BE YOUR BEST

Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Ready To Learn

Acting Principal's Report
Alex Artavilla

Key reminders
- End of Year Instrumental Concert 7 December
- Carols in the Amphi, Monday 12 December at 2.30pm
- In 2017 school will commence at 9:00am. Teachers will be on yard duty from 8:40am. The music will begin at 8:57am. (please note that Camp Australia have confirmed that there will be no impact on the financial cost of the program)

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are a few important things that I wanted to highlight in the newsletter this week. This includes details regarding the grounds master plan working party, school starting times for 2017 and preparations for 2017.

Next week we will also be releasing the 2017 teaching teams to work together for one full day to prepare for Term One 2017. On Page 4 in the newsletter this week is a list of the teachers and their grade for next year. More information about the plan for 2017 is detailed below. The specialist team will be releasing the teachers from their classroom role throughout the planning week. Students are to come to school as normal.

On Tuesday 6th of December the students will be informed of their 2017 class and classroom teacher. The students will also have time to spend with their new teacher and class friends.

To add to the excitement of next week, there will also be the Instrumental Music Concert. Congratulations and all the best to the students involved and a big thank you to the Instrumental Music teachers team!

Hope you are able to join us for assembly tomorrow. Unfortunately I will be attending the Annual Implementation Day at Sunshine Heights Primary School all day.
Curriculum Days 2017

The first day of Term 1 2017 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school. The Curriculum Days for 2017 will include:

- Monday 30th of January 2017
- Tuesday 31st of January 2017
- Monday 6th of November 2017
- To be announced (adequate notice will be provided to families)

Grounds ‘Master Plan’ Working Party

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 December 10th at 10am. Please meet outside the Science room. If you are interested in joining the working party can you please confirm your interest by emailing Sandra at: mcorist.sandra.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

School starting time 2017

Reminder also that the starting time for school in 2017 will be 9:00am. The yard will be supervised from 8:40am. It is important that the students arrive between 8:40am to 8:57am.

Preparations for 2017

With just over two weeks left of school, planning for 2017 has nearly been finalised. I wanted to use the newsletter this week to share some important information for families regarding the decisions that have been made for 2017.

The current predicted enrolment numbers for 2017 is 431 students. This may vary between now and the first day of the 2017 school year.

Although it has been a challenging year for the school, it has been really nice to hear feedback from staff and parents about how much things have changed and how positive people are about the future. One of the major challenges that the school has had to manage in 2016 is having more staff employed than its entitlement. This will continue to be a challenge in 2017; however a plan has been put into place to ensure that this issue will be rectified by 2018. The over entitlement of staff has restricted the school’s opportunities to employ new staff or renew current contracts.

The staff of Flemington Primary School need to be congratulated for the work they have achieved in 2016 to raise the bar in 2017 and beyond for the benefit of the students. The workforce plan was developed in consultation with staff to ensure that we establish the most effective structures as possible next year.

When sharing the organisational structures for 2017 I just wanted to thank everyone in advance for your understanding and support in the decisions that have been made which are in the best interest of the students and the school. It is important to note that there has been a lot of discussion and thought that has gone into establishing classes and arrangements for next year.

Something that I have noticed during my time at Flemington Primary School has been the willingness by all members of the community to work together to enhance student achievement, engagement and wellbeing. There is a huge sense of pride and collective responsibility, which needs to continue to grow to ensure that the school continues to move forward in a positive manner. Having strong positive home school partnerships make a school a great place to work and learn. It is something that all teachers and parents value. Even though there is still so much more to do (like all schools!), I am very excited about the journey that the school is on, and have shared this with as many people as possible that are not connected to the school.
The specialist program for 2017 will continue to include:

- Music
- Art
- Chinese
- Library
- Science
- Physical Education

Unfortunately the school was unable to renew the contract of Mitch Marley who will be sadly missed in 2017. As a result of this Physical Education classes will be conducted by the classroom teachers for one hour a week. This will be a regular scheduled session. It is important to note that all teachers in a primary school setting have the qualifications to teach physical education. It is also important to note that students in Year 5 and 6 will continue to take part in ‘Interschool’ sporting events in 2017. We also need to farewell and congratulate Eldon Jenkins and Warwick Knight who have both picked up positions at another school commencing in 2017. Eldon and Warwick will also be sadly missed and on behalf of the whole school community I wanted to thank Eldon, Warwick and Mitch for all the work they have done for the students during their time at Flemington Primary School, and wish them well at their new schools.

You will also notice that we have a shared classroom teaching role in Year 3 in 2017. This class will include the working partnership of Nicola Dziadkiewicz and Sarah Nightingale. Both Nicola and Sarah have previously worked together in a shared teaching role. In regards to the Science specialist program, Nicola has recently put forward a proposal that will strengthen the links between science learning and the rest of the curriculum. This proposal means that science may be delivered differently in 2017 using a researched based model. This model is based on science being delivered in the classroom environment by the classroom teacher. Nicola is excited about the possibility of implementing this approach into the school which will increase teacher confidence and student engagement and learning about the world we live in. More details about the science program for 2017 are still being discussed with staff and will be communicated prior to the end of the year. Please note that Nicola is also keen on ensuring the extra science challenges and experiences continue in 2017 (e.g. solar boat challenge etc.)

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, there will be no composite class in 2017. In regards to the location of grades next year, the major change will involve placing the three grades of Year 4 classes in the area above the Prep rooms. This decision is based on the fact that in 2017 we will have a total of four classes in Year 5 and 6. We wanted to reduce the number of students working in this space. The Year 4 teachers for 2017 have already been working together to ensure the new learning space is an effective and exciting area for the students to learn and work.

In 2017 we have also introduced a number of extra leadership opportunities which includes:

- Increasing the membership of the Leadership Team
- Increasing the number of Team Leaders to lead Collaborative Teams

We also have nine teachers that are looking forward to working in a new level next year. These decisions have been based on requests from teachers and combinations of teams.

On Tuesday 6th of December the students will be informed of their new class for 2017.

Thanks again for your support and understanding, and I look forward to working with everyone during the final two weeks of the 2017 school year.

Hope everyone had a great week,

Alex Artavilla
## Workforce Plan 2017

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Notes: In 2017, Physical Education Classes will be conducted by classroom teachers for one hour a week.

## School Council news

School Council convened on 28th of November 2016. Key discussion points from the meeting included:

- Presentation of the 2017 Interim Program Budget
- Discussion re the Before and After Care Program
- Discussion re Child Safety Standards. Policies and documents related to this will be placed on the school website in the near future.
- Correspondence received regarding the idea of the school installing a plaque acknowledging the Wurundjeri people as the traditional owners of the land. More information regarding this will be communicated to families early next year.
- Curriculum Days. School Council approved the following Curriculum Days for 2017. On these days the students do not come to school.
  - Monday 30th of January 2017
  - Tuesday 31st of January 2017
  - Monday 6th of November 2017
  - The final curriculum day will be announced in early Term 1 2017. To be announced
Pupil of the Week

Week beginning 28 November 2016

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<td>For always displaying the school values in the classroom and playground. Bas is a great role model for Prep G!</td>
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<td>Prep MC</td>
<td>Mia W</td>
<td>Being kind to all of her classmates and making new students feel welcome. Well Done Mia!</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Siraj M</td>
<td>Always coming to the floor and listening when asked. Well done Siraj!</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Marie K</td>
<td>Being organised and listening to instructions in all classes.</td>
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<td>1K</td>
<td>Izaan K</td>
<td>Returning to school with a positive attitude, showing enthusiasm and independence when working.</td>
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<td>Beth F</td>
<td>Speaking nicely to everyone when working in small groups and to her friends when playing outside. Keep it up Beth!</td>
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<td>1R</td>
<td>Elisa S</td>
<td>Demonstrating all of our school values to the class. Elisa is consistently kind and safe to her classmates.</td>
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<td>Lara S</td>
<td>Her caring and sharing attitude towards others at the Grade 2 camp.</td>
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<td>Lucas T</td>
<td>Happily celebrating his birthday with his peers whilst on camp.</td>
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<td>2J</td>
<td>Audrey P</td>
<td>Showing whole body listening during class.</td>
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<td>Hugo C</td>
<td>Working hard at all tasks and taking risks in his learning.</td>
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<td>3M</td>
<td>Zac N</td>
<td>Working collaboratively on his History project, researching the change in the Flemington Racecourse.</td>
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<td>34J</td>
<td>Tasneem I</td>
<td>Supporting others in the classroom and outside at play time. Well done!!!</td>
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<td>34L</td>
<td>Emelie A</td>
<td>Always showing the school value of being respectful. Emelie you are an awesome role model to EVERYONE! Keep it up!</td>
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<td>34M</td>
<td>Hannah S</td>
<td>Communicating with respect when working in team challenges.</td>
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<td>Tikki S</td>
<td>Adding in new vocabulary into her narrative named Wanted. Great work!</td>
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<td>5C</td>
<td>Callum G</td>
<td>Working cooperatively with partners on writing and inquiry projects.</td>
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<td>56P</td>
<td>Rawan A</td>
<td>Rawan was Ready to Learn by listening respectfully during whole class teaching time. Well done Rawan!</td>
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<td>56V</td>
<td>Cristian F</td>
<td>Always having a positive attitude in class, accepting challenges and completing his work to the best of his ability.</td>
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<td>6T</td>
<td>Jorja M</td>
<td>Jorja is always one of the first to the floor, and is always prepared for lessons.</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, these payments are now overdue. Please note, your 2017 Essential Learning Items and Excursion Levy must be paid no later than the first day of school in 2017, but all book packs, grade 6 jumpers and polos MUST be paid for by 6th December as we need to order these the following week. Also note that many of these items are hard to come by so will be difficult to purchase outside of school. If we have not received your payment by 6th December your child will miss out.

Note: All families with an eligible Health Care Card can apply in Term 1 2017 for CSEF of $125 per child; which may assist with other 2017 excursions.

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.
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

Thank you to those parents who assisted in moving the pile of mulch on the weekend of the 19th & 20th as well as on Friday 25th.

Grounds ‘Master Plan’ Working Party
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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

Chicken Pox Infection & exclusion time

Chickenpox is a highly contagious viral disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus (VZV). The main symptom is a blistering, itchy skin rash. Outbreaks are more common in winter and early spring. Children and adults can be immunised against chickenpox.

Children with chickenpox should not go to school until the last blister has dried.

You should tell your child’s school if your child has chickenpox, as other children may need to be immunised or treated.

The symptoms of chickenpox include:
• Low-grade fever
• General discomfort, illness or lack of wellbeing (malaise)
• Intensely itchy skin rash – appears as small blisters surrounded by irregularly-shaped patches of inflamed skin. The blisters first form on the body and later on the head and limbs. They usually burst and develop crusts after about five days
• Ulcers may develop in certain areas, including the mouth and vagina.

For chickenpox, the time from infection to the appearance of the rash (incubation period) is around 14 to 16 days.

A few days before the appearance of the rash, the person may feel feverish and have a sore throat and headache. The skin may be marked for some months after the rash has cleared

Chickenpox is spread by:
• Breathing in airborne droplets from the upper respiratory tract of an infected person (these droplets are made airborne when the infected person coughs or sneezes)
• Touching the fluid from the blisters on the skin of a person with chickenpox (this is a less common way to contract chickenpox).

An infected person is contagious for one to two days (possibly five days) before the onset of the rash and remains infectious until the blisters form scabs (usually around day five of the illness).
Instrumental Music News

Vern O’Hara  ohara.vern.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

2017 Instrumental Music Program

The 2017 Expression of Interest forms were due back last Friday 25th November. If your child is continuing lessons next year or you are intending enrolling your child in the 2017 program and haven’t yet returned your form, could you do so ASAP. I will begin processing the forms next week. Once I have placed students, you will receive a letter of offer for a place in the program, which you will need to sign and return. Invoices will be mailed out at the end of this year and payment will be due by Friday 3rd February 2017.

If you have any questions/queries regarding the program, please contact Vern on his mobile 0403777050 or by email ohara.vern.a@edumail.vic.gov.au. Spare forms are available from the office.

Hire Instruments

If your child is hiring an instrument from the school this term, could you please return the instrument to your child’s instrumental teacher or Mr. O’Hara, after your child’s last lesson for the year. We need all hire instruments to be return this year as we will be assessing the condition of the instruments, doing repairs where necessary, relabeling them and updating the records.

End of Year Instrumental Concert

- The end of year Instrumental Concert will be held on Wednesday 7th December starting at 6.30 pm.
- The concert will be preceded by a BBQ starting at 5 pm. Sausages, sandwiches, cakes, lollies & drinks will be available for purchase.
- Jutta, an ex-parent, has kindly donated one of her wonderful ginger bread houses to raffle. Tickets will be available to purchase on the night.
- FPS music tops and music satchels will also be available to purchase.
- All the school ensembles will be performing, including the Junior and Senior Choirs, Junior and Senior Stings, Junior and Senior Bands and the Junior and Senior Rock Bands. Students in these ensembles need to wear the FPS music top and black or dark blue pants, shorts or skirt. The recipients of the Achievement Awards will also be performing. Music tops are available for purchase from the office prior to the concert.
- Entry to the concert is $5.00 per adult, children free.
- Everyone is welcome to attend and support the wonderful music program we are fortunate to have at FPS.

Requesting Delectable Cakes & Slices for FPS Music Concert

The Music Committee would like to request some baked cakes and slices (nut-free) for the end of year Music Concert on Wednesday 7th December. These delicious goodies will be sold on the night with proceeds going towards our wonderful music program at FPS. Any donations can be left in the canteen in the morning before school or at school pick-up. Alternatively, drop them off in the foyer when you arrive at the concert. Please include details of ingredients on a sticker or post-it. Thank you in advance for your help.

Any questions, please contact:
Mary Kouibanis (nickmary6269@bigpond.com) or Helen Karras (karras.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au).

Carols Afternoon

On Monday 12th December, we will be holding our annual Carols Afternoon in the Amphitheatre. The children will go to the Amphitheatre at 2.30 pm to sing through the carols we have been learning in music. Children are encouraged to wear something Christmassy - like a decoration, reindeer ears, Santa hat etc. to add to the atmosphere. Parents and members of the school community are welcomed to attend. A representative from Anglicare will attend the event to collect the presents the school community has donated to Anglicare to distribute to families in need.

State School Spectacular broadcast

Don’t miss the Channel Seven broadcast of this year’s Victorian State Schools Spectacular highlights on Saturday 3 December from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. The show will also be simulcast via livestreaming on the PLUS7 app and be available on the PLUS7 catch-up website for 30 days.
END OF YEAR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT

Wednesday 7th December
BBQ - 5 pm
Concert starts - 6.30 pm
Entry - $5.00 adults/children free

All school ensembles performing
& the Achievement Award recipients

Everyone welcomed to attend!

Thank you Parent Helpers!

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

We look forward to seeing you there.
**Christmas Cake, Annual Fundraiser**

**Order your Christmas Cake now!**

At this time each year, the HUB run a Christmas Cake fundraiser which is combined with a Christmas Stall at the Flemington Farmers Market. Using the same recipe and quality ingredients, friends and families of the HUB bake Traditional Rich Fruit Cakes to raise funds for the school. These make a great gift or are simply a fabulous and time-honoured addition to your Christmas table.

We only make a limited number of cakes and they are gathering quite a reputation within the local community such that last year we ran out of stock early. The cakes are available for pre-ordering via the form enclosed in the newsletter for a discounted price. All cakes will be beautifully gift-wrapped and will be ready for pick up from the Flemington Farmer’s Market on the 11th December 2016.

Get in early to avoid disappointment! **Please submit your order forms to the school office no later than 8th December.**

**Farmers Market Stall - 11/12/2016**

Don’t forget to visit the HUB stall at the Flemington Farmers Market on Sunday 11 December for delicious home baked Christmas goodies. Come along or contact the HUB if you would like to help out. (flemingtonps.hub@gmail.com)

**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)

**Canteen**

The canteen will continue to sell icy poles on Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout this term. Contact our lovely canteen co-ordinator Lucy Shaw (shawsathome@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer in term one next year.

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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

**Thank you!**

Thanks to the team who ran the recess canteen last week raising over $350 for the school.
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The cakes are valued at $35 each via pre-order.

****All proceeds will go directly towards Prep – Year 2 Readers ****
FOR SALE

Electronic Keyboard. CTK-4200.
Almost brand new. Used for 6 months only. No longer doing piano lessons.
Comes in near -new box. Keyboard stand included free.
Be a great Xmas present ready for lessons next year.
Purchased from Billy Hyde.
$180 or make an offer. MUST SELL ASAP.

Call or text Jodie 0416 171 608
Goodbye primary school, hello secondary school

The end of primary school is a significant milestone in children's lives. They've spent half their lives in primary school, in many cases in the same school, which is significant.

1. Let's celebrate
   Primary school graduation ceremonies are an important part of the primary school life, so make the most of them as a fun and the start of a new part of your child's life. It's vital for our children to remember their time in primary school and make the most of the experiences they'll have in the next phase of their education.

2. Show gratitude
   As a former primary school teacher, I've seen how much joy students can find in expressing gratitude to their teachers and friends. It's a simple but powerful way to show appreciation for all the support they've received.

3. Enjoy friendships
   Encourage your child to express their gratitude to their friends and teachers to make the most of their experiences and form positive bonds.

Looking Ahead...

When primary school is finished, the challenges ahead are always daunting, but it's important to focus on the new experiences that secondary school brings. Secondary school is a new chapter in your child's life, and it's important to embrace the opportunities that come with it.

Building parent-school partnerships

ParentingIdeas Insights

... Goodbye primary school, hello secondary school...

Promote friendships

The gift of making new friends is a key to secondary school success. Encourage your children to make new friends in their secondary school environment.

Keep your attitude positive

It's crucial to maintain a positive attitude as your child navigates the challenges of secondary school.

Looking for more ideas to help your young kids feel confident and ready for school? Subscribe to our free weekly e-newsletter Parenting Ideas at parentingideas.com.au. You'll be so glad you did.