Welcome back to students, parents, caregivers, staff and community of Flemington PS. To all new families joining Flemington PS this year, I would like to extend a very warm welcome.

The year has begun in a very positive and productive manner with students arriving with big smiles and being ready to learn. Well done to all students for settling into their new classes with such enthusiasm. A special welcome to our new Preps and their families. As I walked through their learning area this morning, the Preps looked like they might have been at FPS for 6 months already!

Thank you to The Hub for putting on a delicious morning tea for the Prep parents. Our teachers began the year by participating in two days of professional learning that saw a strong focus on building strong collaborative teams to lead a culture of outstanding teaching and learning. We also examined what effective learning environments look like based on latest educational research. Educational Consultants Leonie Dodd and Mary McQuilten worked with our teachers to lead and embed these practices and will continue this work throughout the year. An additional Educational Consultant specialising in Numeracy, Chris Botheras will begin work with our teachers in a couple of weeks. All of this aligns closely with our Annual Implementation Plan that teachers had significant input into last year and once ratified by School Council and the Department of Education and Training, will be uploaded onto our Website.

All students and teachers will spend their time in the beginning weeks establishing and embedding a “learning to learn” program in their classrooms. This clearly outlines what behaviours, expectations and procedures are required by everyone to ensure an outstanding learning environment. Students will be involved in discussions and activities that explore what good learners do and how our school values support learning. Classes will also explore our School Wide Positive Behaviour Matrix. Please take time to ask your child what good learning and being ready to learn looks like.

An exciting upcoming event will be our “Welcome BBQ” on Thursday 23rd February from 4.00-6.00pm. This event is organised by The Hub and will provide parents and carers an opportunity to firstly visit their child’s classroom, meet their teacher and then socialise with the FPS community with a BBQ. Watch out for details to follow but make sure that the date is in your diary.

Another important event is our school assembly every Friday in the gymnasium at 3.10pm. This is a weekly celebratory event attended by our school community where we celebrate student learning and achievements and most importantly, is led by FPS student leaders.

Next Thursday 9th- Friday 10th February Students in Year 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in swimming trials. The trials will be at Travencore Pool, Flemington St, at 8.00am. And students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to “have a go”.

Many thanks to all the students and families who have been extremely welcoming to me as I begin my time at FPS. This school is an exciting place to be and I am looking forward to getting to know you all and working with our wonderful students to reach their full potential in learning and enjoy their time at FPS.
Assistant Principal
Sandra McOrist

Morning Drop Off Zones
Welcome back, it is often tricky when deciding how and where to drop your child off each morning, below are a number of options.

1. Drop children off at Flemington Street and the children walk up the path.
2. Park elsewhere and cross at the lights.
3. Walk up Cashmere Street and enter the school that way.
4. Drive up Padman Lane, stop at the cark park next to the yellow bollards and the disabled bays and allow your child to get out there and walk to the school path. This method does not allow for parents to park at all. There is a person on duty every morning until the bell goes to ensure the safety of all children.

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.

Customer Service
8.00am – 6.00pm Monday to Friday
1300 105 343

Website
www.campaustralia.com.au

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 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.
Grade 5 Mannequin Challenge

On their first day back at school Year 5P participated in the "Mannequin Challenge" where students had to create still images of the school values... Be kind, Be safe, Be respectful and Be ready to learn.

Be Kind by asking someone who doesn’t have a partner to join your group.

Be Kind/ Respectful by inviting others to join in and play.

- Be Safe by keeping your hands to yourself.
**Instrumental Music News**

*Vern O’Hara E: o’hara.vern.a@edumail.vic.gov.au*

**Lessons & timetables**

The Instrumental music program is up and running for 2017. *Term 1 timetables are on the MUSIC NOTICEBOARD and SCHOOL WEBSITE.* Please check your child’s lesson day and time this week. Lessons will commence next week, the week commencing Monday 6th February. The instrumental teachers will collect students for their lesson during the first few weeks however, please note that it is expected that students in years 3 to 6 will remember their lesson time and will not need to be collected. If you have any questions re your child’s tuition, please contact Vern in person at school or by email o’hara.vern.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or on his mobile 0403777050.

**Ensembles 2017**

Ensemble rehearsals will commence week 3, the week commencing Monday 16th February. Your child’s teacher will place those students who have reached the required standard into an ensemble. Ensembles will take place during the first half of lunchtime. If your child learns an instrument outside of the music program, but would like to participate in one of the school ensembles, please see Vern. If your child is interested in joining Senior or Junior Choir, information notes are available from the music corridor. Choir is non-auditioned and any student is welcomed to join. Choir will commence week 3.

Chris Duffy will be holding auditions for the Junior and Senior Rock Bands next week. If your child is interested in auditioning for one of the Rock Bands, please see Vern or Chris. Chris teaches on Tuesday and Wednesday. Over the next few weeks, if your child is in an ensemble, they should bring home an ‘invitation to join an ensemble’ form to complete and return to me. Ensembles will rehearse on the following days:

- **Junior Band** - Monday lunchtime
- **Junior Rock Band** - Tuesday lunchtime
- **Senior Rock Band** - Wednesday lunchtime
- **Senior Choir** - Thursday lunchtime
- **Junior Strings** - Thursday lunchtime
- **Senior Strings** - Tuesday lunchtime
- **Senior Band** - Friday lunchtime

**New teacher**

Jesse Deane will be teaching wind (recorder, flute and clarinet) during Terms 1 & 2 and possibly longer while Leonie Khoury is on leave. Jesse will be teaching on Fridays. Jesse is an excellent saxophone player so if any students are interested in learning saxophone, please contact Vern.

**Instrument Hire**

If your child is hiring an instrument from the school, they should bring home a Hire agreement form for you to sign and return to me. If you don’t receive one in the next few weeks, please contact Vern.

**Labelling Instruments**

Could you please ensure your child’s instrument (both privately owned and hire instruments) have their name and grade on a tag attached to the instrument case. This will make it easier to locate instruments or identify the owner of instruments left in the music rooms.

**Invoices**

Term 1 invoices will be mailed to shortly. This is a very short term so there will be no make-up week this term. You will be invoiced for 7 to 8 lessons depending on what day your child’s lesson is on and their teacher. If your child is hiring an instrument, this will be included on your invoice. If your child is in an ensemble this year, you will be invoiced for the whole year in your term 1 invoice.

**National Anthem**

Students in Senior Band and Senior Strings will be performing the National Anthem at Friday afternoon assemblies starting in week 4 – Friday 26th February. Students will need to remember to bring their instruments every Friday.

**Contact**

If you have any questions or queries related to the music program, please contact Vern on his mobile 0403777050, or by email - o’hara.vern.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Welcome and Welcome Back

The HUB would like to welcome all teachers, students, parents and carers to the 2017 school year. We are looking forward to a great year for all.

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!

Last Day Park Playdate - thanks

Plenty of fun was had at our park play date after the last day of school last year! We had a bigger crowd than anticipated and appreciated everyone’s understanding and patience while waiting for a snag. Big thanks to Sarah Strapps for co-ordinating and the BBQ team of Phil and Bruce.

Canteen

The canteen will commence this Friday 3/2/17 after school selling icy poles, drinks and other treats for $1 and will continue on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons throughout Term One.

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
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 competitive 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 February 9, 3.30pm & 4.20pm

Adult Coaching - Parents it’s never too late!!!
Mon, Tues & Wed evenings and day time classes.
Beginners & Intermediate classes.

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

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HOT SHOTS

All New Enrolments Get a Free Tennis Racquet!

KIDS CLASSES
Free Trial Lesson!
Smaller courts, lighter racquets and low compression balls that don’t bounce too high make learning tennis fun and easy for primary school aged children. This means that kids are able to start rallying and having fun right from their first lesson!

Cost: $9.00 a session

CARDIO TENNIS
Free Trial Lesson!
- High energy workout and burn 300 to 1000 calories
- Drill-based and play-based activities
- Lose weight, get fit and have fun
- Participants wear heart monitors, exercise to music and use low compression balls and a variety of equipment such as agility ladders

Cost: $12.50 a session.

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