Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

Congratulations to our Instrumental Music students on another outstanding concert last Thursday. As always, the students were confident in their music and performed a range of pieces with aplomb.

Thank you again to Vern O’hara, Elise Turner and music teachers Gavin Lang, Lily Parker, Chris Duffy, Leonie Khoury, Rob Ekselman and Rosie Vizard for their assistance.

Thank you to Phillip Smith for the excellent photographs he took on the evening.

The Boys’ Soccer team is still revelling in their success last Friday in the Ascot Vale District Soccer Carnival. With 5 wins from 5 matches, they were confident but had to wait until the last minute to discover the winning school. Congratulations to all players on their determination and teamwork.

While the Girls played 5 excellent games, their result was thwarted by strong performances from the other schools, with 2 wins and 3 draws. They showed their skills and teamwork and finished 4th out of the 12 schools.

Well done to all players.

Congratulations also, to Mark Catterson, Prep teacher, on his successful completion of the Bastow Institute module on Leadership.

We continue to remind parents of the importance of children being at school on time to start learning for the day. I am very disappointed to report that this term, we have already recorded 438 Late Passes. This is more than one for every child at school yet not every child has had a late pass. Parents and children are reminded that school begins at 9.00am and all children should be at school no later than 8.55am unless attending a medical appointment. IT IS NOT OK TO BE LATE!

An end of term assembly will be held in the hall commencing at 1.00pm tomorrow. School will finish at 1.30pm and the schoolgrounds will be supervised until 1.45pm.
Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Please note that the office will not be taking any payments on Friday 28th June, last day of term 2.

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.

Visitors Badges
All visitors, including parents, need to pick up and wear a badge when visiting the school at any time. If parents are helping in classrooms or attending meetings please call at the Office first.

OSHC News
Pupil Free Day

As Monday 15th July is a Pupil Free Day, Camp Australia will be taking bookings for any families requiring child care for the day. Please contact them on the numbers listed below.

Camp Australia now 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.

Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

Well it’s that time of the term and we are all certainly ready for our holidays.

Please remember that there are drivers out there who may not be aware of the holidays so remember to cross the roads at lights or at appropriate crossing points.

As I remind our families and community at the end of every term you are most welcome to use the school grounds throughout the holidays. If you do see or hear anything on our grounds that does not appear to be correct please ring the Flemington Police immediately.

I encourage families to have a great holiday and rest up for the busy third term.

There will be some maintenance and building works in progress during the holidays; as well as our holiday carpet steam cleaning & window cleaning.

The Aafro tutoring school will continue on Saturday mornings as will Fit Family.
Teaching Your Child to Respect Property

School age children begin to become more independent in maintaining their own property and borrowing or using the property of others. Sometimes the boundaries between creative and destructive play can be blurred. As a parent, it is important to consistently teach your child to have pride in and care for his/hers and others’ things.

Unhelpful Ways of Dealing with Children Destroying Property

1. Overreacting to the property destruction - Parents who react to property destruction in an aggressive way communicate the idea to children that this is the way to react to such disappointment. Make sure your degree of disappointment over something being destroyed isn’t out of proportion to what happened.

2. Using severe punishment - Rather than focussing on the wrong doing, talk with your child about the danger that incurred or could have been incurred by your child’s activities. Concentrate on teaching your child how to care for things correctly.

Helpful Ways of Preventing Children from Destroying Property

1. Provide children with old materials - Some children will naturally be creative and want to explore how things work. Provide children with old materials (e.g., old clothes for painting, old doll’s to cut hair, things that can be pulled apart) for their own projects.

2. Teach children the rules for caring - Take the time to explain to children the value of their own or others’ property and the consequences of not caring for the property in terms of how others may feel.

3. Practice what you preach - Children will learn not to respect property from parents who do not look after their own possessions. Parents should model behaviours that respect property so that their children can learn from watching them on a day-to-day basis.

4. Supervise your child - Having a clear idea of what your child is doing is important to prevent destructive behaviours from occurring. You may notice that what they are intending to do has the potential to be destructive. If so, talk this through with your child as described in Prevention Tip #2 above.

5. Praise your child for caring - Increase the chances of keeping destruction to a minimum by letting your child know when s/he is taking wonderful care of his/her property. This reminds your child of the rule, helps him/her feel good about him/herself and makes your child proud of his/her possessions.

Unhelpful Ways of Dealing with Children Destroying Property

1. Have your child rectify the damage - Have your child clean up the mess he/she has made to a better standard than when he/she found it, or have your child do chores to earn the money required to repair the broken object or buy a new one. This gives your child a sense of responsibility, ownership, and caring, as well as teaching children the value of cleaning or money.

2. Provide logical consequences - Briefly tell you child what he/she has done wrong and what privilege is being removed as a logical consequence. E.g., if a child scratches a DVD with a stick, s/he is not allowed to watch DVDs for the rest of the weekend.

VICTORIAN PRESCHOOLERS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH PROJECT

A Melbourne primary teacher and COGE graduate is currently seeking 52 children aged 3 years to 5.5 years for her Honours in Psychology research project investigating whether use of an iPad or use of concrete materials leads to greater learning in preschoolers. Participation involves 1 to 2 hours of time, spread over five consecutive days, in your own home. Each child plays either a specific iPad app or specific hands-on game once a day for five days, with a pre-test on Day 1 and post-test on Day 5. Participants receive a picture book as a thank you gift. For more information or to register your child, please contact Kirsty Pitman kpitman5@myune.edu.au The study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of New England (Approval No. HE13-066, Valid to 03/04/2014)
MATHLETICS MASTERS SEMESTER ONE

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding efforts on Mathletics this semester. Their efforts and achievements contribute to their solid mathematics skills.

**Maths Masters:**
- Vinicius F. Grade 56M
- Nasra A. Grade 3/4J
- Nasrudin A. Grade 2N

**Highest achieving students by year level:**
- Prep – Aishani, Angus N, Wade O.
- Year 1 – Anh, Claire, Lidya
- Year 2 – Nasrudin, Callum, Jakob H
- Year 3 – Nasra, Genna C, Ezra
- Year 4 – Tiffany, Antonio, Anna
- Year 5 – Vinicius, Maia, Daniel T
- Year 6 – Zac, Nick, Henry

Numeracy Corner

With the holidays just around the corner, students and families alike are looking forward to a well-deserved break together. However, just because children are not at school, doesn’t mean they need to stop learning! Why not take the time to explore maths together in real life tasks at home? Here are some suggestions from the numeracy team to get you started, and that could double as preparation for our whole school maths topics coming up in term 3. Our foci will be: Units of Measurement, Multiplication & Division and Chance & Probability.

**Units of Measurement**
- Introduce kitchen scales and weigh some foods such as a box of tea bags or a bag of rice and order items by weight.
- Find different ways to measure the height of people in your family.
- Cut a piece of string for your child, any length will do. Use the string to measure the objects in your house to find out what is longer or shorter than your ‘string measuring tape’. Ask your child to identify anything that is the same length.
- Explore other ways of measuring using a cup, jug, teaspoon, icy pole sticks, footprints or hand lengths.
- Build a tower of blocks that is taller than a favourite toy. Ask your child to count the total blocks to measure the height of the tower.
- Make a list of the abbreviations used in the recipe and then write them in full, for example, L for litre, mL for millilitre, tsp. for teaspoon, tbsp. for tablespoon. Discuss conversions between units.
- Plan day trips together discussing and comparing distances and times travelled.
- Have a scavenger hunt at home to find all the tools that can be used to measure with. Does your child know how to use them?
- Discuss ‘How has measurement changed over time?’

Have a safe and relaxing break,
David Meyer
Numeracy Coordinator

Holiday Homework opportunities

- Mathletics – 1000 points each week
- Reading Eggs
- Spelling City
- Studyladder.com

Start some reading or research on the Term 3 inquiry units:
- Prep Who are the people who help us in the community?
- Grade ½ What makes Australia unique?
- Grade ¾ How has Australia’s past contributed to what we are today?
- Grade 5/6 What is Global food and what choices do we have about food?

Schoolkids Bonus

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to $205 for each primary student and up to $410 for each secondary student. You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

If you think you are eligible and you haven’t already updated your child’s education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Services by 29 June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time. The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families cannot claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return.

To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus payment in July, check your eligibility by visiting www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus
Grades 3 / 4 Science
Term 2 2013

During term 2 students in grades 3 and 4 have been investigating weathering and erosion. The unit commenced by students investigating how the different types of rocks, sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous are formed. Students identified how the school's environment is being altered by the process of weathering and erosion.

They observed and recorded evidence of weathering and erosion within their school grounds, identifying the types of erosion and weathering that cause detrimental effects to the land and ways these can be prevented.

The experiments were set up in the school grounds where erosion from running water was compared for different surfaces; fully grassed, partly grassed, compacted soil and sand. By collecting the eroded material students considered what factors minimized the erosion.

SPELLING RULES

Each week we will feature one of the 15 major spelling rules for English. This week, in preparation for the school holidays, we are presenting the first 2 rules.

Use this to play word detective games, scrabble and hangman, missing letters in words with your children and help to embed the rules.

OR “When 2 vowels go out walking, the first one does all the talking”.

A single vowel letter usually says its short vowel sound.

A vowel letter pair usually says the long vowel sound of the first vowel. Vowel letter pairs are usually together or joined by one consonant.
District Soccer Carnival

On Friday 21st June Flemington Primary School participated in the District Interschool Soccer Carnival at Holland Park. Being a new venue it was interesting to see the layout of the fields. In previous years the carnival was held at Fairbairn Park and played on three-quarter sized pitches. This year the pitches were significantly smaller with even smaller goals. This made the games more intricate with a need for fine touches and placement of the ball. With a majority of our training conducted in the hall and working within a confined space this possibly worked in our favour.

This year there were twelve participating teams, each fielding a boys and girls team. Upon arrival all schools gathered to a central location to discuss the rules and then each school set off to their specific pitch to begin the first game. Being a frosty morning both the ball and the pitch was extremely slippery and this dictated the way we played our first couple of games. We aimed to strike the ball low and hard allowing it to ricochet and slip past defenders to our advantage.

As the day progressed the fields dried up and this allowed us to be more intricate with our play. Our rule for defenders was to intelligently clear the ball and our midfielders/strikers to take on the opposition to set up the best possible shot. This was successful as both teams (boys and girls) clearly communicated to create space and utilising the whole team to provide greater scoring opportunities.

A personal highlight for the day was the boy’s second game against Ascot Vale PS. By half time Flemington were down 0-2. Never once accepting defeat they continually fought for the ball, remaining positive and worked their way back into the contest. At the final whistle the score was 3-2 our way. This ethic of hard work was built through our training and fantastic to see that quality shine on the day.

With a high standard of soccer throughout the day the girl’s team finished with 2 wins and 3 draws. They successfully remained undefeated and finished 4th in the overall standings. Our boys came in with high expectations to carnival as two time defending champions and lived up that standard. They finished the day undefeated with five wins from five games and once again walked away as the champions for the third year straight. They will now participate in the regions with more information coming in the near future.

A big thanks to my student teacher Sophie for umpiring on the day and providing technical and supportive advice, and once again to Fiona as the girls coach. A big thank you also goes to the parents who came to support on the day.

Health & Physical Education Coordinator
Brendan Newman

Green Travel News
This was a great article in the Moonee Valley Leader.
Keep up the walking and riding over the holidays: riding and walking are the best ways to explore your neighbourhood or holiday destination.
Bart Sbeghen
Sustainability News

Our school is sustainable in many ways including when we do the sustainability unit. This goes throughout the whole school.

The Preps do a topic on mini beasts, where they learn about many different insects and bugs. It is really interesting and the preps learn a lot about how bugs are part of our environment.

The 1/2 do a big unit on the Three R’s. The three R’s are Recycle, Reuse and Reduce. This topic focuses on how we can recycle and reuse thing to reduce pollution. It really makes the kids understand and think about what we can do to help the environment.

The ¾ students do a topic on water. During this topic we look at how we use water and how we can affect the environment by using too much. We also do an excursion to the Melbourne Desalination Plant in Werribee, this excursion is very informative and we learn all about where our waste goes.

In 5/6 we do a really big topic on sustainability and biodiversity. We work in groups and together we look at how we can really make a change in our school and around our area. Lots of things have been implemented during this unit such as a worm farm and a compost bin.

By Merric and Zac

FLEMINGTON FATHERS FILM SOCIETY

Following an encounter with Brad and Angelina (and yes even they have trouble getting a babysitter) at the “Niddrie Very Short Film Festival” the FFFS will be attending a screening of “World War Z” at the Sun Theatre next Tuesday evening the 25th of June at around 7pm. Subject to availability our local geneticist David Amor will give his much anticipated talk “Zombies; Fact or Fiction (not)” followed by supper at the Grand Tofu. Unfortunately at 3 hours the lecture left little time for questions. So get in touch with your inner zombie; all welcome.

More Information contact Robbie Allen on 0417725855

HUB News

Rochelle Carland (Hub President) carlandr@bigpond.net.au or 0416 177 219

Special Lunch

Belated thanks to Helen Drew and the group of mums who helped with the Baker’s Delight Special Lunch. They were a hit with the kids and the parents (who appreciated not having to make lunches that day!).

Popcorn Days & Friday Fun Days

We hope everyone has enjoyed the popcorn days and our sweet treats on Friday afternoons this term. Special thanks to Natalie MacLaren for co-ordinating and making the popcorn and Lisa Madden for managing the Friday Fun treats. Natalie and Lisa were ably assisted by a group of mums who volunteered their time to add a bit of fun to the school day!

Please contact Natalie, Lisa or Rochelle if you are interested in helping out next term…
Wishing you a safe & happy holiday!

The HUB

VOCE DI VINO ROSSO CHOIR
(Flemington Parents & Friends’ Choir)

We hope you liked our performance at FPS’s mid-year concert. If you are keen to sing too, this is a great time to join the choir as we start some new songs.

No experience is necessary. We meet each Monday night (during school term only) between 7:50pm and 9pm in warm and inviting members’ homes. We have a social drink, a sing-along and a few laughs in between.

The choir is led by Lily Parker (Professional musician and FPS’s voice coach). If interested, email Lilycnp@gmail.com or call Toni on 0407 561 320.

Congratulations to past student Peter Wright, who is on the Calder Cannons list. Peter has been recovering from a back injury over the last year but was able to attend his 3rd AIS AFL Training academy this year.

Peter plays alongside another former student Reilly O’Brien in the TAC Cup.
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Community News

SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING: SEAL
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