In Touch e-Newsletter

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CALENDAR

FRI, 10 FEBRUARY

Grade 3-6 District Swimming Trials 8am

TUE, 14 FEBRUARY Staff & Prep Photo Day WED, 15 FEBRUARY

Grade 3-6 District Swimming Training session 8am No School for Prep Students FRI, 17 FEBRUARY

Grade 3-6 District Swimming Training session 8am MON, 20 FEBRUARY

Parent Helper Induction *Program* WED, 22 FEBRUARY

No School for Prep Students
THUR, 23 FEBRUARY

District Swimming Carnival MON. 27 FEBRUARY

Parent Helper Program begins **WED, 1 MARCH**

No School for Prep Students **WED**, **8 MARCH**No School for Prep Students

WED, 15 MARCH
Prep Students attend today

FRI, 31 MARCH

End of Term 1 – School finishes at 1.30pm

MON, 17 APRIL
Easter Monday – No School
TUE, 18 APRIL
Start Term 2

BE YOUR BEST Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Ready To Learn

Principal's Report

Amanda Williams

It is only week 2 and it looks and feels as if we have all been back at FPS forever! So much has happened in only a short period of time, including our first incursion for Years 1 & 2- a hockey clinic! Schools, and especially FPS are very busy places and it can be challenging to keep up with what is going on at times. How we communicate with our families and community is very important to ensure that everyone not only knows about the wonderful events that are occurring, but so that our families can be informed about what is happening with their child's learning and events in their classroom. This newsletter will outline the way we communicate with our families and community.

Tiqbiz is an app that can be downloaded on your phone. It is easy to use and we will use it this year to distribute all whole school information about events. This will include reminders about book week, curriculum days, public



holidays or a simple message such as that students have arrived at camp safely. Please see the flier in this newsletter about how to down load Tiqbiz.

Class Dojo. Teachers use Class Dojo to communicate and showcase to parents about the learning that happens in their classroom. It is a great way to be informed about what your child is doing during their day and teachers will post messages that are specific to their class. Your child's teacher will invite you to join.

Curriculum Overviews and the FPS Curriculum Board. Each term a curriculum overview outlining what is being taught in Maths, Reading, Writing, Unit of work, Health and Physical Education, Library, Science, Chinese, Music and Art for your child's year level will be sent home to all families. A Curriculum Board located in the administration corridor (near the office) will also display this information for all year levels and will be updated every term. Our Curriculum overviews for Term 1 will go home next week.

InTouch. Every Thursday this newsletter is produced, showing our calendar of events and updates about what is happening at FPS. It is a great way of staying "InTouch"- hence the name. It will contain just some of the highlights of the week at FPS and will outline up and coming events that parents need to know about- for example, the Open Classrooms and Welcome BBQ on Thursday 23rd of February. It is also a forum where some of our subcommittees such as The Hub (Parents and carers for those who are new) can communicate information about fundraisers and other community events.

Website. Admittedly this is looking very "last year", but plans are in motion to have this vamped up to inform parents and the wider community about everything there is to know about FPS from policies, Annual Implementation Plan, school structures and also school achievements and news. InTouch can also be found on this site. www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au

School Assembly. Our student leaders run assembly every Friday afternoon in the hall starting at 3.10pm. They celebrate student achievements, share learning and provide details of upcoming events. Parents are very welcome to attend.

In person. Finally, our wonderful staff are here as well. Contacting your child's teacher can be done in person or by phone through our office staff. Whilst they are busy with teaching and learning, they will always make a time to meet you if they cannot see you right at that particular moment.

This afternoon staff spent time looking at the work they commenced back in 2016 with our community about the FPS Mission and Vision. This process incorporated parents, carers, students and staff. We will be launching this on Thursday 23rd March at our Open Classrooms and Welcome BBQ. So here it is...

Mission

We will provide learning opportunities in supportive and collaborative learning environments.

Vision

Students will realise their full potential, contributing to our school, our community and our world.

Finally, we wish all of our swimmers the best of luck as they begin 2 days of trials to join the FPS Swim Team. Our team will commence training next week and I would like to thank all of the teachers (and there are many of them!) who will be attending and coordinating early morning training sessions to ensure that our students are prepared and ready for the inter school swimming carnival.

Happy learning!



You'll be notified of our news, messages, events and other communications.

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For technical support, please email our friendly team. Email: support@tiqbiz.com

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Search tigbiz in your app store.







For Apple: Select 'allow' notifications.

Step 2. Find & Tick.



Open tiqbiz and register/log-in.



Find

Inside the menu, click on 'Find & Tick'. Type our name into the search bar. Select us from the results.



Tick

Click the grey tick on the boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you're connected.



Inbox

Click on the Inbox icon.

This is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events.

Don't have a smartphone or tablet?

Pupil of the Week

Week beginning 6 February 2017

Grade	Student	Peason
Grade		Reason
Prep L	Aurora D	Always sitting down and giving the teacher 5. You go girl!
Prep MC	Will N	Sharing his ideas and knowledge with the class. Congratulations on a super start to prep!
Prep W	Zoe P	Settling into the school routine quickly and having a positive attitude. Well done!
11	Liam A	Happily settling into his new class.
1K	Mia W	Consistently displaying the school values in class. Great start to the year Mia!
1P	Julyana B	Always trying her best and contributing regularly to class discussions! Well done Julyana!
2M	Keiran T	Helping other students with their role play
2SD	Wesley B	Sharing and taking turns in classroom activities.
2SD	Abdirahman M	Making wise seat choices and finishing your work tasks with great effort!
3G	Sahil F	Starting the year as a positive role model for his classmates by consistently displaying all the school values.
3M	Maggie A	Maggie has had an excellent start to grade 3, showing a positive growth mindset and putting in effort to all tasks
3N	Amara A	Her confident start in her new class. Welcome!!
4 J	Alexander R	Listening attentively to his teachers and classmates. Well done on a great start to 2017.
4R	Abbie B	Listening attentively, asking questions and settling quickly to tasks. A great start to the year!
4T	Gertie R	Sharing her resources with her new classmates. Welcome to F.P.S!
5F	Omar M	Making sure you know the instructions and asking for help when you need it. Well done Omar, a great start!
5P	Yahya A	Yahya has been a Kind member of 5P by working with lots of new people and listening to others! Well done Yahya!
6A	Khang P	Contributing during collaborative work
6V	Sam W	Showing the utmost politeness, welcoming and enthusiastic attitude toward the new school year and his new peers.

Office News

Office Hours, 8.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

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, found on the last page in this newsletter (only one needed per family), along with copy of card to the office by Friday 17th March, which is preferred date, or Friday 30th June 2016 (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.

Scholastic Book Club



Issue 1 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by

Monday February 13th by 9.00am

No late orders will be accepted

Please note, that orders sent before this date will now be processed to Scholastic as received so the earlier the order, the earlier you will receive the book/s. Please note, all credit card payments are now processed via Loop and orders will be sent direct to the school for distribution.

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

Just a reminder that a form went home last week with the eldest child in each family requesting an update of parent's occupations and contact details. If you have not already returned this to the office, could you please do so by Monday 20th February. If you have misplaced your form you can collect another one from the notice holder outside the office.

Thank you

Assistant Principal's Report

Sandra McOrist

Helpers Required.

All playground areas with equipment in the school have soft fall underneath them. I am currently trying to rake back all of the soft fall from the far edges. If anyone has an hour or two that they are able to donate to the school (while the children are in class) to assist, it would be greatly appreciated. I have the necessary tools and will happily provide each worker with water, tea, coffee and a biscuit!

Thank you

Helpers Wanted!



Dear parents,

Last year we ordered a range of new books for our Classroom Libraries and Home Reading books. These books have just arrived at school and we are looking for helpers to sort and label them so they can go into the classrooms and students can begin enjoying them.

If you are available on Monday morning at 9am to help us in sorting these books, please meet me outside the office. Any amount of time people can offer will be appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you, Sarah Nightingale

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.

Customer Service	8.00am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday	1300 105 343
Website	www.campaustralia.com.au	

Art News Karen Leopold

This week will be our first creating week of 2017. It will be another exciting but creatively challenging term, and as usual a



little bit messy using materials like paint, PVA glue and clay. It is important that students bring an art smock, which can be an old shirt or T- shirt, to protect their clothing and hopefully save you lots of washing. These will be kept in their classrooms for use there and in art.

Art Extension and Art Club will start next week.

This term Art Extension will be for grade 3 and 4 students and will focus on textiles. Interested students will need to attend the initial



meeting next Monday lunchtime and remember that if they make a commitment to be members of this group they must remember to come every Monday.

Art Club is for all Prep-2 students at lunchtime on Wednesday, 1.40 -2.15 pm. There will be a weekly activity and students can come in for a short or long time as their interest dictates.

ART EXHIBITIONS - David Hockney

Art exhibitions and visits to galleries broaden students' understandings about art, artist and the world and are an important part of student artistic development. We look at the work of many artists in the art room using prints, books and digital images but nothing beats looking at the real thing! This Exhibition at the NGV is a great one for students to understand that realism in art is not the only thing to be valued. Hockney's work demonstrates the value of experimentation, innovation and expressive imagery. It is on until March 13.

Grade 1 and 2 Hockey Clinic

On Tuesday all the Grade 1 and 2 students participated in a Hockey Clinic. All the students had a fantastic time learning new skills, showing persistence and enthusiasm when trying something new.

"On Tuesday we learnt about hockey. We learnt to hold a hockey stick. We walked, ran and stopped. We played some hockey games too. I liked the running and stopping part. It was a lot of fun."

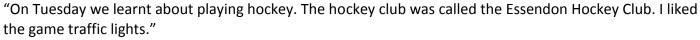
Ava 1K

"On Tuesday we learnt about Hockey. I liked holding the hockey stick and hitting the ball. I had so much fun!"

Camilla 1K

"Today we learnt about hockey, I learnt how to hold the hockey stick. It was a little hard but all the Grade 1's loved it."

Neha 1K



Mia 1K

"On Tuesday we learnt about playing hockey. We had a competition and we had two teams. I was excited. I really liked what I did. I liked dribbling the ball. I loved racing with the hockey ball. I tried my best and never gave up. Now I am really good at it. I was a champion."

Lilly 1K

"On Tuesday we learnt about hockey. We used a hockey ball and a hockey stick. We were running and walking. I also liked scarecrow tiggy, running and playing with the hockey stick."

Alessio 1K







Flemington Primary School Classroom Helpers Program & Training Session 2017



Dear Parents,

The Classroom Helpers Program begins on Monday 27th February for all year levels.

If you are interested in assisting in your child's classroom, have a current "Working with Children Check" and have completed the 'Classroom Helpers Program Training' previously at this school (or from another school), please return the form below with available days/times to the **school office** before Friday 17th February.

If you would like to volunteer to assist in your child's classroom but have not completed the 'Classroom Helpers Program Training' the training session will be run on Monday 20th February at 9am – 11am. This session will be run by Sarah Nightingale and Sandra McOrist, in the Science Room.

Thank you Sarah Nightingale & Sandra McOrist						
Classroom l	Helper Progra	m - Expression of Ir	nterest (All forms to	be returned to the so	chool office)	
I ha	ve completed t	he Classroom Helper	s Program Training p	reviously		
I will be attending the Classroom Helpers Program Training on Monday 20th February						
	ased on their		nanage all requests fo etable. If possible ple			
NAME:						
CHILD'S NA	ME:					
CHILD'S GR	ADE:					
I am availabl	e to help in the	e classroom on:				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
at:						
9-10am	10-11am	11:30-12:30pm	12:30-1:30pm	2:30-3:30pm		

Your child's teacher will be in touch with you to arrange a suitable time. Please remember we cannot allow siblings in the classroom.

FPS Parent & Carer's Committee (HUB)

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

Committee Meeting – 13/2/17

The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday 13th February at 7pm in the school staff room. You do not need to be a committee member to attend - all parents and carers are welcome. See you there!

Canteen

The canteen will be open after school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays throughout Term One. We are selling icy poles, drinks and other treats for \$1.



This term we are looking for new volunteers who can help out for 15-20 minutes after school on these days. If you are able to help, please contact our canteen co-ordinator Lucy Shaw (shawsathome@gmail.com).



Community News

Come and try Karate. 2 free sessions for all newcomers, here in the school hall on Thursdays at 4pm. Increase your personal confidence, learn self-defence and have fun all at the same time. Free uniform on joining. Visit www.artofdefence.com.au or call us on 0407320333





DAN DONNELLY TENNIS COACHING PROGRAMS

Royal Park T.C. (cnr Park St & The Avenue, Parkville/Brunswick)

Tennis Coaching Programs Available 1st Term

Junior Tennis Coaching 8 - 16 year olds

Places available after school each afternoon, Monday to Friday, group lessons & squads. Parents, tennis is a great social and competitve sport. Racquets supplied if required.

Pee Wee Tennis 5 - 7 year olds

Free trial lesson for Pee Wees, Saturday February 4, 9am & 10am, Monday February 6, 4pm & 4.30pm Thursday Feburary 9, 3.50pm & 4.20pm

Adult Coaching - Parents it's never too late!!!

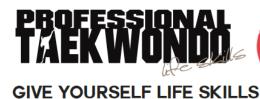
Mon, Tues & Wed evenings and day time classes. Beginners & Intermediate classes.

All enquiries & bookings call Dan <u>0408 991 700</u> www.dandonnellytennis.com

Regards Dan Donnelly, Club Coach Royal Park T.C.







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Chess Club – Term 1, 2017

Chess is one of the most powerful educational tools available to strengthen a child's mind. Most 6-7 year olds can follow the basic rules and some children as young as 4 or 5 can play. Whatever a child's age, chess can enhance concentration, patience, and perseverance, as well as develop creativity, intuition, and memory. Most importantly, children can develop the ability to analyse and deduce from a set of general principles, to make tough decisions and to solve problems flexibly.

The coaches: **David Beaumont** (**Tuesday group**) is an experienced chess teacher and one of Victoria's leading chess players, **Nick Speck** (**Friday group**) is an experienced chess teacher and former Australian Chess Champion and Olympic Team Member.

The chess classes will take the children through a structured chess course with the dual aim of achieving the maximal educational benefits the game offers and providing an enjoyable learning environment. We would encourage the more experienced players to join the Tuesday Group and the less experienced ones to join the Friday group if possible.

To enrol in chess please email info@chesseducation.com.au with the your details. The school office is no longer able to take any enrolments and please direct all enquiries regarding chess to Chess-Ed and not the school office. We will try to limit the number of children in each group to 20.

•	When:	Tuesday and Friday after school 3.30pm – 4.30pm There will be 7 classes on Tuesdays and 6 classes on Fridays in Term 1.			
		There will be 7 classes on Tuesdays and 6 classes on Fridays in Term 1:			
		<u>Tuesdays: 14/2, 21/2, 28/2, 7/3, 14/3, 21/3 and 28/3.</u> Fridays: 17/2, 24/2, 3/3, 10/3, 17/3 and 24/3.			
•	Where:	Both groups will be held in the Art Room			
•	Cost:	Tuesday Group: \$63 (7 classes, \$9 per class, includes GST) per child			
	Cost.	Friday Group: \$54 (6 classes, \$9 per class, includes GST) per child			
		If you know of any classes you will miss please put in a pro-rata payment.			
		Payments may be given directly to the coaches during your class or you can			
		pay online by Direct Bank Transfer – details below:			
		Account Name: Chess Education Account No: 1032 6587			
		BSB: 063-111 Reference: Surname + FPST1			
•	Enquiries:	to Nick Speck on (03) 9387 4503 or email: info@chesseducation.com.au			
	Chess Club Te	rm 1, 2017 (please include the details below in your enrolment email)			
N	ame:	Grade:			
Emergency Contact Number :					
Group: T		Tuesday Friday			
Pa	yment:	Cash Cheque Bank Transfer			

CSEF Form



Please hand this completed form into the school office by Friday 17th March 2017 or earlier is preferred.

A copy of a <u>current health care card</u> is <u>required</u> and the office staff can take a copy of this or attach your copy to this form.

Proof of health care card is required for the application to be processed.

If you are entitled to CSEF, you can use the \$125 per year, per child towards excursions, swimming and camps.

AMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) AP	PLICATION FORM			
FLEMMETON PS	0250			
School Name	School REF ID			
Parent/legal guardian details				
Surname				
First name				
Address	, '			
Town/suburb	State Postcode			
Contact number				
Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care of	card number (CRN) OR			
Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensi	ioner			
*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter fro	m the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).			
Student details				
Child's surname Child's first name	Student ID Date of birth Year level			
and the state of t				
I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebete or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.				
I understand that:				
 DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status. 				
 this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school. 				
 I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DMS and provide it to DET so that my aligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined. 				
 if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET. 				
 information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance. 				
You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.				
Signature of applicant	Date / _ /			

