I was delighted to return on Tuesday to the warm greetings from all. Thank you for your good wishes, I had a wonderful family holiday celebrating my daughter’s graduation ceremony in Cairns.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage parents to continue to support and motivate your children to challenge themselves and strive for excellence in their studies. Pursuing a passion and following this through to a rewarding career takes more than just an academic strength; ongoing parent encouragement, opportunities and enrichment experiences, together with a ‘push’ to persevere or go further is also part of the journey.

Today our students are competing in the District Cross Country event at Brimbank Park. Congratulations to Lachlan F., Lucas M., Leo Z., Amren A, Nasreen H and Brian C on their efforts and achievements in finishing the difficult course.

The Minister for Education, James Merlino MP has launched a review of education in Victoria. There are a number of discussion papers available for community consultation and I encourage parents to read and respond to these. [http://educationstate.education.vic.gov.au/](http://educationstate.education.vic.gov.au/)

We continue to experience a large number of teacher and student illness with some nasty chest and throat infections going round. Parents are asked to keep their children home if they are unwell – this helps to stop the spread but also allows the children to recover quicker in a warm environment.

Don’t forget to apply for the Camps funding now available from DET. Bring a copy of your Health Care Card to the office and fill out the application form before June 22nd.
**Student of the Week**

**Week beginning 27 April 2015**

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<td>Clementine L</td>
<td>Being polite and always using her manners. Great work Clementine.</td>
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<td>Prep M</td>
<td>Zach M</td>
<td>Working towards his goal of being safe and kind in the playground by asking others join in and for being encouraging when other students have done great work. Well done Zach.</td>
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<td>Prep Mc</td>
<td>Oscar B</td>
<td>Creating an engaging and informative presentation on Puppet Pals about Dolphins. He used a loud voice and included lots of interesting information. Well Done!</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Leo K</td>
<td>Sharing his knowledge of playing dominoes and being enthusiastic to teach his classmates how to play.</td>
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<td>Sumaya M</td>
<td>Extending herself with the use of speech marks, in her recount about her long weekend. Good work sumaya!</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Minoo D</td>
<td>Always offering to be a friend to those who are in need of someone to play with outside.</td>
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<td>Farhan M</td>
<td>Sharing with the class his ideas about what makes a good friend. Farhan is always caring and thoughtful of others.</td>
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<td>Mathew W</td>
<td>Taking on suggestions about extended punctuation and using exclamation marks and speech marks in his recount. Well done!</td>
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<td>Sebastian H</td>
<td>Working collaboratively on a maths task to calculate the area of the native garden.</td>
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<td>Nate R-C</td>
<td>Listening to teacher instructions and talking to others in a respectful manner. Well done Tilly!</td>
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<td>William M</td>
<td>Completing an interesting information report on his topic of expertise: trains. William was able to research information and use the structure of an information report to teach others about trains. Awesome effort will!</td>
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<td>Putting up his hand to answer questions and share his ideas. Well done hazar!</td>
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<td>Meriam M</td>
<td>Working super hard to improve her understanding of multiplication strategies. Well done Meriam!</td>
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<td>4M</td>
<td>Thomas N</td>
<td>Participating in all activities to the best of his ability and proudly competing with his peers to extend himself.</td>
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<td>4V</td>
<td>Pranav M</td>
<td>Consistently demonstrating a strong level of focus and dedication to producing high quality work. Well done Pranav!</td>
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<td>5C</td>
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<td>Always displaying good manners and using kind words to his peers. Keep up the great work Peter!</td>
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<td>Hanan A</td>
<td>Bringing a positive attitude to maths class and having a go at all the questions!</td>
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<td>Rachel D</td>
<td>Having the confidence to share her knowledge of operations with fractions with other students.</td>
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<td>Isobel C</td>
<td>Always having the correct resources to begin the lesson and starting her work promptly to complete all tasks.</td>
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<td>5/6T</td>
<td>Chloe V</td>
<td>Being a supportive and positive team member during our economics unit.</td>
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**Office News**

**Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday**

**Online Newsletter Subscription**

If you would like to subscribe to receive our weekly newsletters, and other important announcements, please visit our website [http://www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au](http://www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au), click on ‘subscribe to newsletter’ and enter your details.

We are not permitted under the Information Privacy Act to do this for you, nor do we have the resources to update information for all our families.

**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 2 (13th April) or Term 3 (13th July), 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 attached application form (along with copy of card) to the office by Friday 26th June 2015 (last day of Term 2).

**Camp Deposits - Grades 2 to 6**

A reminder that all Camp deposits are due by Friday 19th June, along with any paperwork and your concession card to apply for the CSEF, as mentioned above. Final cost for all camps are based on the number of students attending and will be advised early Term 3.

**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.

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### Assistant Principal’s Report
*Sandra McOrist*

#### Clothing
Just a reminder that winter is here and we seem to have a lot of jumpers in lost property, many with no names. Please ensure your child’s name is clearly written on their clothing in order for it to be returned.

If you are in need of another jumper remember that there are second hand jumpers at school, the cost being $2 per item.

#### Parking signs
The council has been 2 or 3 times in the last weeks and have booked many drivers. Please remember that it is the drivers responsibility to read the parking signs. Below are the signs and restrictions displayed in Flemington Street.

### Parking Signs along Flemington Street

- **This sign is outside the school above the parking bays between the hours of 8-9am and 3-4pm you can only park there for 15 min only.**

- **This sign is directly outside the school it is for a quick 2 min pick up and you cannot leave the car (just like at the airport).**

- **This sign is above the first few bays on the school side of the kinder. It is for Permit holders only. Not for parent pick up, unless you have a permit.**

- **These signs are directly outside the kinder it is 15 minute parking only between 7-9am and 4-6pm. You can park for 2 hours there outside these times.**

### SchoolMate App
The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day.

*The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.*

SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk to our staff if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.

### Australia Post Come & Try Netball Clinic
Flemington Primary students’ attended a special netball clinic yesterday at the Western Bulldogs training centre, held by netball superstar, Geva Mentor, who plays for both Melbourne Vixens and the England National Team.

Students’ participated in different Net, Set, Go activities and took home some Melbourne Vixens goodies!

This ‘Come & Try’ clinic was in celebration of finishing the 6-week Netball Inclusion program ran at our school for the grade 4-6 students. Students were exposed to a Netball Victoria Community Coach throughout the duration of the program which allowed them to gain valuable skills, while promoting the fabulous sport of Netball.

Next on the Calendar will be the Netball Victoria Schools Championships, held in Term 3.

It is fantastic to see so many students giving netball a go!

*Fiona Themann*
**Curriculum News**

Students in Grades 1-4 have been involved in a writing project, providing text for drawings made by children at a refugee camp in Kassala, South Sudan earlier this year. This is a project in conjunction with VU, the Eritrean Australian Humanitarian Association and the Rotary Club of Flemington. The project is part of our ongoing work on Intercultural understanding and diversity and encourages children to collaborate and share thoughts, ideas and experiences in an artistic endeavour. The works are being displayed at the Granary Café in Sunshine during Refugee Week. All families are encouraged to attend and enjoy seeing their child’s responses to the pictures.

**NAIDOC WEEK - 5-12 July 2015**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ unique and timeless connection to land is the special focus and theme of this year’s National NAIDOC Week celebrations.

The theme – *We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate* – highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea.

The National NAIDOC Committee encourages all Australians, young and old, to embrace the 2015 National NAIDOC theme and to respect and celebrate local and national sites of significance or ‘sacred places’ and to learn of their traditional names, history and stories.

**What does your child do that someone else relies on?**

Most people shift a little uneasily when I ask this question, but it’s not meant to make you feel guilty. It’s meant to provoke some thought and make a point about developing responsibility in kids.

I’m often asked by parents how to develop responsibility in kids.

The answer is simple – give responsibility to them! Let them feed the family pet, empty the dishwasher, clean up the living area at the end of the day. Most kids rise to a real challenge when it’s sincerely given, and backed by realistic expectations.

We tend to give responsibility to the kids who don’t need it – the easy kids. But we often ignore the kids in our family who really would benefit from giving them some trust – the difficult kids, those that require following up, or some parental work.

**Kids belong in two ways to families** – they either belong due to their **positive contribution** or they belong through **poor behaviour**. The family pest has as much cache as the responsible child – their parents know they are around!!!

It makes sense for parents to work hard to provide opportunities for kids to contribute to their family so they feel valued for what they bring to their family, rather than for what they take.

**Here are some practical tips to promote a sense of responsibility in your kids:**

1. Start early: Children as young as three are keen to help and take some responsibility but we often push them away and say, ‘You can help when you’re older.’ Train your kids from a young to help themselves and others. They can make their own bed and help set the table before they start school, so encourage them.

2. If a child forgets then no one else does the task: If a child doesn’t empty the dishwasher then it still there when they come home from school. Sounds tough but that’s how the real world operates. When you empty it, it becomes your responsibility.

3. Don’t give kids jobs where you have an emotional attachment: Give them tasks that you know that you can live without if they are not done, or not done to your standard.

4. Have a family roster and make sure that everyone has a responsibility to contribute to the jobs. That way all can see who has what task and when it has to be done.

Another thing! Many parents call this type of responsibility ‘jobs’ or ‘chores’. I prefer to call it ‘help’. It’s just a little rebranding, but it reflects what it’s about.

**InTouch Newsletter**

**Instrumental Music News**  
*Vern O'Hara 0403 777 050*

**Mid Year Instrumental Music Concert**

**Flemington Primary School**  
**Mid Year**  
**Instrumental Music Concert 2015**

**Wednesday 17th June**  
**Start time 6.30**

The BBQ starts at 5.00 pm  
Soft drinks, juice, wine, beer, tea and coffee, plus sausage sizzle (including halal), pies, soup, cakes, lolly bags will be available for purchase.

$5.00 per adult  
Children free

Two raffles will be on offer

**Entry**

All the school ensembles including Junior and Senior CHOIRS, BANDS, STRINGS and ROCK BANDS will be performing. We encourage you to attend to support the music program and our hard working and talented children.

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**To all bakers!**

We need your help to bake cakes, slices, cupcakes or cookies for the Concert. Please help us out with whatever you can manage, keeping in mind that we have a 'No Nut' Policy and if it does not need refrigeration, that would just be great.

Please let me know if you can help by either calling on 0407 841 267 or email me vinesdreier@bigpond.com

Cheers, Jutta

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**Exciting English**

**How to read non-fiction texts**

Children love to read about real people, places, and events. Non-fiction books present real information in engaging and interesting ways. However, most children read a lot more fiction than non-fiction, so spend some extra time helping your reader learn how to navigate a non-fiction book.

**Talk about non-fiction**

Begin by explaining that the book you’re about to share is non-fiction. That means that the book will give us information that is true. The book will be organised around a specific topic or idea, and we may learn new facts through reading.

**Look at the parts**

Most good non-fiction books will have helpful features that are not a part of most fiction books. These parts include a table of contents, an index, a glossary, photographs and charts with captions, and a list of sources. Share the purpose of the features with your reader.

**Glossary**

Located at the back of the book, a glossary contains key words related to the topic and their definitions. These provide more information about new vocabulary words.

**Photos/Charts**

A lot of information can be found by “reading” the charts and photos found within non-fiction text. Readers will first need to figure out what information is presented. Then they'll need to discover how to navigate the information. Some charts use clear labels, others require more careful examination. Help your reader learn more about the different ways information can be displayed.

**Be the reading boss**

Non-fiction books do not have to be read from cover to cover. Readers can use the table of contents and index to jump right to the information they are most interested in. In that way, they are the "reading boss" of that book! However, if your reader wants to read from cover to cover, encourage them to use the table of contents to understand how the book is organised. "First we will learn about the different types of frogs. Then we’ll learn where they can live, what they eat, and how they survive." Passages from the book can be reread as often or as necessary until your child understands what is written. You can refer to pictures, charts and tables over and over again as well.

As natural learners, young readers are drawn to books that give information about something or explain something they’ve always wondered about. With a little help and guidance about reading non-fiction, you can feel good about introducing your child to a new world of information.

Mark Catterson – Literacy coordinator  
- Adapted from http://www.readingrockets.org/article/how-read-non-fiction
Hello and welcome to another week of Hub news.

**Special Lunch today**

Firstly, we hope that the children (and parents!) enjoyed the Bakers Delight special lunch today. Thank you to the parents who helped with this. Thanks to Helen, who coordinated the lunch, along with Jane, Mary, Angela, Julie and the office staff. Richard from Bakers Delight in Moonee Ponds kindly supplied the rolls.

**Nominate your Teacher or Principal for the 2015 National Excellence in Teaching Award**

The ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) is inviting parents and students to nominate an inspirational teacher, educator or principal. We are fortunate to have a great selection of professionals to choose from. To acknowledge their commitment and dedication to Flemington Primary School, you can nominate a staff member today on the following website:


Nominations close on 31 July 2015.

**Canteen - Friday Fun Treats $1**

This Friday we have an extra treat - Raspberry jelly cups. These will sell for 50 cents.

Along with the popular cinnamon donuts, popcorn and icy poles for $1 straight after assembly.

**Watch out for African Samosa’s.** Coming up in the canteen we will be selling homemade African Samosa’s. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for more details.

If you’d like to help out with serving, please contact Annette Williams (annette_andrew@hotmail.com) or call on 0409 357 668.

**Next Hub Meeting Monday 15th June FPS Staff Room 7:30pm sharp.**

All welcome, even if you are not an official member.

If there is anything you would like to assist with, or have new ideas in mind, please feel free to speak with any of us.

**FPS Bicycle Recycle – VOLUNTEERS Please**

*Can you help out before or after school this Friday (June 12th)?*

The weather is looking promising and your help to fix bikes tomorrow morning 8.15am to 9.15am or afternoon from 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.

With thanks to Phil and others, another 4 bikes were fixed and 2 given away last Friday; now a total of 27 for the year. We are still working our way through a good stock of repairable bikes and it will be great to get these bikes into the hands of eagerly awaiting kids before the school holidays begin.

In case you don’t know, the donated bikes will be repaired and given a new life for those in need within the school community or, if in excess to our requirements, fixed and given to the Redcross’ Wheel Power for Refugees program. Any bikes that can’t be repaired will be salvage for spare parts (tyres, saddles, peddles, grips etc).

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 bike shed on Fridays.

Trade-ins of smaller bikes for larger bikes are also possible. Financial donations are always welcomed.

Finally, a special thank you to the Rotary Club of Flemington for their recent donation of $400 to our program; the money will be used to buy spare parts, tools, helmets and locks.

Peter Hormann - mob: 0408 773 837
email: peter.hormann@bigpond.com

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**Community News**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS!**

Ace Fun Tennis School

Tel: 1300 ACE FUN or 1300 22 23 86
www.acefuntennischool.com

**TECHNICAL - TACTICAL - TOURNAMENT**

**PUTTING THE FUN BACK INTO THE FUNDAMENTALS**

**BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!**

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QUADSTONE PARK TENNIS CLUB, 34 Enfield Road Gladstone Park
EXHIBITION BANES TENNIS CLUB, Smithfield Road Ermington

Fill out the registration form below and send to Ace Fun Tennis School: To Secure Your Place, Please Make Payment Prior to Commencement. For further enquiries, please contact Gabrielle Mee 0418 179 158

**KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**6th July - 10th July**

Creative Dance, Art & Drama Games

ACE FUN TENNIS SCHOOL
1300 ACE FUN or 1300 22 23 86
www.acefuntennischool.com

**SOUND OF MOVES**

CREATIVE AND EXPRESSIVE ARTS

**DAN DONNELLY TENNIS COACHING PROGRAMS**

Royal Park T.C. (cnr Park St & The Avenue, Parkville/Brunswick)

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC**

Monday June 29 - Thursday July 2
(1st week of school holidays - Mon-Thurs)
2nd school term finishes Friday June 26. Parents, this clinic is the perfect school holiday activity. Please note, no fees are payable until June 29. The clinic is available for all ages and playing standards.

Format 1: 9am - 12.30pm (Mon to Thurs) $190
Format 2: 9am - 3.00pm (Mon to Thurs) $280

8.30 am drop-off available.

All bookings, call or text 0408 991 700

Bookings for 3rd term Tennis Coaching Programs now being taken
(Pee Wee Tennis / Junior Coaching / Adult Coaching)

Check out the new website! www.dandonnellytennis.com

Regards
Dan Donnelly,
Club Coach
Royal Park T.C.
Inviting: Years 3 to 6
Would you like to be part of our Flemington Primary School ensemble and perform at the Williamstown Mechanics Institute Theatre in Term 4?

Register for a FREE trial Drama Class on Mondays
- Prep to Yr 2 3:30 to 4:30 pm
- Yrs 3 to 6 4:30 to 5:30 pm

We offer FUN classes with the focus on developing children’s confidence through performing as well as developing their imagination and creativity.
We cater for all levels and no experience is needed.
Seniors will perform at The Williamstown Mechanics Institute Theatre in term 4
Register your child for a free trial class on our website
www.kidsupfront.com.au

phone 1300 821 828

Building a future and offering hope
Be inspired by the stories and life experiences of our speakers. Musical performance will take you on a journey of colours, rhythms and mystery.

Berhan Jaber is a prominent Flemington community worker, who actively campaigns for oppressed Eritrean people. He is a founder and active member of Eritrean Australia Humanitarian Aid.

Ajak Kwi is a singer, songwriter and storyteller, born in South Sudan and arrived in Australia as a refugee in 1998. Ajak has a haunting melodic voice which distinctly portrays enchanting Africa.

Flemington Library
Tuesday 16 June, 6.30pm–7.45pm
FREE, but bookings preferred. Call 8325 1975
Book online: mooneevalleylibraries.eventbrite.com.au

Cosy Lavender Cottage – Venus Bay

From $135 per night
- Charming cottage close to beach and shops
- 2 bedrooms – sleeps 6
- Ensuite on-site
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- Access to the beach via back gate and over the stunning sand dunes
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Mention Flemington Primary School when you make a booking and receive $20 off the total cost of your stay

TCHAIKOVSKY
Polonaise
from “Eugene Onegin”

Piano Concerto No.1
David Soo, piano

BORODIN
Symphony No.1
Joannes Roose, director

12 June 2015, 8:00 pm

James Tatoulis Auditorium
Methodist Ladies’ College, 207 Barkers Road, Kew

Admission $30, Students (<25) $15, 16 years and under free
For subscription and discount online prices visit: www.melbournesinfonia.org.au