Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

The School Council Election process has now been finalised. Thank you to Sandra McOrist, Bruce Ziebell, Natalie MacLaren and Cheryl Aquilina for their assistance in collecting, registering, validating, counting and checking votes. This year we had an unusually large number of invalid votes: where voters did not include their name on the external envelope, failed to complete ballot slips or numbered boxes inaccurately.

This year’s tally was very close, and congratulations go to the following parents who were elected to fill the four, two year terms: Robbie Allan, Melissa Elliott, Richard Hann and Peter Horman.

Justin Lucas has been asked to continue as a co-opted member, allowing for continuity on the Finance Committee. This will be proposed to Council on Monday.

The next School Council meeting and the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is next Monday, March 23rd at 7pm in the Staffroom.

My congratulations to Alex Taylor and members of SRC on their work last week. All members of the community supported the Shave for a Cure students with a large donation being made to the Leukemia Foundation. Each of these students also fundraised personally and have collected significant funds towards cancer research. Ride to School Day was a huge success with students, staff and parents participating in the day. Then to cap the week off, the SRC students attended to Halogen Student Leader Conference on Friday, gaining positive leadership information from the speakers. Well done all!

We have been advised of the appointment of a new Principal at Mount Alexander College, replacing Allan Davis who is now working for DET in the South Western Region. Wayne Haworth, will be leaving his current position of Assistant Principal at Nossal High School and will start at Mount Alexander College on the first day of Term 2. Congratulations Wayne, we look forward to meeting with you.

Next week, the new Student Reports will be sent home. This has been a long term project undertaken by Sarah Nightingale and David Meyer through their work with BASTOW. Significant consultation with teachers, parents, students and School Council has produced this revised format. Parents will now receive a report every term, enabling greater communication of achievement, areas for improvement, attitudes, behaviour and work ethic. Thank you to Sarah, David, Bruce and Danh for your efforts in designing and refining the reports.

Parents are reminded that school finishes at 1.30pm on Friday 27th March for the Term one vacation and Easter break.

The first day of term 2 for students is Tuesday April 14th as Monday 13th is a Curriculum Day. Staff will be working on curriculum development for the year with the focus on literacy and numeracy.
Pupil of the Week
Week beginning March 16th 2015

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<td>Ethan K.</td>
<td>For being respectful by always using his manners and being polite.</td>
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<td>Angelique H.</td>
<td>For showing kindness and respect to her teachers and peers.</td>
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<td>Lucille H.</td>
<td>For being kind &amp; caring to all members of he Prep community. Well done!</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Ava Rose M.</td>
<td>For being a kind and caring class member.</td>
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<td>For always showing kindness to others.</td>
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<td>Kawsar D.</td>
<td>For being ready to learn by working well to complete all tasks to the best of her ability.</td>
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<td>Dmitri R.</td>
<td>For showing he is ready to work by reading &amp; re-reading the procedural text.</td>
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<td>For always thinking about others &amp; showing kindness.</td>
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<td>Charlie S.</td>
<td>For always settling to writing tasks quickly &amp; for completing her procedural text on shadow puppets.</td>
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<td>Flora B.B.</td>
<td>For always listening &amp; responding to her peers in a kind way.</td>
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<td>Ashley D.</td>
<td>For showing kindness towards her peers both in &amp; out of the classroom.</td>
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<td>Herman H.</td>
<td>For asking questions when he is unsure or clarifying a task.</td>
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<td>Muneib A.H.</td>
<td>For settling down to work tasks quickly. Well done!</td>
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<td>Thomas D.</td>
<td>For his self extension weekend work on his group puppet project.</td>
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<td>Maisa S.</td>
<td>For being ready to learn by always borrowing from the library.</td>
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<td>For always being kind by having superb manners &amp; being kind to others.</td>
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<td>Boyd L.</td>
<td>For always bringing a positive attitude to his learning &amp; being motivated to complete his work to a high standard.</td>
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<td>For his positive &amp; enthusiastic approach to all learning tasks.</td>
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<td>Amelie M.</td>
<td>For completing all tasks to a high standard with a positive attitude.</td>
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<td>Shaid S.</td>
<td>For her positive &amp; hard working approach to all learning tasks.</td>
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Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

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.

GASTRO AND CONJUNCTIVITIS

Please note, the following conditions have come to our attention:

a) Some of our students are experiencing gastro like symptoms. Should your child complain of a sore stomach before school please keep them home as we have had to send home a number of students with this ailment and also those who have vomited.

b) Some of our students are presenting with conjunctivitis. Should your child have sore, red, itchy, watery eyes and a discharge of pus they will need to be treated with antibiotic drops and creams that are available from the chemist. As this condition is contagious your child can not return to school until there is no discharge from the eye as they will remain infectious during this time.

Thank you for your assistance.

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

For the first time, Flemington Primary School will be participating in a special Earth Hour event for schools. For one hour from 11.30am on Thursday 26 March 2015, our school will be turning off the lights and all other non-essential electrical items. Our challenge is to see if we can last through the whole day!

By simply turning off the lights and thinking about our energy use we are hoping to raise awareness about the impact of climate change.

If your family wants to participate in the global Earth Hour on Saturday 28 March, go to www.earthhour.org for more information.

And to see some amazing scenes of Earth Hour in 2014 have a look at www.earthhour.org/watch-lights-go-across-the-world-the-2014-highlights-video

FPS Environment Committee

Last weekend we celebrated International Women’s Day. It has been 20 years since the Beijing Declaration and Sunday was a time to reflect on the progress that has been made, to continue the call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

Flemington ps supported the Moonee Valley council breakfast where the guest speakers spoke of their struggles for success.

Over 30 million school-age girls worldwide are currently denied their right to an education. Over two-thirds of these will never be expected to enrol in school and the odds get worse for any girl living in a conflict or emergency setting. Nearly 65% of worldwide adults who can't read or write are women. A child born to a mother who can read and write is 50% more likely to survive past the age of five; girls who are educated can make informed choices and have a better range of options – put simply, educating girls lead to safer families, better health and stronger nations.

Education is a basic human right and as long as discrepancies continue to exist between the genders, a need for International Women’s Day will continue to exist.

SRC News
Alex Taylor – SRC Coordinator

World’s Greatest Shave

On Thursday and Friday last week Kahlil M, Jess D, Lai P, Oscar L and Ahmed A cut and shaved their hair for the World’s Greatest Shave charity. They now have a lot less hair, but the Blood Cancer Research Centre has a lot more money.

It was a great few days with many students, teachers and parents coming to watch at lunchtime.

We congratulate all 5 of you on your amazing efforts raising over $473.75 toward to schools donation to the charity. These students also fundraised with their friends and family to raise even more money!

Ride to School Day

Congratulations to all the students, teachers and parents who participated in Ride to School Day. It’s great to see everybody being so active. Well done to Prep Mc, 1Y and 1G, your class had the most students participate and won a prize!

Student Leader Conference

Last Friday the SRC’s went to the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. There were some people who talked to us about getting inspired to be leaders. The speakers were Mike Martin, Bindi Irwin, Any Griffiths, Jess Gallager and Coen Ashton. They told us about them and how they got inspired. It was a fun day and we can’t wait to GET STARTED!

Stella and Max 5C
Curriculum News
Mark Catterson, Literacy Coordinator

Exciting English
The importance of reading widely
It’s easy to find yourself lugging home a stack of library books that your children will love to listen to. It’s harder to make sure you’re bringing home a wide variety of books. But that may be just as important. Sharing lots of different kinds, or genres, of books with your young reader exposes them to different words, different pictures, and whole new worlds. Below are some genres to try with your child that complement ‘traditional’ fiction.

Fantasy/Science Fiction
From talking dogs to imaginary underground worlds, fantasy books contain elements that are not possible in real life. Cornelia Funke, J. K. Rowling and Lemony Snicket are all authors to consider within the fantasy genre.

Historical Fiction
Well written historical fiction helps past events come alive for children. With topics as wide ranging as pioneer life and ancient civilisations, books within this genre awaken the historian in any child.

Biography
Biographies have a way of inspiring kids. The best ones introduce famous world leaders, inventors, educators and scientists in a way that helps kids identify with the person. David Adler has a series of biographies that are well loved by early Primary students.

Informational Books
What makes a volcano erupt? How tall is the tallest man? Where does the word pumpkin come from? Children ask many questions, and reference books help them find the answers. When choosing reference books for your child, make sure they were recently written and seem to contain accurate information.

Poetry
Poetry just isn’t as widely read as it should be. Several children’s poets have collections that will make your child howl with laughter. Poetry is often shorter too, which makes the task of reading less overwhelming for new or reluctant readers. Elizabeth Honey, Jack Prelutsky and Shel Silverstein are great authors to start with in this genre. Whatever you choose to read with your child, make it enjoyable. Have fun visiting that magical place, getting to know that famous person, finding the answers to questions, and reading with the rhythm of poetry.

Article originally published by Reading Rockets – http://www.readingrockets.org/article/importance-reading-widely

Sport News
Mitchel Marley

On Friday 27th March the School House Sports Carnival will be held during the morning culminating in the presentation of the House Shield to either Cashmere, Delhi, Mangalore or Mooltan. Children are encouraged to wear a t-shirt in their house colour. Who will be the winner? Parents are invited to assist and encourage students in the efforts.

Grade 5/6 Swimming
Please be reminded that all Grade 5/6 students will be swimming on Thursday next week, not Friday due to house sports.

How do we manage angry kids?
Children who can learn to manage their anger have a head start on handling fears and other emotions.
Currently, our community is undecided about how to handle anger. In fact, anger is discouraged, as we see no place for it in homes, schools or community.
There are four ways anger is dealt with and only the fourth one in this list should be considered healthy:
1. Muzzle it - Bury anger deep down and it will go away is the attitude! This doesn't work for many children as anger just simmers and doesn't dissipate.
2. Muscle it - Some children lash out physically so that a friend, sibling or parent literally feels their anger.
3. Mouth it - Verbal abuse is usually hurtful and backfires on the angry person.
4. Manage it - Anger can be expressed in ways that are not hurtful to anyone including himself or herself.

Do you have a child who is often angry or aggressive?
Help is at hand - the Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program is coming.
A special announcement later this week will give you all the details, the first in a series of online courses to teach you how to develop emotional intelligence in your kids. The Mood Meter is a brilliant tool to empower kids to recognise and then respond to how they feel.
Here’s to great parenting and exceptional kids,
Michael Grose
Hub News (FPS Parent's Association)

Rochelle Carland (HUB President)
carlandr@bigpond.net.au - 0416 177 219

The HUB held an extraordinary AGM this Tuesday to elect a new President and we are pleased to announce that the result is a strong leadership team of 2 Co-Presidents and 2 Co Vice Presidents (with 3 out of the 4 positions being taken up by new HUB members!). This is a great result for the HUB and the wider FPS community. It was also very encouraging to see so many new faces to the HUB – welcome to those new members!

The roles for the forthcoming year have been elected as follows:

- Presidents: Lisa Madden & Julie Lam
- Vice Presidents: Kate Phillips & Ellen Connor
- Treasurer: Karin Moore
- Secretary: Rose Iser
- Fundraising: Mary Koulbanis
- Teachers Representative: Lauren Aull
- School Council Representative: Karin Moore

On a personal note, as outgoing President, I’d like to thank the members of the HUB for their support and guidance over the last 2 years. You have been both inspiring and hilarious in equal measures and it’s been an honour to serve as your President. Thankyou to Lisa and Julie for taking over the role – I know that you will continue to have the unwavering support of the HUB and the wider FPS community.

Rochelle

Icy Poles

Don’t forget that icy poles are on sale for $1 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you’d like to help out with selling icy poles, please contact Annette Williams (annette_andrew@hotmail.com) to get your name on the roster.

FPS Bicycle Recycle

We are in particular need of bikes for boys in grades 3 to 5 (typically 20, 24 & 26-inch sized wheels). If you, your neighbours, friends or family have any bikes to donate to our programme please bring them in to “The Bicycle Hospital” (shed near the music room) before or after school on Fridays.

Donated bikes will be repaired and given a new life for someone within the school community or, if in excess to our needs, 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 etc).

With the grateful efforts of parents Geoff, Alex and Chris and myself another 4 bikes were fixed and 3 more given away last Friday. Thank you also to all the students who turned up to help out.

PLEASE HELP: As always we need volunteer parents and students to help fix bikes on Friday mornings 8am to 9am and afternoons from 3.30pm including this Friday (March 20th). 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 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.

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.

325 Racecourse Road, Flemington 3031,
Open: Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm, Sat 9am to 12pm
www.bendigobank.com.au
Come and join us for lots of fun with Auskick at Flemington Primary this year! Registrations are now open.
Program start: **Saturday May 2nd – Saturday July 25th**
Where: Flemington Primary School oval
Time: 9:00am – 10:30am
Open to children ages 5-12
Information, registration and payment at aflauskick.com.au
(your Auskick Centre is Flemington)

Contacts: Garth Hardiman (0425 769 369) or Rita Hardiman (0408 374 021)

Next week Flemington Primary School will have guests from CTI Melbourne United - National Basketball League running a Basketball Program at After School Care!

All ages and skill levels are welcome. Normal fees and rebates apply, $23.44, ($7.48 to $11.72 after rebates) for a casual session.
Community News

DAN DONNELLY 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)  $280

8.30 am drop-off available.

All bookings, call or text 0408 991 700

Bookings for 2nd term Tennis Coaching Programs now being taken
(Pee Wee Tennis / Junior Coaching / Adult Coaching)

Check out the new website! www.dandonnellytennis.com

Wishing all families a Happy Easter.

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

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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.

LOCATIONS: Kensington Banks TC Smithfield Rd • North Park TC Flemington Rd
Gladstone Park TC 18 Elmhurst Rd • St Matthews TC 95 William Rd
1300 22 33 86 ACEFUNTENNISSCHOOL.COM
ENROL NOW!
ITEMS STARTS APRIL 19 2013
Saturdays morning (9am) or during the school term and cost 1.5 hours at 15 minutes at personalized option, high end and still appearance with your kids can be 100 most creative group. It encourages social interaction build self-esteem and grows self-esteem.
Sessions cookery and creative are offered at Bankmore House.
Each week is comprised of approximately 20-40 children, and is divided into four to 10 groups, with one adult to supervise eight groups.

VENUE
Social House, 99-101 Princes Hill Road, Kensington Neighbourhood Centre

SESSION TIME
9am-10:30am 10:45am
10:30am-11:45am 11:45am-12:45pm

FREE GIFT: a pack of

Social House 10-12pm 10-12pm

Contact Details

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Fun, safe and non-competitive game environment.

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