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Acting Principal's Report
Alex Artavilla

Key reminders
- At assembly on Friday 16th of December (tomorrow) at 3:10pm we will be announcing the 2017 student leaders.
- Final assembly of the year will be held on Tuesday 20th of December at 12:30pm to farewell the Year 6 students, to farewell students/families/staff that will be leaving the school in 2017 and to celebrate the 2016 school year. Hope you are able to join us!
- Final day of the 2016 school year: Tuesday 20th 1:30pm
- Plans for 2017 – Nicola, Amanda, Sandra, Sarah and Alex available Friday 16th of December from 9:00am to 10:00am in the Science room
- The office will not be taking any payments after 4pm Friday 16 December

Key dates for Term One 2017:
- First day of school for students in Years 1 to Year 6 is Wednesday 1st of January 2017
- First day of school for students in Prep is Thursday 2nd of January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I still can’t believe there are only a few days left of the 2016 school year! Where has the time gone! After a busy past few weeks, the final major event of the year is tonight as we celebrate and farewell the 2016 Year 6 students as part of their Graduation ceremony.

To all the families that will be leaving Flemington Primary School at the end of the year, on behalf of the staff, parents and students we wish you all the best on your next exciting journey.

We also need to farewell a number of staff that will be heading off for a new adventure in 2017. This includes Warwick Knight, Mitch Marley, Eldon Jenkin, Tanzania Chowdhury, Linda James and Gabby Farrell. We wish them all the best and thank them for their contributions to the students that they have worked with during their time at Flemington Primary School.

To the Year 6 students of 2016, have an amazing future! You’re all a great group of students and deserve all the successes in life. Keep working hard, keep taking care of each other and most importantly be very kind to your parents during those teenage years!

My time at Flemington Primary School is also coming to an end as the school welcomes Amanda Williams as the new Principal in 2017. It has been great to catch up with Amanda both in person and on the phone on a number of occasions to ensure a smooth and effective transition.
Before I head off I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone (parents, students and staff) for welcoming me into the Flemington Primary School community over the past 6 months. It has been an amazing experience both personally and professionally. Although the challenge of setting up two schools for next year proved to be a hectic experience, I have loved the chance to work with the community of Flemington PS. I am really proud of what we have achieved together in such a short period of time and look forward to visiting during 2017 to see the beginnings of an amazing journey. The work that we have achieved over the past 6 months is a credit to everyone for being genuinely committed to making the school an even better place for the students to learn and play.

Flemington Primary School is a part of your community (and a great part of your community) and I have always believed that the best schools are places where all the stakeholders (staff, parents, students) work together with high expectations in a positive manner. Despite the changes for 2017, it has been really nice to hear comments from a number of parents about the importance of everyone sticking together to continue moving forward. Don’t forget that if you still have any further questions or suggestions that Amanda, Nicola, Sarah, Sandra and I will be making ourselves available on Friday (tomorrow) in the science room from 9am to 10am.

I feel very honoured and appreciative of the experience that I have had at Flemington Primary School. I have loved the opportunity to get to know the students, to work with the staff and to meet new families. Finally I just wanted to say a big thank you to the staff for their commitment, dedication, time and energy that has led to the creation of a detailed ‘learning plan’ that is focused on how students learn best. This plan will be available to families early next year. To support the work of the ‘learning plan’, in 2017 the school will have the opportunity to work with expert consultants in how students learn to further raise the bar on student achievement.

Thanks again to everyone for your support, questions, honesty, passion and dedication.

Alex Artavilla
Acting Principal
Flemington Primary School

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, Sandra, Sarah and Alex will be making themselves available tomorrow, Friday 16th of December from 9:00am to 10:00am in the Science room.

Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

Grounds ‘Master Plan’ Working Party
Thank you to all the parents who turned up to our meeting on Saturday morning to meet Landscape Architect Bridê as we prepare a future grounds plan for Flemington PS.
Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

OFFICE CLOSURE
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.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)
A few years ago the State Government 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 complete and return the application form, which was sent home with your youngest child this week, along with copy of your 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.

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

School Holiday Program commences on Monday 9th January, 2017

Flemington Primary School Revised Mission and Vision
Sarah Nightingale

As you may be aware, this year the staff at Flemington Primary School have been through the process of reviewing our School Mission and Vision to ensure we have a strong understanding of our future directions and we develop a plan where we are continually working towards what we are trying to achieve.

After considering all feedback and suggestions regarding the Mission and Vision from staff and the community we look forward to launching our revised Mission and Vision in 2017. As part of the 2017 Annual Implementation Plan we have developed a plan to unpack our Mission and Vision to ensure we are ‘living’ it! This includes outlining the characteristics, skills and specific practices staff need to ensure all students will realise their full potential and developing explicit understandings of the role teachers, students and parents play in our journey to achieve our Mission and Vision. Key actions will be outlined in the AIP and will be shared with the community early next year.

The Mission and Vision will also be a component of our Learning to Learn program in Term 1, so students can develop a connection with our purpose and understand the role they have to play in their own learning.

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.

Further information about the Mission and Vision will continue to be communicated with families early next year. Thank you again for your valuable input in this process.
As the last day of school approaches, we would like to sincerely thank the FPS community for your ongoing support and contribution throughout the year. Farewell to the parents who are leaving at the end of the year – congratulations on all your hard work and support to the school, it is greatly appreciated by us all.

Christmas Cake, Fundraiser and Farmer’s Market Stall
Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this fundraiser, in particular Carrie and Bernie for coordinating all the pre-preparation and baking of the cakes, Natalie for coordinating the beautiful wrapping and Janine for coordinating the Farmer’s Market Stall and everyone who contributed with baked goods on the day.

Last day of school – BBQ in the Park
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 1.20pm
Where: Arthur Calwell Reserve
Cashmere Street, Travancore (approx. 2 min walk from FPS)

2017 Prep Morning Tea – 2nd February 2017
The morning tea for the 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 coordinated 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, please bring a plate of morning tea to share, or both, please let our committee know or email the HUB at flemingtonps.hub@gmail.com.

Canteen
The canteen will continue to sell icypoles on Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout this term. If you are able to help in term one 2017, please contact our canteen coordinator Lucy Shaw at shawsathome@gmail.com
We send our sincere thank you to all the term 4 volunteers.
Community News

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 $150  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 $190  9.00am to 3.00pm - 4 days $260

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