Congratulations to the students who competed in the AVDSSA Swimming Carnival at Queens Park pool last Friday. This was our most successful year ever with 20 students going through to the District Carnival on March 14th.

Our new school swimming caps meant our swimmer really stood out.

On March 1st, the new DEECD Student Engagement and Wellbeing policies were enacted. For FPS this means a greater emphasis on following up on student absences; querying unexplained absences and parent meetings for absences totally more than 7 days without a valid reason.

Every Day Counts!

This also includes our focus on managing and responding to inappropriate student behaviour, particularly behaviour that impacts on the learning of other students. Parents have been contacted and this practice will continue with any behaviour which is referred to either Sandra or myself for assistance.

We need parents, teachers and students all working together to that everyone who comes to school is safe and able to learn.

Schedule 4 -
Notice of Election and Call for Nominations for School Council
Nominations must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Friday 7th March, 2014. Nomination forms are available at the office.

Save the Date – It’s The FETE – March 22nd
Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

New Uniform Items for 2014
We have white and navy blue hijabs to be available for 2014 at a cost of $13.00. They will have ‘FPS’ embroidered on the bottom front left hand side. We also have extra length summer dresses, which cost $41 for sizes 4-14 and $43 for size 16, and also extra long shorts, which cost $22. Please see the new uniform order form on the last page of this newsletter.

Please note school uniform is compulsory. Student are not permitted to wear clothes which do not comply with our colours: navy, white and jade green. All parents are reminded that tights must be either navy or white – not coloured, striped or patterned.

Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by Wednesday 12th March by 9.00am

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.

Online Newsletter Subscription
If you would like to subscribe to receive our weekly newsletters, and other important announcements, please visit our website http://www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au, click on ‘subscribe to newsletter’ and enter your details.

We are not permitted under the Information Privacy Act to do this for you, nor do we have the resources to update information for all our families.

We also use the Konnective APP

To access Konnective, please visit www.konnective.com.au and join up using your email address and name. You will then need to verify a verification email sent to the email you have joined with. Or see the link on the school website.
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

Police asked to Patrol
Flemington Police were with me on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at the bollards after they had received a number of calls regarding the parking, drop off and pickups in the laneway and in Flemington Street.

They will continue to patrol these areas over the next weeks and will initially be reminding drivers of the road rules. Follow ups will result in drivers being given a fine.

Parking
While the police were here we appear to have had a number of parents parking illegally in car parks attached to flats and houses that are not actually on the street.

I had one lady come to see me quite upset as she was unable to enter her driveway because someone was parked across it on the inside, she then became more annoyed to find someone parked in her space. I apologised and actually spoke to the drivers involved. Please be aware that I also told the lady to take the numbers, ring the police and the council and then give them to me.

Sun smart
Parents are reminded that all children need to be wearing a broad brimmed hat whenever they are outside.

No hat No play - We are a sun smart school.
If any child comes to school without a hat they will be asked to spend their play and lunch times in the covered area outside the prep learning neighbourhood. They will also be asked to sit in the shade during sport time.

We have students coming to the office daily asking for spare hats. Please advise them that we do not hold spare hats at the school.

Science Talent Search
Calling all scientists!
We are looking for inquiring minds, creative thinkers, researchers, builders and innovators.
Last year, FPS submitted 25 entries into STS and won the encouragement award for our school. Many students were awarded bursaries for their entries and everyone enjoyed the experience.
Are you interested in entering this year? The theme is Food for our Future – Science feeding the world.

Meet Mr Ziebell and Mrs McCarthy in the Science room at lunchtime on Wednesday March 12th at 1.40 to chat.
AVDSSA Swimming Carnival
Brendan Newman

District Swimming Carnival

February 28th 2014 was a day where no other school could win the swimming carnival except Flemington Primary School. We came trained, prepared and there was no stopping us. There were 30 students and we all caught the tram to the event. It was located at Queen’s Park Swimming Pool where the majority of the team had already trained. The events were Breaststroke, Butterfly, Backstroke, Freestyle, Medleys and Relays. For the 5th year in a row, Flemington Primary School won the Ian Thorpe shield because we came first! Thank you to Katia and Brendan for helping the team get to #1.

Of the 24 competing students an amazing 21 of them have made it to the Division Swimming final on Thursday 13th March at Oak Park. We would love to see parents attend the carnival and support our students.

Student Leader
Jack S

Division Swimming List
Wyatt B Callum G Lucas M
Marcus D Shaid S Beth H
Olivia A Chloe V Ned T
Will T Oliver A Leo Z
Isobel C Jess D Katja C
Miranda G Angelina L Maia A
Tamsin C Amy F Luca A
William M Daniel T Lily Z
Jack S Claudia CA Lochie S

OSHC Program

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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Make sure you keep an eye out for Karl and the team at the Fete.

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

Ride, Skate, Walk or Scoot to School Day Competition

On Wednesday 19th March we will be having a ride, skate, walk or scoot to school day. You can dress your bike, helmet, scooter or skateboard with anything you want. If your class has the most participants, your class will get an extra PE lesson from awesome Brendan.

If you have any questions please ask your SRC representatives.

Imogen L and Jamie K 2T

Ride2School day is on Wednesday March 19th and we are wanting to get everyone riding a bike – no excuses! Do you know how to ride a bike? Do you own a bike? Is your bike in good working order? If not, we want to help you!

We’ll be running a Bike "Re-cycle" Program for Repairing, Reusing and donating bikes to Redcross Refugees on Friday mornings (8 to 8.45am) and afternoons (3.30pm onwards) for the next 3 weeks in the lead up to Ride2School day.

Bring along your bike and for a gold coin donation, we’ll work with you to make sure your brakes are working, your chain is oiled and your seat adjusted correctly. We’ll also be able to make other repairs where possible. We’ll show you how to ride. If you don’t have a bike, we’re looking for everyone young and old with an unwanted bike in any (but preferably working) order to donate the bike to our efforts. The donated bikes will be repaired with your help and given to any school child who needs a bike. Any excess bikes, and any adult bikes that are donated, will be nonetheless repaired and given to the Red Cross Wheel Power (bikes for refugees - http://www.redcross.org.au/wheel-power.aspx) initiative.

Parents, we need volunteers to help and your bikes. Whether you have bike skills or not, everyone can get involved in this worthy community exercise.

Please contact Peter Hormann (0408 773 837, peter.hormann@bigpond.com) for more information.
Library News
Vanessa Griffin

Welcome to the new Library

2014 is off to a flying start with the FPS students borrowing 1,752 books in the month of February. Wow, a great start to the year, well done everyone!

The Library moved location late last year and is now located directly opposite the Aftercare room. Special thanks to Paul Martinucci, one of our parents who assisted in moving the books one long day in December. Lucille Redenbach assisted with the re-shelving which ensured we were ready to go as soon as students returned to school. Many thanks Lucille for all the work you did for the Library in 2013.

Everyone is enjoying the new space which houses just over 8,000 titles in the student collection and around 1,500 teaching resources. Our Picture Story wall looks fabulous and the Reference books display has proved popular with many students choosing to look through our most impressive books during their Library class. In the Fiction area, Billy B Brown, Wimpy Kid and Dork Diaries are very popular again this year, with Geronimo Stilton not far behind. Older students are enjoying Percy Jackson, Conspiracy 365 and the Alex Rider series as well as many choosing Non-Fiction books in areas that particularly interest them. All in all, the students are making great choices with their borrowing! For our new parents, please encourage your child to return their Library book every week.

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

Fete Update – 22nd March 11 to 4pm

Time to drop off your second hand toys, books, DVD’s, records, and electronic games. Please bring them to Room 20 from Tuesday 11th to Friday 21st. There will be someone there to collect your goods at from 8:45 to 9:15am and 3:15 to 3:45pm each day.

Please do not drop off plants until the Thursday and Friday before the Fete. Plants and seedling can be placed in the area around the planter boxes between Chris’s room and the prep decking area or can be brought on fete day.

PRE-PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS
Pre-purchased wrist bands are now available for $25 which gives you unlimited rides all day at the fete. Order forms in the newsletter or at the office.

HELPERS ON THE DAY
We still need more helpers on fete day. If you can spare an hour of your time between 11 to 4 to help out on any of the stalls please contact Rose Iser with your time preference and your stall preference if you have one at roseiser@gmail.com

CAKE STALL
We are looking for bakers and jam and preserve makers. We need Slices, cakes, cookies jams and preserves to be sold on the day. We need whole cakes and cakes to serve as individual slices. All ingredients need to be labelled and please nothing that requires refrigeration. Our theme is red and white so if you are wrapping items could you match the theme. Cakes can be dropped in the canteen the Friday before the fete or on the day.

Gabrielle Dolan
gabrielle@gabrielledolan.com

Icy Poles

Icy poles are on sale Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for the rest of term. Icy Poles are $1. Annette Williams (mum of Imogen in Gr 2 and Chris in Prep) is co-ordinating icy-poles this term. If you’d like to help out with selling, please contact Annette (annette_andrew@hotmail.com) or myself to get your name on the roster.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware the Flemington Primary School Fete is on the **22 March** (only 3 weeks to go!). The grade 5/6 students will be running two of the stalls; Tattoos and Coloured Hairspray and the Mystery Bottle stall, with the assistance of parents.

We are kindly asking families for donations of 1) coloured hairspray and 2) completely wrapped-up gift bottles that can be sold on the day, as this would be a huge help in assisting with the fete. There are drop off boxes located in the 5/6 flexible learning neighbourhood and the grade 5 area. We greatly appreciate any donations given, no matter how big or small.

Thank you
The 5/6 Team
Transistion News

Gladstone Park

Proudly invites prospective students and families to attend the College

INFORMATION EVENING
Wednesday 30th April, 2014
6:00pm to 7:00pm – General Information Session
This will be an opportunity to learn more about the school’s curriculum, staff and policies.
This session will be held in the Theatre.
7:00pm to 7:30pm – SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) and
Select Entry Language Immersion Program
This is an opportunity to learn more about these programs.
This session will be held in the Theatre.
Further information can be obtained by contacting
Veronica Hoy or Julie Ryan on 9933 0000

OPEN DAY
Wednesday 7th May, 2014
9:15am – 10:30am – School Tour No. 1
11:00am – 12:15pm – School Tour No. 2
2 guided tours of the facilities will take place, where you can view
demonstrations and open classrooms.
The tour will start at the Theatre.
RSVP – required for School Tours only
gladstone.park.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au
Please indicate which School Tour you would like to attend.
Knowledge is Power
Taylor Drive, Gladstone Park. 3043
Phone: 9933 0500

Year 7 – 2015
Information Sessions

Please come and join us at our College to find out about Year 7 Information Sessions at our College.
You will have the opportunity to meet College teachers and hear about curriculum and
programs offered to our students. This will be followed by a tour of the College.
The information sessions will be on the following dates at 7:00pm:
- Tuesday 29th April
- Thursday 1st May

An evening session will be on Wednesday 15th April at 5:00pm.

Bookings are essential. Please phone the College on 9342-2342 to reserve a place.
We hope that you will take this opportunity to visit the College and look forward to
meeting you.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Hollis
Principal
Mrs. Hockley
Assistant Principal
Ms. McDonald
Head of Junior School
Pre-purchased wristband: $25

GRAB A BARGAIN! You can pre-purchase wristbands from the office which will give you unlimited rides all day at the fete! Wristbands are to be collected on the day to avoid any potential lost wristbands at home.

Wristband purchased at the Fete: $30 or Single ride ticket: $5

Child’s Name:............................................. Child’s Grade:.................................
Number of Pre Purchased Wristbands @ $25 required: ............... Total Amount: ............

Flemington Primary School
Mt Alexander Road (PO Box 7), Flemington 3031
Telephone: 9376 7137 / Facsimile: 9376 2230

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