Key reminders,

- We would like to welcome our new Principal Amanda Williams, we look forward to working with you in 2017
- Plans for 2017 - Nicola and Amanda available Friday 16th of December from 9:00am to 10:00am in the Science room
- The Giving Tree donations to be in by Monday 12th December
- Classroom Helper morning tea - Monday 12th December at 11am in the hall foyer.
- The office will not be taking any payments after 4pm Friday 16 December
- Jump Rope for Heart donations to be handed to the office by tomorrow
- The HUB Flemington Farmers Market Christmas stall is on this Sunday 11th December

Principal’s Report

Amanda Williams

It is with great excitement that I write to you as the new Principal of Flemington Primary School. FPS is an outstanding school and it is a great honour to be a part of this educational community.

I have already spent a few days at the school and have been warmly welcomed by all of the staff, school council, many friendly children and some parents who have introduced themselves to me. For those who I am yet to meet, I look forward to it soon.

As you are in no doubt aware, Flemington PS has some challenges ahead in 2017. I am positive that we can work together to maintain a constant focus on the delivery of a comprehensive curriculum and outstanding instructional practices so that Flemington students continue to receive a fantastic education in 2017 and beyond. As discussed in the previous newsletter, next year Health and Physical Education (HPE) classes will be taken by classroom teachers. The teachers have had significant input into this decision and feel confident about providing an exciting HPE program. In 2017 every student will receive a one hour lesson of Health and Physical Education each week accompanied by a number of proposed initiatives offered through Sporting Schools Victoria, Australian Council for Health and Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER) and local Universities to extend the HPE program. Inter-school sports, sporting carnivals, cross country and swimming programs will continue as in previous years. Teachers will be allocated time to adequately plan for HPE classes and will receive professional development as required. But most importantly, our teachers are excited and looking forward to this new opportunity and feel confident that they can transfer a balanced enthusiasm for Health and Physical Education and other curriculum areas to our students.
Nicola Dziadkiewicz our current Science teacher will be supporting teachers with a reimagining of our Science program. Increasing scientific literacy for all students is the goal of science education worldwide and current research states that science is best taught implementing an Inquiry Model integrating other curriculum areas. Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) is a DET priority and the Victorian Government is committed to supporting teachers with STEM education. There is a wealth of interest in STEM education amongst the current Flemington teaching staff and they are looking forward to collaborating and sharing their expertise in STEM for the benefits of our students. Flemington PS is indeed fortunate to have an outstanding educator and leader of STEM in Nicola. Outside her time at Flemington PS, Nicola is a workshop facilitator at Primary Connections - an education program run by the Australian Academy of Science plus a research assistant with the Science Education team at Deakin University and is therefore well positioned to lead and support Flemington teachers with the teaching of STEM.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Acting Principal Alex Artavilla for his hard work at Flemington PS this year and for his energy and guidance of our school through this transition period. We wish Alex all the best on his return to Sunshine Heights PS and Alex, you will always be very welcome at Flemington Primary and we hope that you will visit often.

Finally, I wish everyone a restful and happy summer holiday and new year. Be safe in the water, read in your free time, laugh with friends, ride bikes, play music and get excited for a new year FULL of learning.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2017
Amanda Williams

Other Information

Plans for 2017
Thank you to the parents that have been able to catch up to chat more about the plans for 2017. If you have any more questions or suggestions that you’d like to share, Nicola, Amanda and Alex will be making themselves available on Friday 16th of December from 9:00am to 10:00am in the Science room.

School Council information - Child Safety Standards and Child Safety Policy
A key role for the School Council policy subcommittee this year has been to review and finalise the details of the Child Safety Policy. This is to ensure that Flemington Primary School meets the new Child Safety Standards by the end of the 2016 school year which relate to the Victorian Governments commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report. The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian schools to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

The key policies and documents that have been developed to meet the standards include:
- Child Safety policy
- Code of Conduct
- Child Protection Reporting Obligations

These documents are now available on the school website under the Student Engagement and Wellbeing section.

The minimum ‘Child Safe Standards’ includes:
1. Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective Leadership arrangements
2. A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety
3. A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
4. Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
5. Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
6. Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
7. Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.
Assistant Principal
Sandra McOrist

Reminder Grounds ‘Master Plan’ Working Party – this weekend!

Thank you to all the parents that have expressed an interest in being part of the ‘Working Party’ to support the School Council Facilities subcommittee in developing a grounds master plan. The first meeting for the group will be on Saturday December 10th at 10am (this weekend!). Group meeting outside the Science room. If you are interested in joining the working party can you please confirm your interest by emailing me at: mcorist.sandra.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Classroom Helper Morning Tea
Thank you to all of those parents who responded to the Classroom Helper morning tea.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 12th December at 11am in the hall foyer.

Thank you Parent Helpers!

In recognition of the assistance you have given FPS in 2016, the Staff would like to invite you to a Thank you Morning Tea being held on Monday the 12th December @ 11am in the Hall Foyer

We look forward to seeing you there.

SRC News
Alex Taylor

The Giving Tree It’s that time of year again. The giving tree is starting up and we would like to give gifts to families that are less fortunate than us. We will be passing the gifts on to Anglicare Victoria at our annual Christmas Carols. Presents may be purchased for any age (please do not bring in any perishable food items). Gifts need to be wrapped, with a label stating age and gender of the gift. Every classroom will have a box available to put the gifts into. Gifts need to be handed in by Monday 12th of December.

Thanks

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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WILL YOUR CHILDREN BE AT FLEMINGTON PS IN 2017?

If you know your child/children will not be returning to Flemington PS in 2017 or if they will be only here for a short time e.g. you could be moving in Term 1, please fill in below if you have not already informed the school.

CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING FLEMINGTON P.S. IN 2017

Name: .................................................................................................. Year level in 2016: .............

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Name: .................................................................................................. Year level in 2016: .............

Finishing date: .................................. New school (if known): ..................................

Signature of parent/guardian: ..................................................................................................
Pupil of the Week
Week beginning 5 December 2016

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<td>Camilla C</td>
<td>Always being a kind friend who includes everybody and encourages her friends to join-in and have-a-go!</td>
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<td>Prep MC</td>
<td>Mason C</td>
<td>Making connections when reading and sharing his knowledge of sea animals with the class.</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Alexa P</td>
<td>Trying her best with her writing and creating a detailed information report. Well done!</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Lockie C</td>
<td>Making good choices when starting and completing his work.</td>
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<td>1K</td>
<td>Olivia B</td>
<td>For focusing more in class and using her time wisely when completing tasks!</td>
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<td>1P</td>
<td>Cooper M</td>
<td>Working well with all people in the groups he has worked in. Keep it up Cooper!</td>
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<td>1R</td>
<td>Matthew C</td>
<td>Caring for others in our class and always bringing a happy attitude to learning!</td>
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<td>1R</td>
<td>Eylul K</td>
<td>Showing resilience and determination in her learning this week. Eylul has been very brave and dedicated!</td>
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<td>2I</td>
<td>Ahlam A</td>
<td>Using her voice to portray different characters in a play.</td>
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<td>Matt J</td>
<td>Going over and above in being focused on his learning and showing great whole body listening in Term 4.</td>
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<td>Devi R</td>
<td>Getting involved in camp activities and taking risks. Well done!</td>
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<td>Oscar M</td>
<td>For collaboratively working with his learning partner to create a history project on change in our community. Well Done.</td>
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<td>George E</td>
<td>Providing feedback to his classmates to support their learning.</td>
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<td>34L</td>
<td>Sebastian H</td>
<td>Being an awesome buddy to the preps. Seb supported them in completing a puzzle to take home. Great work!</td>
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<td>34M</td>
<td>Imogen H</td>
<td>Volunteering to assist others during our history research project task.</td>
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<td>34T</td>
<td>Rebecca M</td>
<td>Consistently helping her classmates over the year and being a role model for other students. Well done!</td>
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<td>Shabir S</td>
<td>Always being a role model for your peers, showing kindness, friendliness and positivity towards everyone at all times.</td>
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<td>5C</td>
<td>Georgina L</td>
<td>Listening quietly to others and not interrupting, and waiting patiently to have her say.</td>
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<td>56P</td>
<td>Asher N G</td>
<td>Asher has been challenging himself in number patterns. He also rocked the school with his amazing drum solo! Well done!</td>
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<td>56V</td>
<td>All of 56V!</td>
<td>Having an amazing successful and fun 2016! Well done to each and every single one of you!</td>
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<td>6T</td>
<td>India-S L</td>
<td>Being one of the first students to the floor, and actively participating in class discussions.</td>
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Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

2017 Essential Student Learning Items & Voluntary Financial Contributions

Parents, payments for the fees, levies and book packs are now overdue. Please all book packs, grade 6 jumpers and polos MUST be paid for by tomorrow 9th December as we need to order these the following week. This will be the last reminder and if we have not received your payment by 9th December your child will miss out. Also note that many of these items are hard to come by so will be difficult to purchase outside of school.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

A few years ago the State Government has introduced a CSEF initiative to assist with the cost of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. The CSEF is available on the first day of either Term 1 (30th January) or Term 2 (18th April), to those who are:

a) Beneficiaries under the State Concession Act – holders of valid Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC), Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) or Veteran Affairs Gold Card or are
b) Temporary foster parents.

To access the scheme, parents and carers must compete and return the application form, which was sent home with your youngest child this week, along with copy of card to the office by Friday 17th March 2017, which is preferred date, or Friday 30th June 2017 (last date to accept applications).

If you are eligible for CSEF, which is $125 per primary school child per year, you will be able to use this money towards excursions, swimming and camps.

OFFICE

To ensure that the office meets banking requirements for 2016, all payments must be made by COB (4:00pm) Friday 16th December. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept payment after this date, until 2017. Please ensure all monies owed are paid accordingly. Thank you in advance for observing this request. We wish all our families and students are wonderful break over the holidays.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

A couple of weeks ago students in Grades Prep to 6 participated in Jump Rope for Heart. If your child raised any monies can you please send this to the office by tomorrow.

Thankyou
**Flemington Primary School**

**InTouch Newsletter**

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**Flemington Parent & Carer’s Committee**

(HUB)

Ellen Connor, Alice Blake, Garth Hardiman & Janine Donohue
E:flemingtonps.hub@gmail.com

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**Christmas Cake, Annual Fundraiser**

Farmers Market Stall - 11/12/2016

The HUB Flemington Farmers Market Christmas stall is on again this Sunday 11th December. You can pick up your pre-ordered cakes from the stall and we will be selling any remaining Christmas cakes made by the parents and friends of the HUB.

We have a beautiful gingerbread house to raffle which will be drawn at 12:30 at the market. Raffle tickets can be purchased from the stall on Sunday.

We are calling for donations of baked Christmas goods for the market stall:
- Gingerbread cookies, shortbread, rumballs and anything festive to sell on the day.
- Items that can be given as gifts are always popular.

Please bring your goodies to the market on the day, or they can be left at the school office on Friday. Items should be prepackaged for sale with ingredients listed.

Contact Janine Donohue via email at gavneen@optusnet.com.au or mobile 0413605064 for any queries. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there for some festive fun.

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**Last Day Park Playdate – 20/12/2016**

After assembly on the last day of school we welcome all children, parents and carers from the school community to a casual playdate in the park. The HUB will provide a free BBQ (including halal) and drinks.

When: Tuesday 20th December from 1.30pm
Where: Arthur Calwell Reserve
Cashmere Street, Travancore (approx. 2 minute walk from FPS)

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**2017 Prep Morning Tea – 2/2/2017**

The morning tea for new prep parents will be held after their first drop off on February 2nd 2017, from 8.30am until 10.30am. The event is being co-ordinated by Sarah Strapps, Mardi Durling and Michelle Mills.

If you are a current prep parent/carer and are happy to help serve on the morning, bring a plate of morning tea to share (or both) please let our committee know, or email the HUB at flemingtonps.hub@gmail.com

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**Canteen**

The canteen will continue to sell icy poles on Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout this term. If you are able to help in term one 2017, please contact our canteen co-ordinator Lucy Shaw (shawsathome@gmail.com).

We send a sincere thank you to the term 4 volunteers.

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**Thank you!**

Thank you to all the members of the school community who have made such a great contribution to the HUB and are leaving the school this year. Your efforts and all your work over all those years are appreciated and you will be missed.

Looking around the school there are so many things you have helped create and made possible and it has all made FPS a wonderful experience for the kids.

Thank you!!!
Community News

Does your child love to dance?

Discover all the positive & wonderful benefits of dance & performance can have for your child!

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DAN DONNELLY TENNIS COACHING PROGRAMS

XMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC
Wed 21 Dec, Thurs 22 Dec, Fri 23 Dec

Dear Parents,
School breaks up on Tuesday, December 20. This tennis clinic is the perfect pre-Xmas activity, suitable for all ages. No fees are payable until December 21.

Two formats are available:
9.00am to 12.30pm - 3 days $160
9.00am to 3.00pm - 3 days $240

JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC
Monday 23 to Thursday 26, January

A great holiday activity for all Juniors. No fees payable until January 23.

Two formats available:
9.00am to 12.30pm - 4 days $180
9.00am to 3.00pm - 4 days $280

All ages, all standards of players!
Parents enrol ASAP as this clinic will book fast.

TO BOOK, CALL OR TEXT 0408 991 700

Christmas Tree Sale

order from
www.6thMelbourneScouts.org.au

6TH MELBOURNE SCOUT GROUP KENSINGTON
50 McCrae Street Kensington
Order online 24/7 or phone 0414 216 540
Trees $15, Stands $4, Delivery & Collection $20