Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that the holidays were a relaxing and enjoyable experience!

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There were also a few ‘I’m bored’ moments from my daughters, which led to them creating their own ‘Veterinary Clinic’. Now this was no ordinary imaginary clinic! It lasted the whole two weeks and included an emergency clinic and a sophisticated filing system. On one of the days my daughters decided that my wife and I should utilise their services and encouraged us to both to their clinic. My daughters like to set high expectations when we participate in their imaginary activities. For the ‘Veterinary Clinic’ we both had to fill out a questionnaire that included details of our role in the activity. From what I thought was a ten minute adventure turned into an hour and half! The main reason for this was because we had to call the clinic to make an appointment for our toy animal. My youngest daughter enjoys a chat, so the usual one-minute that it takes to make an appointment at any clinic, turned into a conversation about my life. She didn’t even care about the fact that my toy owl had accidently swallowed a pencil and was struggling to breath. No, my youngest daughter was more interested in where I lived (which was coincidental next door to her imaginary house!) and whether I wanted to come along to the neighborhood Christmas party. I’m surprised my Owl survived the ordeal! After 15 minutes of chitchat, my daughter finally asked why I called and booked in a time to see my pencil-choking Owl. For some reason she even asked for ‘poo’ samples! As I said earlier it was a very thorough service!

Key reminders

- **Join Tiqbiz!** Currently we have 134 people!
- **Parent Teacher meetings / Three-way conferences** are next week Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th of July. Notices to confirm times were sent home on Tuesday this week. If you did not receive a notice please contact your child’s teacher.

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Focus for Term 3
Throughout Term 3 the staff will be working together to review and refine where the school is at in regards to the key improvement strategies that are aimed at enhancing student outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy. These include:

- Building a Professional Learning Community. A professional learning community is a place where people work together collaboratively to ensure that students learn. It is a community focused on results.
- Role of Collaborative teams in monitoring student-learning developments. Collective responsibility.
- Ensuring that there is a consistent understanding of the essential things students are expected to learn.
- Effective use of digital technologies as a tool to improve learning outcomes

The exciting thing about these key improvement strategies is that they are research based and proven to positively impact on the learning culture of schools. This is why the discussions around these areas was a major focus for staff during the curriculum day on Monday.

There is a lot of work that has already commenced in these areas. Making sure that we stayed focused on what we are striving to achieve is the key priority.

Parent Working Party

Enhancing the connections of our multicultural and diverse community.

Flemington Primary School is a unique and exciting community, which I believe is something that needs to be celebrated and recognised. I am very passionate about public schools as they welcome all members of society. This includes:

- Students that are academically strong to those that have very limited schooling.
- Students that are new to the community/country to those that have family that have lived in the area for many years.
- Students that have had the opportunity to grow up in a consistent and caring environment, to those that have had many traumatic experiences.

There are many stories that need to be shared and celebrated in the community of Flemington Primary School. Although, with the amazing diversity of the school, some of these stories would bring a tear to your eye. This is what makes the school such an inspiring place for students to learn and grow.

Flemington Primary School includes up to 27 different languages that are spoken at home as a first language. This includes 163 students! More than a third of the whole school population! There are also a number of families that are 2nd or 3rd generation arrivals to Australia.

This is why I’d like to seek expressions of interest from parents that would be keen to work together as a ‘working party’ to explore ways that we can enhance the way in which Flemington Primary School connects with and recognizes the many wonderful cultures that make up the community!

If you are interested in joining the working party please contact the school office 9379 7137 by Monday July 25th. Please also advise your preference for a day and time for the meetings to occur and we will endeavour to try and select a time suitable for all. The working party will function as long as necessary. The purpose of the working party includes:

- Identifying the diversity of Flemington Primary School.
- Identifying what is currently in place to support and recognise the diversity of the school community. This includes what is working well and what we can do better.
- Providing recommendations to the Leadership of the school that includes actions and strategies that the school could investigate further or implement to enhance the way we recognise and support the diverse school community for the benefit of the students.

It is important to note that feedback from the survey sent home to parents last term indicated that the diversity of the school is a major positive which is fantastic and something that everyone needs to be proud about. Please feel free to connect me at the school if you require any further information.

Have a great term and looking forward to catching up with you at the parent teacher meetings next week!
Assistant Principal's Report

Sandra McOrist

Welcome back everyone, I hope that you all had a restful holiday.

You would have noticed that we still have a section of the oval fenced off, it is very wet in that area and we would rather that the children stay out of that area until it dries out.

Great Community Spirit

I would like to thank all of those parents who contacted the school by phone and email regarding the large amounts of graffiti in the school over the holidays. The care and support was much appreciated. Natalie came in to school and convinced the council to come and remove it all.

Big thank you to Moonee Valley Council as they are no longer obliged to remove graffiti.

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          |

Scholastic Book Club

Issue5 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by Wednesday 27th July by 9.00am. No late orders will be accepted. Please note, that orders sent before this date will now be sent to Scholastic as received (except cash which will be processed on the final day). The office will now process orders a couple times a week (for credit and cheque payments only) so the earlier the order, the earlier you will receive the book/s.

School Photos – Tuesday 9th August

School Photo envelopes went out earlier this week and need to be returned to the office by Friday, 5 August. Should you require any extra envelopes or a family photo envelope please collect these from the office.

REMINDER – GRADE 5/6 CAMP DEPOSIT

The $50 deposit for the Grade 5/6 Camp is due tomorrow Friday 15th July. If your child is attending this camp, please ensure you pay the deposit by the due date so that we can ascertain numbers and determine the final cost of the camp. Payment booklets and final payment note will go home next week to allow parents to make camp payments during Term 3.

Hub News (FPS Parent's Association)

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Hello and welcome to another week of hub news

SAVE THE DATE!! SATURDAY 27 AUGUST

Upcoming Social Function for parents, teachers and friends of FPS. It’s time for ... Bogan Bingo!

This fun filled night will be half game-show and half party, and we expect to see some awesome hairstyles, outfits and air guitar skills on display!

Further details and tickets sales will be available in the first few weeks of Term 3, so pop the date in your diary and start organising friends to join in as it should be a great night.

Friday Canteen

We will continue Friday canteen during term 3. If you have any suggestions of items you would like to see available, or you would like to be involved, please contact Julie (julie.lam1@optusnet.com.au).

Next Meeting

Next meeting August TBA at 7.30pm at The Laurel Hotel, 289 Mt Alexander Rd, Ascot Vale. All Welcome.

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to be on the hub distribution list please send an email to Julie at julie.lam1@optusnet.com.au.
Community News

**HOT SHOTS MLC**

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

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**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.

**Superspeak**

Weekly public speaking & drama program for children aged 6 - 15

- Leading curriculum
- Small class sizes
- Great teachers
- Loads of fun!

**ENROL NOW**

- Glen Iris, Chadstone, Glen Waverley, Doncaster, Essendon, Canterbury, Rowville, Altona Meadows & Preston

9572 5249
info@SuperSpeak.com.au

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**$5 FROM EVERY PAIR OF SHOES PURCHASED IS DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL**

Every time you purchase any pair of shoes from The Athlete’s Foot, $5 will be donated back to YOUR school. This applies to the whole family and across our entire footwear range, including school, athletic, work and casual shoes. There are no restrictions and it’s unlimited. So spread the word!

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**Kids term-time activities at Kensington Community Recreation Centre**

Keep your kids active and interested in sport long after the Pokemon Go craze has died!

To keep your kids active and having fun, we have the following on offer during term 3:

- NetSetGo junior netball (Tuesdays)
- Junior Soccer (Thursdays)
- Swimming lessons from 6 months old (7 days a week)

For further details, visit our website:
http://www.kensington.ymca.org.au

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**Father’s Day Fun Run**

Sign-up today at www.fathersdayfunrun.org.au

Grab your family & friends, and register for the YMCA Father’s Day Fun Run. Loads of fun with an event village to entertain the whole family! Head to the website for more information & to register:
www.fathersdayfunrun.org.au