Dear Parents and Carers Flemington Primary School,

Music Concert!

Congratulations to the students that were involved in the Music Concert last night! Everyone did a fantastic job! I think it is brilliant that students are offered as many opportunities as possible to showcase their learning – especially on a stage and in front of a large audience! I have never come across a school that runs such a high quality instrumental music/music program for students which is a credit to the passion of Vern O’Hara. Vern needs to be congratulated for the time and energy he puts into building an environment where students have an appreciation and love for music and performing. I also wanted to thank the amazing team of instrumental music teachers as well as the team of parents and staff that helped make last night such a great success. I hear that the end of year concert is even bigger which is something I can’t even imagine!

Lesley McCarthy

As mentioned in a notice sent home last week, after 30 years of dedicated service to the Education Department, which included 11 years as Principal of Flemington Primary School, Mrs Lesley McCarthy has given notice of resignation. I had the opportunity to meet and chat to Lesley yesterday for the first time. She said she is doing well and says hello to everyone. I will also be looking at organising a farewell for Lesley later in the year or in early 2017.

Thank you

Thank you so much to everyone for making me feel so welcome during my time so far at Flemington Primary School. Having the opportunity to continue at the school is exciting as I get the chance to build on what we have already achieved in such a short period of time.

It was a difficult decision for me to leave the community of Sunshine Heights Primary School even for just a short period of time. However, I had the chance to drop in to visit everyone last week, which was nice.

Flemington Primary School is at an exciting stage and I am very appreciative of the positive feedback that has been passed on by the students, parents and staff. This is credit to the dedication and passion that everyone in the community has for the school in moving things forward. It makes it a great place to work.

Next term, a major focus for the staff will be to work together to strengthen the learning direction of the school in the development of a long term strategic plan.
The strategic plan will focus on key actions that the school will take to achieve agreed goals and targets. These actions are currently in place which includes:

- Building a Professional Learning Community.
- Enhancing the way we monitor student learning developments.
- Continue to review and refine the understandings that are essential for students to learn to become effective readers, writers and mathematicians.

Finally, I hope everyone is able to enjoy some time together as a family over the next two weeks. I know holidays for most parents can be a stressful experience especially when you hear those words, ‘I’m bored’, on the first day of the 2 week break. However, as I mention to parents all the time, if my daughters ever say they are bored I always respond by saying that it is a good thing because it means that their brain is on the verge of doing something amazing! For me, boredom brings out our creative energy! Society nowadays makes us feel like we need to entertain our children every second of the day. If we do this then they don’t get the chance to be bored and to let their imagination go wild! So if at any time during the holidays your child says that they are bored, then you should just respond by saying, ‘how exciting’. Of course they will look at you like you have lost your mind but I’m convinced they think this about us most of the time.

However, if you do need any ideas for the holidays (to get out of the house), I had the chance to take my daughters to ‘Clip and Climb’ recently which was a great challenge and great exercise! For those that haven’t been to ‘Clip and Climb’, it is an indoor climbing centre with up to 37 activities – sorry if this sounds like a promotion! I promise I don’t receive any commission for this! It is actually my least favorite place to visit! I know this may sound unusual but I have a confession to make. I have two great fears in life. One being heights and the other magpies. I know what you must be thinking, how can you be scared of such cute little birds. Let me tell you something! Those cute little black and white birds were not so cute during the springtime (swooping season) when I was growing up in the country and I had to walk past 67 gum trees to get to school! Let’s just say that magpies and I have a very frosty relationship, all year round.

Anyway, if you do get a chance to head to ‘Clip and Climb’, don’t do like me and book yourself a ticket if you don’t like the idea of being too high off the ground. While my daughters were climbing like monkeys to the top of the walls, I was walking around wearing a harness like it was a fashion accessory. I think I had to fake an injury to avoid questions from the supervisor as to why I had bought a ticket, put on a harness, and not climbed further than a metre!

Anyway, on behalf of the staff and students thanks again for your support in Term Two! Look forward to seeing you and working with you in Term Three.

Alex Artavilla
Acting Principal
Flemington PS

**School Council Report**

School council convened on Monday 20th of June 2016 at 7:00pm. Key discussion items and actions from the meeting included:

- Discussed recommendations from the working party established to review the ‘Standing Orders’. Deferred to next meeting.
- Feedback provided by school council members regarding the Flemington Primary School Pedagogical Framework.
- Motion passed to co-opt a member of the Mount Alexander College school council to fill the ‘Community Member’ vacancy on school council. The purpose of this is to support the school in enhancing the partnership between the schools.
- Support provided by school council in the establishment of a Multicultural/Diversity working party to support the school in enhancing the way it connects and supports all members of the school community. More information about this working party will be published early next term.

The next school council meeting is scheduled for July 25th 7:00pm.
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

ALLERGIES
This year we have several children who may suffer severe life-threatening reactions to some foods. As part of our management of these student’s allergies we are requesting the co-operation of all parents in providing a safe environment at our school. We are requesting NUT PRODUCTS, including all peanuts, peanut butter, Nutella and all tree nuts such as cashews are not part of any child’s lunch. Children must not share food with others and parents are advised to reinforce this at home. In previous years we have had fantastic support by all the school community and we are very appreciative of the co-operation of all families in caring for the well being of others.

It is nearly holiday time and we welcome families to use the school throughout the break. I would like to remind families that the school playgrounds are recommended for specific age groups, Prep-2 are in front of the portables and 3-6 are in the Amphi.

If you are in the school and are concerned about anything at all please ring the local police on 9371 6100.

Could I remind all families that the speed along the lane way is 10 km. It is important that drivers adhere to this speed as it is currently particularly tricky to see along the lane way if the sun is out. The drop off zone at the yellow bollard near the hall is where all children being dropped off enter the school grounds. There is a teacher there every morning to ensure the safety of all.

Have a happy and safe holiday break.

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

2017 Prep Enrolment
We are currently accepting our 2017 Prep enrolments. Please note, all applications are due tomorrow, Friday 24th June. If you have a child due to commence school next year, please submit an enrolment form by this date. Should you know of a child due to start school next year, who lives in our enrolment zone (refer to the school website for details), please remind these parents to complete their enrolment form by the same date.

Enrolment forms and Parent Information Handbooks are available from the office.

Grade 5/6 Sexuality Education
In Term 3 the grade 5/6s will participate in a Sexuality Education program run by Family Life Victoria. This will run across three sessions in weeks 3 and 4. Parents are invited to attend an information session on Thursday 14th of July at 7PM in order to learn about what the program entails.

ARE YOU A BADGED NETBALL UMPIRE??

Flemington Primary has entered a team to compete in the 2016 Netball Victoria Schools Championship at the State Netball and Hockey Centre on the 29th August.

Teams play in a round robin format with the top teams advancing through to the finals day at the State Netball Hockey Centre where the State Champions are crowned. Trials and selection of the 5/6 mixed team will occur in Term 3.

To be a part of the event our school needs to supply a badged netball umpire, to umpire the games on behalf of our school.

If you have a netball umpire badge and would be willing to take part, please contact Zoe or Fiona to let them know.

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

Term 3 Instrumental Lessons
I will be creating the Term 3 timetables during the first week of the school holidays. If you intend to withdraw your child from lessons, please let me know ASAP, if you have not already done so.
If you would like to enrol your child for lessons in Term 3, please email Vern o’hara.vern.a@edumail.vic.gov.au ASAP. We have several vacancies in piano for next term, so next term would be a good time to start piano lessons if you were considering enrolling your child for piano lessons.

Term 3 Invoices
We have been experiencing quite a few issues with parents changing their minds about their child continuing lessons, once the term has started. This causes issues for timetabling and invoicing and especially for students in shared or group lessons. From next term, we will be issuing the Invoices either during the holiday preceding the term or during the first week of the term. Once the term has commenced, you will not receive a refund if you withdraw your child from lessons. Please also note that we do not offer refunds/ credits or discounted fees to parents wishing to take their child out of school for family holidays or other parent choice activities. Teachers are not obliged to make up lessons missed to parent choice, but may be willing to do so. Teachers will make up lessons missed due to a school based activities, notified illness or teacher absence.

Mid Year Instrumental Concert
We held our Mid Year Instrumental concert last night, Wednesday 22nd June. It was a fabulous evening showcasing out talented students and ensembles. Many thanks to parents who helped with the BBQ and preparing and serving the food and drinks prior to the concert. Many thanks also to parents who continue to support the music program and their child’s musical developing by supervising and encouraging practice at home and participation in the ensembles.

State School Spectacular
The first Mass Choir rehearsal for this year’s State School Spectacular will be occurring on Wednesday 20th July at Melbourne town hall. I have sent a note home with all the details for the two Mass Choir rehearsals and the dress rehearsals on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th September. Please note that the permission slip and bus fare need to be returned to the office before the 20th July, otherwise your child will not be permitted to attend the rehearsal on the 20th July.
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 ticket 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**

Thank you to Helen and Sandra for manning the canteen on a Friday afternoon this term.

We will continue Friday canteen during term 3. If you have any suggestions of items you may like to see sold next term, or you would like to be involved, please contact Julie ([Julie.lam1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Julie.lam1@optusnet.com.au)).

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 13 July 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](mailto:Julie.lam1@optusnet.com.au).

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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**FPS Bicycle Recycle**

**– Bikes FREE to good home**

*For your calendar:*

**Friday - 24th June**

Anytime between 8.20 to 9.30am and 1.30 to 2.30pm

We currently have a number of various sized boys and girls bikes available. If your son or daughter needs a bike please don’t hesitate to ask. Trade-ins of smaller bikes for bigger bikes welcomed.

We’ll be fixing bikes again this Friday before/after school and assistance from parents and students to fix bikes will be a valued and fun use of your time. You will find us at the “Bicycle Hospital” (next to the Science classroom) as per the dates/times above. Further bike donations to our program are always appreciated. We can also assist with repairing your broken bike.

We wish everyone a great mid-year school holiday. Happy cycling!

_Bart Sleighen – 0418 231 686 | Peter Hormann - 0408 773 837, peter.hormann@bigpond.com_
Community News

**JUNIOR CRICKETERS WANTED**

Moonee Valley Cricket Club is fielding Under 10, 12, 14 and 16 sides for Season 2016/17

We’re also running our Milo In2Cricket program

**JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY**

**Saturday 30th July 2016**

2.30pm-4.30pm Ormond Park, Pattison St Moonee Ponds

**SEASON STARTS OCTOBER 2016 – training starts September 2016**

- Under 16: players born after 31/8/2000
- Under 14: players born after 31/8/2002
- Under 12: players born after 31/8/04
- Under 10: players born after 31/8/06

Fees: $250 per season – this includes all match day fees, balls, umpires, insurance, access to equipment, ground fees and coaching and each player gets a club match cap and MVCC net included in the registration fees

Discounts available for siblings and eligible concession card holders

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**We’ll keep your kids entertained at Kensington Community Recreation Centre**

Stop the “I’m bored” mantra from the kids these holidays and have them participate in our Active Melbourne Sports Clinics at Kensington Community Recreation Centre. There are lots of activities on offer with soccer, AFL, netball & more. At $10 per 3 hour session – you can’t go wrong!

During the term we have activities to keep your kids active whilst having fun. On offer are:

- 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](http://www.kensington.ymca.org.au)

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**MELBOURNE FRINGE FESTIVAL**

**Kids & Family Program**

15 September – 2 October 2016