{th} June, 3 Way Conference (teacher/student/parent)

**Student Leaders**
Beginning this term and continuing throughout the year, our student leaders will be conducting school tours for prospective 2014 prep families. We’re confident that they will do an amazing job in representing our school as they embark on the next step of their leadership journeys.

**English**
Students continue to participate in a range of independent, small group and whole class reading activities. Guided Reading sessions include; comprehension tasks, word analysis, research activities, shared reading and literature circles. Students are encouraged to read a wide variety of materials including novels, magazines, research material, newspaper articles and online texts.

Students will develop literacy and test taking skills as they prepare for the grade 5 NAPLAN assessments in week 5.

**Inquiry learning**
Congratulations to all students for their fantastic participation in Inquiry learning in term 1. Students needed to persist, work together and solve problems to build their compound machines. We were impressed with their maturity and creativity.

This term, we will be studying Economics and our essential question is “What is the Price of Living?” Students will be exploring concepts like; supply and demand, taxation and personal finance, needs and wants and banking. We encourage students to read a range of texts on this topic including online texts and newspapers. You might like to discuss some of these themes with your child.
Mathematics
In 2013, Flemington Primary School is aiming to have the whole school studying the same mathematics topics at the same time. This provides great opportunities for cross class collaboration. We begin the term by finishing our mapping unit. The mathematics units for the rest of the term are:
- Addition, Subtraction and Number patterns
- Money – value and transactions
- 2D and 3D Shape; transformations and properties

We encourage you to engage your children in real life mathematics activities at home such as; orienteering and map reading, cooking and using fractions and budgeting. We also encourage you to play simple mathematics games, please see your child’s teacher if you need suggestions.

Homework
It is important that all students read for at least 30 minutes each night. Classroom teachers also set Mathletics tasks each week. Students are expected to complete five tasks each week. The tasks are chosen to relate back to Mathematics concepts covered in class.

5/6 Specialist Subjects
Term two continues to involve 3 specialist programs including Science, Music and P.E.

Sport
The sport program will involve the students participating in a P.E. lesson each week with Brendan, as well as the Friday sports program. Some students are also participating in Cross Country. Students will also be able to try out for a soccer carnival. Athletics try-outs are also organized for later this term, with the Athletics tournament happening in Term 3.

5/6 Interschool Sports
This term the grade 6 students will be involved in a seven week interschool sports program completing in AFL, netball and bat tennis against schools in our region. All costs have already been covered in our excursion levy. To ensure appropriate numbers, some grade 5 students may participate in interschool sports. Please see the attached interschool sport timetable for details. The remaining Grade 5 students will participate in a variety of activities and engage in a visiting sports incursion program throughout the term.

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If you have any queries regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to see your classroom teacher.

Regards,
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