DIARY DATES

FRI, 13 MARCH
RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
SRC Conference

TUE, 17 MARCH
HUB Extraordinary AGM

THURS, 19 MARCH
Year 7 students return to school
2.00pm

FRI, 20 MARCH
HARMONY DAY

MON, 23 MARCH
School Council meeting
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURS, 26 MARCH
Grade 5/6 Swimming
Term One reports sent home

FRI, 27 MARCH
School Athletics Sports
End of Term one - school dismisses at 1.30pm

MON, 13 APRIL
CURRICULUM DAY NO SCHOOL

TUES, 14 APRIL
Term Two begins

TUES, 21 APRIL
School Tours begin Prep 2016

TUES, 12 MAY
NAPLAN testing Grades 3 & 5

WED, 13 MAY
NAPLAN testing Grades 3 & 5

THURS, 14 MAY
NAPLAN testing Grades 3 & 5

MON 18 MAY
EDUCATION WEEK

WED, 20 MAY
OPEN DAY

Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

Good luck to the SRC representatives attending the National Young Leaders Conference at the Exhibition Centre On Friday March 13th

Good luck also to our students swimming in the Divisional Swimming Carnival today.

Tomorrow, Friday 13th is Ride to school day - We are aiming for a 100% participation effort so that we can break last year's record. Everyone walk, ride, scoot or skate - if you are driving in park around the local streets and walk part way.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our Crazy hair day and especially to the four courageous students who agreed to have their hair shaved/cut (refer photo). You were all awesome!!!!

Parents please note that voting for positions on the School Council must be lodged at the office by 4pm next Tuesday 17th March. Photos and bios of all nominees were sent home today.

Parents are reminded that school begins at 8.50am.

The first bell will ring at 8.45am. When the second bell rings at 8.50am students will enter their classrooms for Home Room.

Parents please support us in starting learning at 9.00am sharp.
**Pupil of the Week**  
*Week beginning March 9th 2015*

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<td>For always playing safely in the yard and showing kindness and respect to others.</td>
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<td>For playing safely with his group during PMP. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>For being to learn in the ICT lab, reading &amp; answering questions on Simple Machines.</td>
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<td>Aisha A.</td>
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<td>Vallerie H.</td>
<td>For being ready to learn &amp; completing an excellent puppet procedure.</td>
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<td>James S.</td>
<td>For being respectful by always putting his hand up to talk in class discussions.</td>
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<td>Martin C.</td>
<td>For always listening &amp; responding to his peers in a kind &amp; respectful way.</td>
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<td>Luke L.A.</td>
<td>For his wonderful homework efforts &amp; respectful attitude to others.</td>
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<td>Ana M.</td>
<td>For setting an example for others with her fantastic work &amp; positive attitude.</td>
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<td>Amir I.M.</td>
<td>For being kind and helping Prep students around the playground.</td>
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<td>For being kind, inspiring, brave and sharing.</td>
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<td>For her positive &amp; enthusiastic approach to all learning tasks in the classroom &amp; at home.</td>
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<td>Harriet F.</td>
<td>For always being ready to learn and being a kind &amp; friendly classmate.</td>
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<td>5/6T</td>
<td>Anna T.</td>
<td>For being kind and respectful in the school community.</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.

Konnective is a smartphone app designed for keeping people informed instantly wherever they are by communicating directly to their smartphone.

Once you are connected we can send news, photos, events, notices and reminders. **Great for alerts like the camp bus is running late or assembly is cancelled.**

To access Konnective, please visit [www.konnective.com.au](http://www.konnective.com.au) and join up using your email address and name. You will then need to verify a verification email sent to the email you have joined with. Or see the link on the school website.

**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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A reminder to all parents and grandparents that they need to go to the office to sign in and collect & wear their ID when visiting the school at any time. This includes Classroom Helpers, incursions and excursions, PMP, swimming and Interschool sport.

**What K-2 teachers want parents to know – Reading levels**

Welcome to my next blog series “What K-2 teachers want parents to know”. This is a series that will focus on common parent issues that teachers of Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children face everyday. The series aim is to give parents more information about each area of concern and offer practical tips to ensure that these concerns do not become an issue in your household.

One of the biggest issues that is often brought to the teacher by a parent of a 5-8 year old child is the concern about what reading level their child is at. Many parents worry that their child is significantly below another child in their class or not moving up levels as fast as they should. The first thing that teachers want to shout from the rooftops is “Parents, stop obsessing over reading levels!”

A reading level (whether it be a number, colour or letter, depending on the book) indicates to the teacher what type of reader the child is. A child could be a beginner reader, emergent (developing) reader or an independent reader. The level is usually displayed at the front or back of the book. A reading level is given by a teacher who has conducted a “running record”, which is a reading assessment tool. Please follow the link for the 10 facts that teachers want parents to know about reading levels

http://creatingalearningenvironment.com/?p=213
2015 School Council nominations

Robbie ALLEN

Over the last two years it’s been my great privilege and pleasure to be a member of school council. I have been a part of the FPS community for 7 years and apart from both my children receiving an excellent education I have personally found the experience very rewarding. In short, FPS is a great school that has much to offer its students and the broader community.

Given the opportunity I would very much like to continue working with the other parents and teachers that makeup school council to ensure FPS provides the best opportunity for kids to grow and meet their potential. I am always happy to discuss with other parents ideas or issues they may wish to raise about the school in an effort to ensure FPS meets the needs of the student body and more generally FPS continues to develop as a centre for educational excellence.

Melissa ELLIOTT

I am the mother of Zach and Cooper McWilliams - identical twins who started school this year in Prep M. Just like other new Prep parents, I am still trying to implement a routine which ensures that readers are read, word lists are practised, lunches are made, bags packed and the boys are in bed before 8.30pm. I cheerfully admit that there are days when this routine badly fails.

Although reasonably new at parenthood, I have more than 16 years’ experience as a Workplace Relations Lawyer working for clients in the education, Government and not-for profit sectors. This includes a period during which I accepted a role as the Manager ER/Acting Director HR at La Trobe University. Having finally realised that working at a large law firm would never allow me to balance parenthood with a career, I left private practice seven months ago and commenced employment as the Employment and Labour Relations Counsel for GE Australia & New Zealand.

While I have not served on a primary school council before, I gained experience in reporting to a University Council in my role at La Trobe University. I have also served on (and enjoyed being a part of) various women’s networking and mentoring committees and boards and Pro Bono committees of management throughout my legal career.

I am also an avid Western Bulldogs supporter, a cricket fan and a runner/plodder.

Justin LUCAS

Monique and I have Boyd (5/6A), Oliver (4M) and James (1R) at FPS.

I have served on school council for the last 2 years. In 2014, I joined the finance committee and have gained a good understanding of the school’s finances.

I also served on the policy committee for the last 2 years.

I am experienced in organisational and risk management from 25 years in legal practice.

In the next few years, the school will inevitably face a period of change in senior management. Governance will be particularly important in this period, and continuity of council membership will assist the transition.

Continuing improvement of the school facilities should be an important priority for the School Council. I think one good suggestion is the conversion of the quadrangle to a soft fall court surface. This would save a lot of scraped knees and elbows as well as tears!

I would be pleased to serve a further term on the School Council.
Richard HANN

Richard is father of 2 Flemington Primary pupils, Claire in Grade 3, and Angus in Prep. His third child Sarah, will start prep in 2018.

With an eclectic professional and personal background he brings a unique mix of technical, creative and business skills.

He’s worked as an audio engineer in both the studio and live audio mixing. He’s been a session musician, arranged and produced music, including original music for television and public events including Melbourne Fashion week parades. He’s produced and presented radio that’s been syndicated to 150 stations, worked as a voice over artist and written copy for advertisements as well as theatre scripts.

Richard’s “boring” side has also been well catered for. Initially working in Criminal Forensics, he’s now spent 16 years in the finance industry, working as a Program Director leading large teams and managing large scale programs and projects.

Richard is experienced at managing expectations of large groups of people, balancing their needs and wants against what’s possible.

Richard has involved himself in school life at Flemington Primary. He was Master of Ceremonies at the 2014 School Fair, and has assisted with school activities when possible.

His unique mix of skills and experience positions him strongly to make a meaningful contribution to the School Council.

Peter HORMANN

Peter is an engineer and Honorary Research Fellow in the Centre for Energy-Efficient Telecommunications at the University of Melbourne. He is also a Director for the TelSoc; a not-for-profit telecommunications industry association.

Within the school, Peter has been a champion for the Bicycle Recycle programme which in 2014 received, fixed and gifted 101 bikes to students, the wider school community and to Redcross Refugees. He has also been a parent helper and taught grade 5/6 science students about optical fibres and the digital world. Peter has raised some money for the school music program by producing and selling DVDs of the school music concerts.

In his spare time, Peter is a volunteer bicycle mechanic fixing bikes for Redcross Refugees and is a keen advocate for the humane treatment of refugees. Peter is greatly concerned about the vexed issue of anthropogenic climate change and is committed to positive actions that will ensure today’s young people have the same environmental and financial prosperity as their forebears.

As a school council member Peter will be a strong parental voice and focussed on the long term financial and environmental well-being of the school and its community.
Hi

I've entered a team in the World's Greatest Shave - why don't you join us?

We're called Flemington PS and we are taking part to help the Leukaemia Foundation fund its important work – providing practical and emotional support to people with blood cancer, as well as investing millions in research.

You can join in the fun and join our team
Go on, be brave and shave like us
You can sponsor our team
Go on, get involved and help us to support this important cause while having some fun at the same time!
Click here to visit our team's page today
Thanks
Alexandra

Blood cancer research is expensive but vital.
The money we raise will help fund important research into leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other blood disorders.

Every 46 minutes someone in Australia gets the news they have blood cancer.
The money raised will also support them during from diagnosis, during their treatment and beyond.

All the Leukaemia Foundation’s services are provided free of charge.
Let’s keep them that way and raise some now.

To sponsor us online
Click on this link > http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/FlemingtonPS?TSID=31412

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Student Stars:

Over the long weekend, Marcus competed in the Victorian State championships for surf life saving in Warrnambool. He won 3 gold medals with his teammates from Lorne, in the ocean swim, the wade relay, and the medley relay (Aqua Cameron).

HUB News (FPS Parent’s Association)
Rochelle Carland (Hub President)
carlandr@bigpond.net.au or 0416 177 219

HUB EXTRAORDINARY AGM – TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2015

Further to last week’s InTouch, an extraordinary AGM will be held on Tuesday 17th March at 7:30pm in the Staffroom to consider any new nominations for President (or co-Presidents).

We are also actively encouraging new members to join – please consider assisting where you can. Please note that, as a non-Fete year, the HUB calendar is not busy and Lesley is happy for us to solely focus on icy poles and Mothers/Fathers Day stalls if need be.

It’s been encouraging to hear of parents who have signaled their intention to join the HUB and we look forward to seeing them at our meeting next week.

Icy Poles

Now the hot weather is here, icy poles are back on sale Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for the rest of term. Icy Poles are $1.

Annette Williams (mum of Imogen in Gr 3 and Chris in Gr 1) is co-ordinating icy-poles this term. If you’d like to help out with selling, please contact Annette (annette_andrew@hotmail.com) to get your name on the roster.

Melbourne Sinfonia Concert One 2015

Friends and Music Lovers,

Tickets for our first 2015 concert on Friday evening, March 13th are now available. The program is an all-Dvorak one, featuring the Symphonic Poem “A Hero’s Song” and Symphony No 9 “From the New World”. For a great musical evening and to help Gatehouse, at the Royal Children’s Hospital, click on the link as follows -

http://www.trybooking.com/HBNN

If you would like to subscribe to our 4 Concert Subscription Series, tickets are now available. Concert dates are -

Concert One – Friday March 13th, 2015. Program as above
Concert Two – Friday June 12th, 2015. Program TBA
Concert Three - Friday September 11th, 2015. Program TBA
Concert Four - Friday November 27th, 2015. Program TBA

All concerts will be held at the James Tatoulis Auditorium, MLC Kew, commencing at 8.00pm. Remember all surplus funds will add to our annual donation to support Gatehouse, Royal Children’s Hospital. So enjoy not only four terrific musical evenings, but support a very worthy cause as well!

To subscribe to the four concert series, please go to -

http://www.trybooking.com/GPOO

To take out Membership of the orchestra for 2015 go to -

http://www.trybooking.com/GJPD
Parents HUB

All parents are welcome to join the HUB – the Flemington PS Parents’ Association.

Next meeting: Tuesday 17th March 7:30pm school staffroom.

Everyone is welcome!

Help raise funds to support your child’s school and benefit the whole school community. Meet other parents: the HUB is a fun way to get involved with your child’s school.

The HUB meets monthly and organises fundraisers and social events including:
- A biennial school fete
- Mothers and Fathers Day stalls
- Special lunch days
- Welcome events
- Weekly icy-poles and Friday fun treats
- Trivia nights
- Other fun events!

The funds raised by HUB in the past have contributed to:
- Air-conditioning
- Books
- Equipment for the canteen
- Assistance for camps
- Headphones for Prep-Grade 4
- Other invaluable resources for our children.

We Need You!

The HUB is always interested in your ideas and input: what would you like the HUB to do in 2015?

Come along to the HUB meeting on Tuesday or contact Rochelle Carland (outgoing President)
carlandr@bigpond.net.au
Help your kids build their own firewall against online Nasties

The online world provides endless access to inappropriate content for our kids. Filters can play a part, but as Catherine Gerhardt describes, it’s much better to have a fully rounded approach to tackling the issue.

Fiction vs. reality. One of the biggest concerns I have as a parent at the moment is the relative ease with which children can have access to online pornography. Recent studies revealed that children as young as eight years old have seen it, and most kids have witnessed it before parents have even considered discussing it. For me, it’s about considering what the long-term effects are going to be on our children’s future relationships. With wide access to the internet, including mobile devices and gaming systems, it is too easy for even young children to reach inappropriate content.

Most kids who have seen pornography know immediately that it feels wrong. They can feel ‘strange’ and their personal instincts kick in like an alarm system telling them something is not quite right. They may feel sick, embarrassed, confused. Some kids stumble across it (many porn sites know popular key strokes kids use), and others are exposed to it by friends or family.

Is pornography really that big of a deal for our kids? The simple answer is yes. Pornography damages their brains by tricking them into releasing the same pleasure chemicals that drugs do. “A child’s brain is more vulnerable as it is rapidly forming neural connections. Viewing pornography can reprogram a child’s brain and initiate an addiction that is often harder to overcome than drugs or alcohol,” says Kristen Jenson, author of Good Pictures, Bad Pictures.

Pornography harms relationships. Youth are being exposed to pornography even before they have had the opportunity to experience a relationship. Teens tell researchers that they don’t like pornography but they feel pressured to watch it, and they even acknowledge that it provides a model for them to follow. When we start to think about kids getting sex education from pornography, we can start to understand why we should be worried about their future relationships. Viewing pornography is setting up unrealistic expectations and desensitizing sexual expectations. Pornography can distort a person’s view of what a healthy relationship should be, and devalues the principles of mutual respect, trust and love we expect our children to experience in the future.

What can parents do to build their child’s firewall?

Be proactive, be preventative. Like most things it’s helpful for parents to begin the conversation before their child becomes interested in porn. Younger kids are more likely to see the parent as a dependable source of information. By the time they are teenagers peers become the reliable source and peer pressure and curiosity can lead them down a path of unrealistic expectations and perhaps, even addiction.

Be open. Most kids won’t tell their parents because they know they shouldn’t be looking at that stuff and, worst of all, you might take the technology away from them. Be honest, for many of us that might be our first reaction. But in hindsight it only prevents kids from telling us about their online experiences later on. It’s okay to say, “Thanks for telling me, I’ve had that happen too”, or “Let’s look into that together”.

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... Help your kids build their own firewall against online Nasties ...

Start by asking your child. Ask whether they have ever seen inappropriate photos online. Let them know that if it happens you expect they will come and tell you, assuring them they will not get into trouble and will not have the device taken away from them. You can suggest your child leaves a note for you if they see something online that makes them feel uncomfortable. This lets you know when they are ready to discuss it and gives you the chance to have a chat with them on the subject when you are ready.

Internet filters and porn blockers. These are important, but they are not a one-stop shop on protecting our kids. They can certainly help by minimising the risk of ‘random’ porn attacks, but they won’t safeguard them either. Even if we feel we have placed adequate measures within our own homes, children must, and do, go out into the wider world where they will have exposure that is beyond our control.

Developing internal filters is about getting kids to understand what pornography is, how it affects their brain, and coming up with strategies they can use when they are exposed to it. Children need to be able to make safer choices when they are in situations where content filters or adults are not monitoring their behaviour. It is normal for kids to be curious and as they head into the teenage years that curiosity peaks. As children grow they spend more time online and get exposed to more of the online world, with parents having less control over their viewing habits.

Parenting responsibility. Websites and governments are taking the minimum responsibility on these issues, so it has to become primarily a parenting responsibility. Children can be protected and harm can be minimised by taking some common sense approaches. Parents need to establish their expectations about children’s viewing; make sure communication devices are used in public places; install net nannies and firewalls where appropriate and don’t be afraid to keep a check on website histories.

Investigate how you can protect your children and minimise their exposure by installing a porn site blocker onto your internet connected devices. A quick Google search will provide some options which best suit your family.

Discussions about pornography need to be part of an ongoing conversation within the family. Talking won’t put your kids at increased risk; in fact, it increases their awareness and empowers them to make safer decisions when the time does come.

Short, frequent discussions will help your child remember information – rather than one big long lecture. As bestselling author Steve Maraboli advised: “Take action! An inch of movement will bring you closer to your goals than a mile of intention.”

Catherine Gerhardt


parentingideas.com.au
FPS Bicycle Recycle  
– Volunteers Please  

With the grateful efforts of parents Bart, Geoff, Daniel, Chris and myself another 6 bikes were fixed and 4 more given away last Friday. Thank you also to all the students who turned up to help out.

RIDE-TO-SCHOOL DAY is THIS Friday (13-Mar) and while no further bikes can be fixed before this time, our plan is to help with any required tyre inflations & minor repairs on the day.

If you, your neighbours, friends or family have bikes to donate please bring them in before or after school to “The Bicycle Hospital” (shed near the music room) on Fridays. We are still in particular need of boys bikes suitable for grades 3 to 5 (typically 20, 24 & 26-inch sized wheels). Bike donations to date have come from far and wide and have all been greatly appreciated.

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.

PLEASE HELP: As always we need volunteer parents and students to help with fixing bikes on Friday mornings 8am to 9am and afternoons from 3.30pm including this Friday (March 13th). There’s no need for any specific skills, just a willingness to give things a go and get your hands a little dirty for an hour or so.

If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me.

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

The Bendigo Bank is a generous financial supporter of the 2015 FPS Bicycle Recycle initiative.

Is your child a regular saver? Why not open a Bendigo Piggy Bank Passbook Account that encourages children under 13 to save in a fun & rewarding way.

Year 6 – 7 Transition  
Essendon Keilor College,  
The Essendon Keilor College Community would like to invite all your Year 4, 5 and 6 students to tour our facilities. Junior Campus Tours are conducted every Wednesday and Friday at 9:20am By Appointment.

Our Open Days will be on April 23rd (East Keilor) and April 28th (Niddrie): This will be a chance to see the Campus and Students in action and to talk with the leadership team. Observe the science class in action or talk with some of our Year 8 and 9 Leadership Students. There will be tours at 9:30, 11:30, 1:45 and 6:00pm.

Hear about the Essendon East Keilor District College and our Vision for your child’s success at the Principals Address at 7:00pm on each of the Open Days.

Niddrie Campus  
Peters Street, Airport West  
Ph: 9375 8400

East Keilor Campus  
Quinn Grove, East Keilor  
Ph: 8331 0109

Update from Mount Alexander College  
SEAL Program  
 Registrations for the entry test for the SEAL program at Mount Alexander College are open for current Year 6 students. Registration closes on 24 April. The test will be held on 2 May at the college.

Open Day and Tours  
College tours are conducted every Wednesday morning at 9am. Open day will be 11am to 1pm on 19 April; it will be a chance to hear the new Principal talk (Principal’s Address at 11am), and to have a look around the college.

Kind regards  
Meg Dunley  
dunley.meg.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Year 7 – 2016
Information Sessions

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Pascove Vale Girls College invites prospective students and their parents to attend one of our information sessions at our College.

You will have the opportunity to meet College leaders and hear about our curriculum and programs offered to our students. This will be followed by a tour of the College.

The dates and times for our Information sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday April 21 – 9.00am
- Wednesday April 22 – 7.00pm
- Thursday April 23 – 11.00am

Bookings are essential. Please phone the College on 9306-2544 to reserve a place.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to visit the College and look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lyn Stirling
Acting Principal

Ms Kerry Hall
Head of Junior School

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You are invited to
Gilmore College for Girls
90th Celebration
1925 – 2015

Gilmore College for Girls is turning 90.

To celebrate this milestone we are putting together a showcase of some of the history and culture that typifies the education outcomes achieved by the school over the last 90 years. There will be an array of performances from past and current students along with artworks and interesting historical items.

We welcome all past, present and future students, former and current staff members, and general public to come and help celebrate the best of girls education in the west.

MARCH 28
Gilmore College for Girls
298 Barkly Street, Footscray
11.00AM Reunion & Exhibition
12.30PM Presentation
1.00PM Celebration Carnival
RSVP by March 20th

Phone: (03) 9687 3868
Register Online:
www.gilmorecollegeforgirls.eventbrite.com.au

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Mount Alexander College

OPEN DAY
19 April 11 am – 1 pm
Principal’s Address 11 am

Tours every Wednesday 9 am
ph: 9376 1622
www.mountalexandercollege.vic.edu.au
Community News

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.

ENROLMENTS FOR FIRST EUCHARIST CLOSE TUESDAY 17 MARCH

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday 31 May 2015 at 10.30am at Missa.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION is for children in grade 5 or above who have made their First Eucharist.

It is an eight-weeks program and will begin at 10:15am at Brendan’s School on Sunday 14 June 2015 and will resume after the holidays on Tuesday 17 July 2015 to Sunday 9 August 2015.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Brendan’s on Sunday 6 September 2015 at 9:30am.

FIRST RECONCILIATION is for children in grade 2 and up.

It is a six-weeks program beginning at 10am on St Brendan’s School on Sunday 20 June 2015 to Sunday 13 September 2015 and will resume after the holidays on Sunday 4 October 2015 to Sunday 16 October 2015.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday 22 October 2015 at 7pm.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child plays sport on Sunday morning we can make other arrangements as we did for Preparation for First Eucharist in 2014. Classes were held at 9-45pm Saturday evening, and the children were brought in to 8pm Mass at the Church.

If you wish to enrol your child in the above programs or if you require more information, please contact: Carol Henica, Parish Asst, at St Brendan’s Presbytery on 03 7572 7572 (Tuesday to Friday), or Mobile 0430 976 740 or by email: carol.henica@bigpond.com.au as soon as possible.

UNION出しL FORMS can be found on the parish webpage www.stbrendansflemington.org.au - under Sacraments - Other sacraments.

DAN DONELLY TENNIS COACHING PROGRAMS
Royal Park T.C. (cnr Park St & The Avenue, Parkville/Brunswick)

PRE-EASTER / SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC
Monday March 30 - Thursday April 2
(1st week of school holidays - Mon-Thurs)

1st school term finishes Friday March 27. Parents, this clinic is the perfect pre-Easter activity. Please note, no fees are payable until March 30. The clinic is available for all ages and playing standards.

Format 1 9am - 12.30pm (Mon to Thurs) $100
Format 2 9am - 3.00pm (Mon to Thurs) $200

8.30 am drop-off available.

All bookings, call or text 0408 991 700

Check out the new website! www.dandonnellytennis.com

Wishing all families a Happy Easter.

Regards
Dan Donnelly,
Club Coach Royal Park T.C.
Music Theatre Boot Camp
Easter 2015
Mon 6 April to Fri 10 April
9.30am to 3pm each day

Music Theatre Boot Camp is a fun and inclusive school holiday program exploring the skills of music theatre. The five day program is for primary aged interested in music, drama, dance and overall performance.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
We awaken the children to their own enjoyment of performance. By the end of the week everyone is playing a part in a scene with a song and dance performed for family and friends.

LIMITED PLACES - BOOK NOW!

More info at
www.musictheatrebootcamp.com.au
or call 9078 3676

Information Seminar: Melbourne
Where: The Park Hyatt
Date: Wednesday 1st April
Time: 4.00 – 6.00 pm *

Teachers to Teach in London

I am so thankful that I attended an information session about teaching in the UK by the one and only Bron. Your advice, support and individual interest in me and my teaching was such a blessing. You were completely honest from the day I met you about life in London and that was so refreshing and truly made me all the more prepared when I arrived and starting my time here.“ Ashley, Australia

London calling!
Meet Bron - Manager of the DJM London Team

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