Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

We welcomed the Grade 5/6 students back to school on Monday following their exciting week at Portsea Camp. Teachers were full of praise for the students who had a great week. The students were tired but so positive about their experiences. Many thanks to all staff who attended and helped to make this such a wonderful end of year adventure.

Our second whole school transition day on Tuesday was another positive experience. Next year’s Prep students settled well into their groups and are showing us how well prepared they are for their start to school. Students across 1-5 also participated in transition activities in next year’s rooms. The classes are almost finalised and staff are being allocated to year levels this week.

Yesterday, the excitement continued as voting took place for the 2016 Student Leader roles. Thank you to Mark Catterson for organising everything and to this year’s Student Leaders who conducted the event and acted as Polling Officials. There were 32 nominations for Student Leader and 30 nominations for House Captain, a difficult decision for us all.

All staff, Grade 4 & 5 students and Student Representative Councillors voted in a very difficult poll. 2016 Student Leaders will be announced at assembly next Friday December 11th and badge presentations made in 2016.

Today I was thrilled to visit the Grade 1/2 Deep Learning timeline presentations. Students have worked throughout the term focussing on a specific period in Australian history, then created their responses using iMovie on an iPad. Thank you to Yvette who compiled the responses for today’s presentations.

I have been informed by Camp Australia that the difficulties experienced staffing the last holiday program was due to limited enrolments on the Friday prior to the program commencing. Camp Australia assign staff according to confirmed enrolments, and for our staff to be allocated shifts, enrolments must be made early and in time for shift allocation.

If you wish to enrol your child in the Summer Vacation Care program, please ensure you have enrolled them before January 1st or we cannot guarantee our staff are present.
Student of the Week
Week beginning 30 November 2015

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<td>Encouraging other students in the class and being a good friend. Well done Saoirse!</td>
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<td>Prep M</td>
<td>Bonnie S</td>
<td>Always being there for classmates when they are in need. Bonnie also volunteers her help in the classroom by assisting in passing out books as well as cleaning other students tables. Excellent work Bonnie!</td>
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<td>Prep MC</td>
<td>Thomas A</td>
<td>Making a video about his family history using iMovie on the ipad and helping others when he had finished.</td>
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<td>Maddie S</td>
<td>Consistently listening to the teacher, putting up he hand and making a huge effort to complete work to her best ability. Well done Maddie!</td>
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<td>1G</td>
<td>Kawsar D</td>
<td>Editing and improving her narrative story set 100 years ago.</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Atticus B</td>
<td>Writing and publishing an interesting narrative set in the past.</td>
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<td>1R</td>
<td>James L</td>
<td>Making good choices about where he is sitting in the classroom and being confident in classroom discussions.</td>
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<td>1Y</td>
<td>Matt J</td>
<td>Creating a detailed narrative, responding to constructive feedback to edit and improve his writing.</td>
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<td>Hannah S</td>
<td>Showing a keen interest in writing her narrative ‘The hole in the creek’.</td>
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<td>Charlotte E</td>
<td>Always contributing thoughtful responses in whole class discussions.</td>
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<td>Saynab H</td>
<td>Being helpful to others in the class. Well done!</td>
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<td>3L</td>
<td>Will H</td>
<td>For showing kindness to another classmate</td>
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<td>Eve Z</td>
<td>Taking turns to ask and answer questions.</td>
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<td>Meriam M</td>
<td>Always challenging herself to do her best on tasks, well done Meriam!</td>
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<td>4M</td>
<td>Anthony R</td>
<td>Active listening and increased participation when working on the floor all week.</td>
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<td>Issan A</td>
<td>Having a go during class discussions! Well done Issan!</td>
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<td>5/6A</td>
<td>Max C</td>
<td>Bringing confidence, humour, and acceptance to his role plays during transition. Keep it up Max.</td>
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<td>Hao T</td>
<td>Bringing a big smile to class, making everyone laugh, and always looking after others, including preps. Well done Hao!</td>
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<td>5/6T</td>
<td>Mitch M</td>
<td>Working collaboratively with his camp group and leaders and taking on leadership roles with confidence.</td>
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Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

2016 Expenses, Fees, Levies and Bookpacks

Parents, payments for the fees, levies and book packs are now overdue. Please note, your 2016 Essential Education Expense and Excursion Levy must be paid no later than the first day of school in 2016, but all book packs, grade 6 jumpers and polos MUST be paid for by 4th 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 4th December your child will miss out.

All families with eligible Health Care Cards will receive a School Start Bonus of $215 per child in January, which may assist with your 2016 levies.

School Banking News

The School Council wishes to advise that school banking will cease at the end of this year. Whilst the school banking programme has been a success in the past, the School is unable to continue to provide the administrative time and costs for the relatively small number of students continuing with the programme. Please note that the accounts will remain open as before, it is just that the deposits won’t be taken via the school office after the end of the 2015 school year.

Peter Pickering
School Council President

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please be advised that the office will not be taking any payments after the close of business on Wednesday 16th December. As such, please ensure any monies owing are made by this date. The office will also be closed from 11am Thursday 17th December to allow for banking to be finalised and end of year procedures to be completed before the close of the 2015 school year. Thanking you in advance for observing this request as it will allow the office staff to complete these processes undisturbed and within the required timeframe.
Assistant Principal's Report
Sandra McOrist

Thank you

To all of the Parents and family members who have helped the classroom and class activities throughout the year.

We could not possibly do it without your ongoing support.

There will be a special parent helper morning tea on Wednesday 9th December at 11am in the hall foyer. An invitation should come home with your child this week.

Also note that this is the last week for classroom helpers.

Library Help Please

For occupational health and safety reasons we need to relocate the Library and all the books. As you can understand this is a very big task and we are asking any parents who may have a few hours to spare in the next two weeks to help us with packing up books into boxes. The formal location will commence on Wednesday the 16th December so we need everything packed up before then. Alison Bowyer (PF) is co-ordinating this on our behalf and is the point of contact. Please let Alison or the office know if you are able to assist and when.

Thank you

Carols in the Amphi

Every year, Flemington Primary School celebrates the end of the year and the approaching festive season with Carols in the Amphi. This year’s event is scheduled for Monday December 14th at 2.30pm. At this time we also present the gifts which have been donated to an AngliCare representative.

In accordance with our work on Intercultural Understanding, this year’s event has been modified to be more culturally inclusive.

If you do not wish your child to participate in the sing-a-long, songs which have been taught by Mr O’Hara in Music this term, please advise your classroom teacher by Friday December 11th.

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 14th of December.

Thanks

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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Curriculum News

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning computer science, and less students are studying it than a decade ago.

That’s why our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 7-13). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code.

Our Hour of Code is a statement that Flemington Primary School is ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills. To continue bringing programming activities to your students, we want to make our Hour of Code event huge. I encourage you to volunteer, reach out to local media, share the news on social media channels and consider hosting additional Hour of Code events in the community.

This is a chance to change the future of education in Flemington.

See: http://hourofcode.com/au for details, and help spread the word.

Thanks,
James Thomas

FPS Bicycle Recycle – Help Please!

Dear parents, your help to fix bikes tomorrow / Friday 4-Dec. morning 8.30am to 9.30am and after school 3.30pm+ will be greatly appreciated. There’s no need for any specific skills, just a willingness to give things a go and get your hands a little dirty.

Kids keen to learn some bike fixing skills are most welcomed.

If you would like a bike, or know someone who needs a bike, please contact me by email, the phone number below or visit the FPS Bike Hospital on Fridays. Bike donations, trade-ins of smaller bikes for larger bikes and bike loans are all welcomed. Financial donations are also gratefully accepted.

Peter Hormann - mob: 0408 773 837 email: peter.hormann@bigpond.com
Music News
Vern O’Hara

Instrumental Music Program 2016

The Expression of Interest forms for the 2016 Instrumental music program are due this Friday 4th December.
If you haven’t returned the form yet, could you please do so before Friday.

Current students in the program also need to return the form.

I have been entering the data and a lot of students currently learning an instrument have not returned their form. While I presume that the majority of students already learning an instrument will continue to do so next year, I can’t make that assumption.

If your child is continuing lessons next year or wants to change instruments, can you indicate as such on the Expression of Interest form and return it to Mr O’Hara or the office tomorrow –Friday 4th December

If your child will not be continuing lessons next year, can you let Mr O’Hara know via email ohora.vern.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or by text 040377050.

If you didn’t receive a form or have misplaced it, spare copies are available from the office or the music wing corridor.

Confirmation of your place in the program for 2016 will be sent out in the last week of school.

Last week of instrumental lessons

Next week will be the last week of instrumental lessons. The following week will be a make-up week. Some teachers who still owe students lessons may teach during that week. If you are not sure whether your child will have a lesson during the final week of school, please check with your child’s teacher.

Hire Instruments

If you are hiring an instrument from the school, you will need to return it to Mr O’Hara after your final lesson for the year. If you are continuing lessons next year and would like to keep the instrument over the holidays, can you please email Mr O’Hara indicating as such.

End of Year Instrumental Music Concert 2015

The end of year is fast approaching and we will, once again be holding our End of Year instrumental Music Concert.

This fabulous event showcases our students at their best playing a range of instruments. Achievement Awards will be presented.

This year the event will be held on Wednesday the 9th of December commencing at 6.30pm. There will be a BBQ available from 5.00pm, other hot food such as party pies and sausage rolls will also be available for sale. We will have a range of sweets and drinks on offer as well. We will be raffling one of Jutta’s wonderful Gingerbread houses.

All students are free of charge, Adult tickets are $5.00 and all proceeds go back into the program.

Movers, Shakers, Pastry Makers

I am looking for bakers to make a few things for the cake stall. Cupcakes, slices, cookies, honey joys etc, anything not containing nuts, easy to eat on the night and not needing refrigeration is welcome.

If you can help, please let me know by either calling me on 9372 6657 or 0407 841 267, or email: vinesdreier@bigpond.com
Parents, iPads still on sale in Target this week

![iPads for sale in Target](image)

The Principal
Flemington Primary School

This is to advise that ............................................................... In Grade .............. will NOT be returning to Flemington Primary School in 2016.

He / She will be:
1. Transferring to .......................................................... School
2. Travelling overseas from ........................................ To ..........................................................
3. We are moving house and do not know what school the children will be attending.

Signed .................................................................

Date: ...........................................
Hello and welcome to another week of Hub news.

**FETE – Saturday April 16 2016**

We are in early planning stages for the fete. Please keep your eyes on the newsletter for further details. The Fete Teams first call out is for people to take on a particular stall. We are looking for volunteers to head up various stalls.

We welcome new ideas. Please contact Lisa Madden 0425834147 (lisamadden67@gmail.com) if you would like to take on a stall, volunteer for a stall or have a new idea you would like to run with.

We are also on the lookout for anyone in our parent community with contacts or areas of expertise in food industry, entertainment industry, logistics, security or anything that you feel might assist our team with the fete preparations. Watch newsletter for further details.

**Christmas Cakes**

Orders are now closed and cakes and containers to be returned to Carrie by this Friday 4 December. See below for collection of pre ordered cakes. Any queries contact Carrie Bloomfield at carrie.bloomfield@quintiles.com.

**Flemington Farmers Market Christmas Stall – Sunday 6 December**

Flemington Farmers Market Christmas stall is on again this Sunday 6 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 and cake to raffle which will be drawn at 12.30pm at the market. Raffle tickets can be purchased for $2 each or 3 for $5. Look out for this at the market!

**We are calling for donations of baked Christmas goods**

- gingerbread cookies, shortbread, rum balls to sell on the day and Anything Christmassy!!

Items should be pre-packaged for sale, with ingredients listed. Based on last year’s stall, items that could be given as gifts were very popular!

Items can be brought to the market on the day, or left at the school office on Friday. Please contact Maria Lopes via email at ziamaria69@hotmail.com or mobile 0404 894 647 for any queries. We look forward to seeing you there for some Christmas cheer!

**Last Day of School - Champers in the Park**

As the final of day of school for 2015 draws near, we would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and welcome you all to the break-up BBQ and Champers in the Park straight after assembly on Friday 18 December. This will be held at Arthur Caldwell Park on the corner of Mangalore St and Cashmere St.

**Prep 2016 First Day of School Morning Tea**

The first day of Prep 2016 Morning Tea will be held on Monday 1 February 2016 in the hall foyer. Prep 2015 parents are being asked to assist with this event with:

- donations of baked goods (biscuits, muffins, cakes, brownies etc. - with ingredients listed)
- helping on the morning to ‘meet & greet’ & serve coffee/tea/champagne/TISSUES!

Natalie Storey has kindly offered to co-ordinate this, so please direct queries to Natalie and advise her of any assistance you can offer. You can contact Natalie by email on nataliestorey@tpg.com.au or mobile 0414 733 187.

**Friday Canteen – Icy Poles and Pop Corn**

We are continuing to sell icy poles and popcorn on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays straight after school this term.

**Hub Meeting next date TBC 2016** - The next Hub meeting will be held early 2016.
Parents and friends of The Hub have been busy baking Traditional Christmas Cakes for you to enjoy.

Using the same recipe and quality ingredients, these Traditional Rich Fruit Cakes would make a great gift or simply be a fabulous and time-honoured addition to your Christmas table.

We have only made a limited number of cakes and these are available for pre-ordering via this form. All cakes will be gift-wrapped and will be ready for pick up from the Flemington Farmer’s Market on the 6th December, 2015.

The cakes are valued at $35 each via pre-order.

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

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**PAYMENT DETAIL**

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Card Holder’s Signature: _______________________________

**NOTE:** Eftpos / Credit Card payments can also be made at the Office after 9.15am.
Dance Domain are offering 5 FREE tickets to Flemington Primary School Community to attend the DANCE DOMAIN Annual Concert. Many of our existing Flemington Primary Students will be performing at this wonderful event. It is happening this Saturday November 28th at 1.00pm at the Maribyrnong Secondary College Theatre. The concert will celebrate Ballet, Tap, Jazz and Hip Hop dance styles. Duration of concert is 1.5 hours. If anyone would like to attend please come and see the Front Office staff at Flemington Primary School.