Principal’s Report

Lesley McCarthy

At Monday Assembly we were able to acknowledge and congratulate many students on their achievements over recent days. Since then, further successes have been announced and it is with great pleasure I acknowledge all of these to our community.

1. Solar Boat – 74 students participated in the Solar Boat Challenge at Scienceworks on Saturday with one team making their way to the finals on Sunday. Well done to all children who have dedicated so much of their time to this effort. The team of Marcus, Mitch, Ruchi, Tim and Will has now been granted a wildcard into the National competition. Thank you to Bruce, Sandra, Nicola, Leonie and Christina for their assistance throughout the project.

2. Athletics – 9 children competed in the Western Region competition on 15th October and all achieved personal bests. The Under 11’s girls relay won their race in a new regional record time and will now compete in the State Championships. Congratulations to Amy, Angelina, Prue and Tamsin.

3. Chess – The FPS team of Anna, Daniel, Caomhain, Charlie, Lochie and Vinicius competed against 21 other schools at the German Club on 21st October. The team finished 3rd outright and will now compete in the State Championships. Congratulations to Anna who won the bronze medal for 3rd individual place.

4. Science Talent Search – After our success in winning 9 prizes out of our 25 entrants, the school has been awarded the Hugh McKnight Encouragement Award for the overall quality of entries in a breadth of sections. Nicola Dziadkiewicz and I will accept this award with Bursary winners at LaTrobe University on 6th November.

NAPLAN results were sent home to parents of students in years 3 & 5 last week following the annual testing in May. Congratulations to students on their overall successes this year. Here is a snapshot:

Year 3 Reading - 100% of students at or above year level with 39% above year 5.
Year 5 Reading – 100% students at or above year level with 22% above year 7.

The 2014 Prep Transition program begins with the first Storytime session next week. With over 80 Preps already enrolled, this will be another big year and we look forward to welcoming the new cohort to our school.

We are also in planning for other classes for 2014 so if you will not be returning in 2014, could you please advise the office in writing asap.

We also have severe cases of Gastro around the school again. Parents if your children are sick please keep them at home to prevent the spreading of this virus. Our sick bay cannot cope with the large number of students attending every day.
## Pupil of the Week

**Week beginning 14 October 2013**

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<td>Chris</td>
<td>For being confident during our Minibeast incursion. Well done!</td>
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<td>Amitesh J.</td>
<td>For using great reading strategies and going up levels in his reading.</td>
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<td>For sharing information about Minibeasts with the Preps. Well done!</td>
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<td>Zoe</td>
<td>For displaying great confidence and enthusiasm during his first week at FPS.</td>
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<td>Kasia</td>
<td>For confidently sharing his exciting endings with the class.</td>
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<td>Yvette</td>
<td>For showing organisation in helping the classroom to prepare for daily routines.</td>
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<td>Leonie</td>
<td>For his regular contributions to classroom discussions.</td>
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<td>Sarah</td>
<td>For writing a creative resolution for a narrative.</td>
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<td>Alex</td>
<td>For writing a detailed recount about our Science incursion using paragraphs.</td>
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<td>Nicola</td>
<td>For talking through his maths problems to remember the method.</td>
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<td>For gathering data through all his senses and finding humour in the every day.</td>
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<td>Jessica</td>
<td>For working very hard to improve her maths.</td>
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<td>For most improved with his division algorithm work and most cooperative team player with his body map group.</td>
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<td>Geoff</td>
<td>For always trying his best in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Phil/Christina</td>
<td>For consistent effort across the board.</td>
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<td>Fiona</td>
<td>For his creative imagination and use of her vocabulary when writing his own narrative.</td>
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<td>56M</td>
<td>Dave</td>
<td>For his ongoing thirst for improvement in all areas. You’re a strong role model when striving for accuracy.</td>
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<td>56T</td>
<td>Elise</td>
<td>For taking responsible risks with her learning by contributing ideas and strategies during our maths sessions on fractions.</td>
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## Office News

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

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

A reminder that the uniform shop is open on Monday 3.15pm to 3.45pm and Friday 8.45am to 9.15am.

Also note that a few items have increased in price so please check the order form.

We are now taking orders for 2014 Prep uniforms.
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

Hats
Well done everyone on having their hats ready for school last week. I know that we have had amazing hat sales as well.
PLEASE ensure that your child’s name is clearly labelled on their hat that way if left somewhere they can easily be returned. Also note that our school hats cost $13.00 not $10.00. Please send the correct money with your child.

Just a reminder to parents that all soft drinks or energy drinks such as V, No Fear, Mother and other forms are not allowed at school. Studies have shown that these may be harmful to children and young adults. They can cause heart palpitations and other heart related issues and can counteract any medicines being taken. If your child wishes to bring a drink to school, water is the best option.

From our patient Paediatrician

In this digital age, it is sometimes difficult for parents to restrict the amount of screen time their children have. Too much screen time in the hour before bed can often inhibit sleep causing tired and grumpy children the next day.

Set a time limit for screen time after dinner with shut down at least one hour before bedtime. This time should then be for showering, toothbrushing and reading to or with a parent or alone.

If children resist, shut down devices and have them charging in the kitchen as a family rule; do not allow children to watch TV in their bedrooms; remove Playstations and X-Boxes from bedrooms.

Older children are often disturbed at night by emails or texting from peers. Removing the devices from their bedrooms stops this interruption and also aids in reducing cyberbullying.
**Literacy**

MELBOURNE researchers have proven what parents have intuitively known all along - the more often you read to your children from an early age, the greater the positive effect on their reading and thinking skills. The Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research has not only proven a causal effect between the frequency of reading to a child and his or her development, but have also for the first time measured the benefits.

Children four to five years old who are read to three to five times a week have the same reading ability as children six months older (who are read to only twice or less a week).

Reading to children six to seven days a week puts them almost a year ahead of those who are not being read to. It was also found that reading to small children has a positive effect on the development of numeracy skills.

"It does appear to be the case that children who are read to more often keep doing better as they age than other children," said Professor Guyonne Kalb, director of the institute's Labour Economics and Social Policy Program, and co-author of the study.

The research - which was funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development - found the positive outcomes occurred in children regardless of parental income, education level or cultural background. That is, children with poor backgrounds or parents of limited education or ability have the same benefit of being read to frequently.

The longitudinal study followed the reading skills of more than 4000 children, aged four to five years in 2004, through to age 10 to 11.


**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to all students who completed the challenge this year. *The Age* will publish the Honour Roll online from Sunday 27 October, you will be able to view a personalised video and download a personalised front page of The Age that’s yours to keep. [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/)

**SRC**

**Dress up Day!**

The SRC's and the Student Leaders are raising money for the Lost Dogs Home. On Thursday 31st October come dressed as your favourite movie character, actor or actress. Don’t forget to bring a gold coin donation!!

**SOLAR BOAT SUCCESS!**

After working so hard for more than a term designing and building model solar powered boats, around 70 FPS students and 6 staff members arrived at Scienceworks last Saturday ready for a day of racing. The weather was glorious and students were smiling with anticipation. After scrutineering, the students raced their boats in heats and then the knockout rounds. At the end of the day there was one team from FPS remaining. Team Solar Strike made it through to the finals which meant they were invited back for more racing on Sunday. And what a great result - Congratulations Solar Strike for coming 7th in the state!

All teams learnt a lot about teamwork leading up to and on the day. The staff involved are very proud of the students’ efforts and congratulate them all on a job well done.

To add icing on the cake, team Solar Strike have been offered a wildcard entry for this year’s national finals to be held at Scienceworks on November 23rd and 24th. This is fantastic news and we wish the team – Ruchi, Tim, Mitchell, Marcus and Will – all the very best.

A big thanks to the members of staff, without whom such a program could not run: Bruce Ziebell, Sandra McOrist, Danh Ho, Christina Laught and Leonie Isaacs.

Nicola Dziadkiewicz
Walk to School in November

Flemington Primary School has signed up for VicHealth’s Walk to School 2013, a month-long activity that encourages children to walk to and from school every day in November.

Walk to School encourages children to make walking part of their daily routine to improve fitness, friendships, the environment and their confidence.

Children can keep track of their walks, with the help of a parent or teacher, using the Walk to School website and app. Children can play an interactive game on the app and earn items for an imaginary Walk to School journey with each walk they complete. The app is available for free from the App Store and Google Play.

Walk to School is free, it’s fun and there are fantastic prizes for families and schools up for grabs. Ask your child’s teacher for an information sheet and consent form, or register your child at www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au.

Well done to all who participated in Ride2Work Day last Wednesday. And congratulations to all the parents & Agata, who completed the Around The Bay rides last weekend!

Council has approved plans for traffic management works in Flemington Hill that should improve things for walking and cycling. They propose a series of "left in - left out" intersection treatments that should reduce the amount of rat running and through traffic on the local streets. We've asked for improvements to our walking routes along Kent St and Wellington St.

Volunteers needed could you donate 1 hour a week?

RoadSTART is an inspirational project that is helping to teach newly arrived migrants and refugees to drive.

Launched in November 2012, RoadSTART is managed by Moonee Valley Council and Flemington Neighbourhood Renewal and funded by the Victorian Government. It was initiated by the Rotary Club of Flemington and is supported by RACV, Victoria Police.

All volunteers are trained in safe driving practices and teaching techniques by RACV and provided with access to safe vehicles for sessions. Volunteers are also reimbursed for their time.

For more information or to register your interest in the RoadSTART program, please contact Flemington Neighbourhood Renewal on 8325 1800 or email kharding@mvcc.vic.gov.au.
Music News

Vern O’Hara

Chambermaid’s concert at FPS 2013

On Wednesday 16th October the Chambermaids came to FPS. When we were in the hall we realised there were only two out of five Chambermaids there. Once the next three chambermaids came in we were ready to start. Firstly they played a short intro and introduced themselves and their instruments. They played us many pieces of music and we got to join in and participate. Next they read out the poem Tom Cats and played some music with it. After that they played Turn The World Around and most of us joined in. Then the lady who plays the French horn made a French horn type thing made from a garden hose and a funnel. Then after a couple more songs it was time to thank the chambermaids but most of all we had a great time. By Thomas N and Jakob H 2N

Hub News (FPS Parent’s Association)

Rochelle Carland (HUB President)
carlandr@bigpond.net.au - 0416 177 219

BACK TO THE 80’s NIGHT

A large contingent of FPS parents, friends and teachers had a great night at the Back to the 80s night which was held in the Hall last Saturday night. Many people made a lot of effort and got dressed up in 80s finery and even decorated some tables with an 80s feel...

The Trivia section of the night was a lot of fun and Phill’s band, Acoustic Soda, had everyone on the dance floor as we travelled back in time to the 80s!

Thankyou to Gabrielle Dolan and Lara Widdop for organising this great event.

FPS Fete 2014

It’s always busy (but fun!) at the HUB and we’ve now turned our attention to the school Fete which will be held on Saturday 29th March next year. We need lots of helpers to make this a really great event - and spread the workload! We need co-ordinators for the food, craft, lollies/snowcones, hairspray/tattoos stalls as well as the raffle and silent auction. If you are interested in co-ordinating any one of these stalls, please contact me via email.

Icy Poles

Now the hot weather is here, icy poles are back on sale Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for the rest of term. Icy Poles are $1.

Annette Williams (mum of Imogen in Gr 1) 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.

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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Spring into Progress

Progress Kindergarten Celebrates its 60th year with the 2013 Annual Spring Fete

Join us for a Family Fun day!
- Gorgeous Cake and Craft Stalls
- Famous Bacon & Egg Rolls
- Loads of other Great Stalls
- BBQ, Coffee and Treats
- Fun Rides and Face painting
- Free Kids Activities
- Parting Zoo and Prizes
- Silent Auction & Lucky Draw

Sun, 27th Oct, 10 am - 2 pm
11 Brown Ave, Ascot Vale
Tel 03 9375 3409

Thank you to our major sponsor

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Frog Census Launch 2013

Saturday 9th November, Melbourne Museum, Carlton.

Spring is the time for many frogs to get vocal, and it’s also the time for celebrating the efforts of everyone involved in the Melbourne Water Frog Census!

Join us for a free event in the iconic Trivetts Room at Melbourne Museum, to launch the 2013 Frog Census. Our special guests will include state and territory government representatives, and a renowned frog expert.

If you’re a current volunteer, or just interested in finding out more about the Frog Census, come along and get involved in frog conservation!

Admission to the Museum for the morning, participation in the activities and morning tea are free, but it is essential to RSVP by Monday 28th October to frogcensus@melbournewater.com.au or to Richard Aker, ph 9647 724 275.
**Flemington Primary School**

**SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM**

*Prices as at October 2013*

Opening times
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Friday – 8.45am - 09.15am

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