Principal's Report
Lesley McCarthy

Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Ready To Learn

Congratulations and thank you to students, staff and parents on a short, busy and highly successful term one. As always, our school has been a very eventful and energetic environment with a multitude of events and activities taking place.

Students and staff will be looking forward to a break before settling into a longer and just as full term two. Teachers will continue their curriculum planning on Monday April 13th, which is a Curriculum Day when students do not attend.

Term one student reports will be sent home today following the extensive review about our reporting processes conducted last year. Sincere thanks to Sarah Nightingale, David Meyer, Bruce Ziebell for their leadership in this initiative. We hope that parents will find the more regular reporting and communication beneficial in helping our students learn and achieve.

Mrs Karen Leopold is taking Long Service Leave for Term two and will be replaced by her good friend and a very experienced Art teacher, Mrs Lynden Hayes.

Miss Mollie McMahon is also taking leave for the first two weeks of Term two. She will be replaced by Miss Annabelle Burrell.

At this time of year I am often approached by parents with queries regarding Secondary School options for their Grade 5/6 students. Some parents also seek information about tutoring for scholarships and select entry schools. I recommend Brain Works [https://www.brainworks.com.au/] I am also willing to write references for students to support applications to schools. Please note that the Secondary School Transition documentation will be distributed to Grade 6 students early in Term 2.

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 tee shirt in their house colour. Who will be the winner? Parents are invited to assist and encourage students in the efforts.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and relaxing term one holiday.
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

Thank you to all those cyclists who remember to get off their bike and walk it through the school yard every morning.
I have noticed that some of our children riding bikes do not have their helmets on correctly I have a flier that I have printed off that may help families to put helmets on properly and ensure the safety of their children.

Parking at Flemington Street
For the last number of weeks I have put in photos and explanations of all of the parking signs. It is unfortunate that people are still parking illegally in permit zones. The council and police are called regularly and will book offenders. Please remember that the laws are here to keep all of us safe so we need to obey them.

Holidays
Families please remember that you are welcome to play in the school grounds throughout the holiday, ensuring that our school is used. If you do see anything or people of concern please ring the local police.
Flemington Police 9371 6100

Have a great holiday and stay safe.

Sun protection until the end of April – it’s not just terms one and four anymore

A quick reminder to please keep sun protection on the agenda until the end of April. Children are reminded that even though term one is over, sun protection is still needed as they enjoy their holiday break. It’s important to slip on covering clothing, slip on SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, slap on a wide-brimmed hat, seek shade and slide on wrap-around sunglasses (labelled AS 1067) so it is a sun safe holiday and not a sunburnt one. To be sure check the daily sun protection times for your area at sunsmart.com.au or via the free SunSmart app.

New SunSmart video
Check out this very cute SunSmart sunscreen station video on YouTube or go to our Facebook page. Feel free to like and share so we can try and reach as many people as possible. Perhaps you could do something similar in your service or school? It’s important that sunscreen application becomes a regular part of the daily SunSmart routine.
**Term 1 Invoices**

Term one fees are now overdue. Please ensure all fees are paid by the end of term, or if you are unable to finalize payment this term, contact Natalie to come to an arrangement. Students with unpaid fees will not be enrolled in Term 2 unless arrangements have been made with either Natalie or Vern.

**Term Two lessons**

If you intend to withdraw your child from lessons at the end of this term, or you like your child to change from a group/shared class to an individual lesson, please let Vern know via email ohara.vern.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or text 0403777050.

If you would like to enrol your child in lessons for Term 2 please contact Vern before the end of Term.

Term Two is an 11 week term and you will be invoiced for 10 lessons next term, the last week of term being set aside for make-up lessons.

**Ensemble fee**

Please note that the ensemble charge on your term 1 invoice is for the whole year, not just for term 1, and that you will not receive another ensemble charge this year.

**Instrument labelling**

A reminder to ensure that your child’s instrument is clearly labelled with their name and grade on a tag attached to their instrument so we can easily locate lost/misplaced instruments and their owners. This includes instruments owned by the students as well as instruments hired from the school.

**Parent support of practice**

I notice several instruments that seem to spend more time at school than at home.

Can I ask parents to monitor their child’s practice at home and make sure they are bringing their instruments home and are doing regular practice. Very few children are motivated enough to practice regularly without coercion from parents and unfortunately, without practice at home, progress on an instrument is going to very slow or non-existent. Without practice and progress, children usually lose interest. It’s the old catch 22 situation. Reward only comes from effort and achievement.

**New Theory class**

A new grade one theory class has been running this term on Monday mornings from 8.15 to 8.45 am. If your child isn’t enrolled in this class and you would like them to join, please text, call or email Vern before the holidays. Theory classes are an excellent way to ensure students have a sound knowledge base to develop their musicality and prepare for exams. Theory classes are opened to students from grades 4 to 6 who are learning an instrument, and cost $9.00 per lesson.
New smoking bans to apply on school grounds and at school entrances

- A public awareness and information campaign will promote community awareness of the bans. Print and radio advertising, as well as social media, will be used prior to the introduction of the bans and for a period following their commencement.

- Officers from councils will be responsible for enforcing the bans, and will take an education approach, making sure smokers understand the new laws. However, an infringement penalty of $147 could apply to adults caught wilfully breaking the law.

- Council officers have been given power to enter school premises to monitor and enforce the ban. However, this is subject to permission from the school principal and, if permission is provided, the inspector must be accompanied by the school principal or a person acting on their behalf. It is anticipated that the focus for council officers will be on those smoking within four metres of school entrances, and that the power to enter school premises will be used sparingly.

- Factsheets and further information about the bans will be available from the Tobacco Reforms website.

- You are encouraged to join over 650 other schools currently participating in the Healthy Together Achievement Program to create a healthy learning and smoke-free environment. The Achievement Program supports a whole-school approach to promoting health and improving student wellbeing and engagement and this may also support the introduction of the bans.

- Further information about the Achievement Program is available at: www.achievementprogram.healthytogether.health.vic.gov.au
Library News – 25 March 2015

Thanks to the generous donations of our FPS families to our Library Trust fund we have been able to purchase 360 new books in Term 1. Some fabulous new fiction series have been bought, many of them suggested by our avid book loving students. Also, 100 Non Fiction titles have been purchased to complement our specialist and deep learning inquiry topics. To round off the new acquisitions our teachers have suggested many new wonderful picture story books for our younger readers. No doubt parents will get as much enjoyment from these new books as our students as they begin to come home in Term 2.

In order to get the new books out as soon as possible some wonderful parents have assisted in covering our new books on Tuesday mornings this term. A big thank you to the parents, and to Nujum, your assistance has been truly appreciated.

All classes in Library this term have been looking at weekly charts and graphs showing class borrowing statistics. The graphs have encouraged students to return on time and have helped to raise the school borrowing statistics upwards. To my great surprise the students and staff have borrowed over nearly 3,800 books this term. Very impressive considering the term has been a short one at only 9 weeks. Well done everyone and especially to Prep F, 1R, 2N, 4M and 56A who have blitzed the borrowing this term.

Icy poles have been humming along nicely. Many thanks to All the lovely ladies who have helped out this term.

We will be selling ICY POLES at recess on Friday (last day of term) . Don’t forget to bring $1.00 to school . Next term we will bring back Friday fun day canteen with popcorn and donuts for $1 each. Many thanks to Julie and Annette for volunteering to organise. If you would like to be on next terms roster email:annette_andrew@hotmail.com, make sure to bring your dollar on the first Friday of term 2. Icypoles will run again in term 4

Coming up Next term we will have the Mother’s Day stall , I am looking forward to seeing all the gorgeous gifts for mothers made by mothers. Stall date is Friday 8th May. We will be looking for Dads or partners to help out on the day. It’s sure to be a fun packed morning not to be missed.

Please email myself or Julie if you are interested. We will also be looking for bakers to help out with goods for the day .

The next hub meeting will be held last Tuesday of the month ,Tuesday 28th April 7:30 pm sharp at FPS staff room ,all welcome. Remember , you don’t have to be a hub member to help out every little bit helps.
SECONDARY SCHOOL'S EXPO

Once again Moonee Ponds West Primary School will be hosting the annual Secondary School’s Expo. The Expo is an opportunity for you, along with your child, to meet and hear from representatives from our neighbouring schools.

The invited schools are:


The Expo will be held on the 30 April from 4.00 – 7.00 p.m. in the Moonee Ponds West PS gym which is located on the right hand side as you enter the gate at 150 Athol Street, Moonee Ponds.

If you have any questions prior to the afternoon don’t hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to you attending the Expo.

Randal Symons
Assistant Principal

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FREE TICKET OFFER!
Register and Pay Online before the 19th April to get 4 FREE TICKETS to an AFL Game*

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS!

Mond, 30th Mar 2015 to Wed, 1st Apr 2015

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NORTHERN PARK TENNIS CLUB, Flemington Road, Parkville
KENSINGTON PARK TENNIS CLUB, 18 Estate of Ross-Ambrose Park

ACE FUN TENNIS SCHOOL 1300 ACE FUN or 1300 22 33 86
www.acefuntennisschool.com

A must see - Featuring Flemington PS student Gwen A. from 4M

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Luigi Pirandello’s SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR

THURSDAY 96 MARCH 2015, 07:00 PM
FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2015, 07:00 PM

HTTP://WWW.BUYBOOKING.COM/HDAY

"Pretense? Reality, sir, reality!"
**Australian Heritage Week**

**Flemington Local History Talk**
John Dickie, from the Flemington Association and chair of its Heritage Committee, will deliver a talk on the history of the Flemington area.

**Flemington Library**
Wednesday 15 April, 6.30pm-7.40pm
FREE, but bookings necessary. Call 8325 1975
Book online: mooneevalleylibraries.eventbrite.com.au

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**Flemington Community Centre**

**Junior Group Tennis**
Small group tennis lessons for 6-12 year olds at the Flemington Community Centre, 25 Mt Alexander Rd Flemington.
Every Tuesday, starts 14 April 2015

11 week program
Group 1: 4-4.30pm
Group 2: 4.30pm – 5pm

Cost per term:
Full fee: $65
Early bird: $60
Concession: $55

For more information contact the Flemington Community Centre on 8325 1900 or lea@moonee.vic.gov.au

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**Film night in Debneys Park!**

Join us for a family-friendly community celebration with a screening of Disney's Frozen (PG)!

*Where:* Saturday, 28 March, 7pm onwards (movie to start at sundown)

*Where:* Debneys Park, Mt Alexander Road, Flemington

- $2 sausage sizzle fundraiser for the Newmarket Phoenix Soccer Club
- Pre-film activities for the kids including face painting and secret!
- Raffle to win a new Specialized bike

This is a drug, alcohol and smoke free event. For more information, please call 8325 1900.

This event proudly supports: 

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**Flemington Community Centre**

**Autumn Family Fun Activities**

- **Exploring Science Workshop**
  - April 1-5
  - 10am – 12pm

- **Movie:** Madagascar
  - Ages: 3-12
  - Check tickets for details

- **Design and paint a tea towel**
  - Ages: 6-12
  - 10am – 12pm

- **Cooking-Chocolate shapes**
  - Ages: 6-12
  - 10am – 12pm

- **Cooking-Pancakes**
  - Ages: 3-12
  - 10am – 12pm

- **Circus workshop**
  - Ages: 3-12 
  - 10am – 12pm

- **Hat Parade**
  - Ages: 3-12
  - 10am – 12pm

All activities are free! Booking and payment are to be made prior to commencement of activity.

End date may vary. Activities to be held at Flemington Community Centre unless stated otherwise. Dates subject to weather and venue availability. Adult supervision required with each child.

Enquiries taken from Wednesday, 19 March for further information contact the Flemington Community Centre on 8325 1900 or lea@moonee.vic.gov.au.