Congratulations to all students who competed in the AVDSSA Swimming Carnival at Queens Park last Friday. There were a great number of Personal Bests swum on the day and Flemington PS finished 2nd overall behind North Melbourne Primary. The following students will now progress to the next level of competition: Shaid, Evie, Chloe, Stella, Darcy, Georgie, Ellie, Kelsey, Brooke, Thomas, Angus, Marcus, Leo, Lucas, Luca, Callum, Wyatt.

Yesterday twelve of the Student Representative Councillors attended the Halogen Young Leaders Conference with Alex Taylor. They had a wonderful day and were very impressed with the presentations and speeches.

Parent nominations for School Council elections have now closed. As the number of nominations equals the number of vacancies, I declare the election process complete and congratulate the following parents who will serve on School Council commencing Monday 21st March 2016.

- Trevor Wallwork – father of Sam
- Amelia Moore - mother of Sebastian
- Ellen Connor – mother of Maggie & Liam
- Rose Iser – mother of Hugo

Trevor, Amelia and Ellen will serve 2 year terms; Rose will serve a 1 year term as her son is in Grade 6 this year. Thank you to these parents for their willingness to serve on School Council.

Robbie Allan has tendered his resignation from council with one year to serve. As this is a casual vacancy, Justin Lucas, current School Council treasurer, was accepted to fill this vacancy for the next 12 months at the last council meeting.

All parents and students are reminded that tomorrow is RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY. We encourage everyone in the school community to WALK, RIDE, SCOOT or SKATE and be an active and healthy person while helping the environment and traffic around Flemington.
Pupil of the Week
Week beginning 29 February 2016

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<td>Prep G</td>
<td>Muntaz S</td>
<td>Muntaz is a superstar at using the ‘Give me 5’ strategy. Muntaz always comes to the classroom ready to learn and is a great role model for her classmates. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Prep MC</td>
<td>Felix P</td>
<td>Following instructions, modelling safe play and problem solving. Well Done Felix!</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Leonardo C</td>
<td>Walking safely in the line and encouraging others to do so also. Well done!</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Michelle Y</td>
<td>Listening to others and sharing her ideas with the class.</td>
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<td>1K</td>
<td>Abdullahi B</td>
<td>Remaining focused and on task when completing your writing. Great to see you extending yourself. Well Done!</td>
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<td>1P</td>
<td>Bonnie S</td>
<td>Assisting others when they need help.</td>
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<td>1R</td>
<td>Lucy N</td>
<td>Helping others and being a kind friend in the playground.</td>
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<td>2I</td>
<td>Brayden C</td>
<td>Making good choices about seating arrangements when working on tasks.</td>
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<td>2J</td>
<td>PJ V</td>
<td>Showing outstanding dedication to completing his tasks and listening to instructions.</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Lukey S</td>
<td>Showing whole body listening and always trying his best. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>3M</td>
<td>Thomas K</td>
<td>Thomas has worked hard all week to complete his tasks. Well done.</td>
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<td>34J</td>
<td>Jack R</td>
<td>Using your initiative to produce and confidently deliver a fantastic SRC speech. Congratulations on becoming our 2016 Student Representative.</td>
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<td>34L</td>
<td>Meriam M</td>
<td>Coding like a total pro. Meriam was able to code a story with dialogue. Awesome job Meriam!!</td>
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<td>34M</td>
<td>Aisha A</td>
<td>Using amazing noun groups in your writing that blew Dave’s mind.</td>
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<td>34T</td>
<td>Nura A</td>
<td>Completing her role as Class Ambassador with confidence.</td>
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<td>45F</td>
<td>Aisha H</td>
<td>Always making your peers feel welcome and included with your kind, friendly and respectful language.</td>
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<td>5C</td>
<td>Fadumo J</td>
<td>Trying hard with her maths activities this week. Fadumo persisted even when the task got challenging. Keep up the great work Fadumo.</td>
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<td>56P</td>
<td>Martin C</td>
<td>Martin has displayed the school value of ‘Be Respectful’ by always listening to instructions and to his peers. Keep up the great work Martin!</td>
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<td>56V</td>
<td>Ezra L-K</td>
<td>Rebounding this week, focusing on his tasks and proactively helping his teacher and peers.</td>
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<td>6T</td>
<td>India L</td>
<td>Using a confident voice in class and asking clarifying questions.</td>
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<td>P.E.</td>
<td>Abdullahi H</td>
<td>For being respectful and showing good leadership in PE.</td>
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<td>Principal’s Award</td>
<td>Emir T.</td>
<td>For being an excellent student secretary in the office.</td>
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Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Speech Pathology Services

Speech pathology students from Australian Catholic University (ACU) will again be attending Flemington Primary School during 2016 as part of their professional practice placement experiences. Under the supervision of a qualified speech pathologist, they will be offering speech and language screenings (assessments) and therapy to students in Grades Prep to 2. Parent consent forms are being sent home today. We urge all Prep parents to complete this form as it is a free service to your children.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by Wednesday 9th March by 9.00am

No late orders will be accepted

Please note, that orders sent before this date will now be sent to Scholastic as received (except cash which will be processed on the final day). The office will now process orders a couple times a week (for credit and cheque payments only) so the earlier the order, the earlier you will receive the book/s.

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 1 (27th January) or Term 2 (11th April), 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 complete and return the application form, along with copy of card to the office by Friday 18th March 2016, which is preferred date, or Friday 3rd June 2016 (last date to accept applications).

If you are eligible for CSEF, which is $125 per primary school child per year, you will be able to use this money towards excursions, swimming and camps.
**Assistant Principal’s Report**

*Sandra McOrist*

**Drop off**

Just a reminder to all parents that when you drop your children off in the laneway, at the yellow bollard, ensure that you have an agreed understanding of whether they walk in front of the car or behind. That way I don’t have parents nearly running over their own children.

**School Council**

The next meeting of School Council is on Monday 21st March at 7pm. At this meeting the office bearers for 2016-2017 are elected and sub committees formed.

The Annual General Meeting is also held at this meeting and the school Budget and Annual Implementation Plan will be ratified.

A draft policy for the new Child Safe Standards will be tabled as well as the list of school policies due for review this year.

**District Swimming Carnival**

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**Leading Teacher’s Reports**

*Sarah Nightingale*

**F-2 Leader, Curriculum Coordinator**

As we are now more than half way through the term, teachers are busy collecting and analysing data to drive their teaching and learning experiences.

Prep teachers have finalised their assessment in both the English and Mathematics Online Interviews and are using this data to identify the learning needs of each student.

The grade 1/2 team have also finalised their English Online Interviews and are now in the process of completing the Mathematics Online Interviews for each student.

Conferencing with students is happening on a daily basis to develop individual learning goals in the areas of reading, writing and number.

Teachers are also in the process of writing their term 1 reports. The term 1 report will be a progress report to give you a snapshot of what your child has been learning at school.

There is a strong focus on how students are demonstrating the school values as well as English and Mathematics descriptors related to the content taught over the term.

The **Classroom Helpers Program** has begun and students are enjoying having parents and grandparents in the classroom to assist with their learning.

If you are interested in becoming a classroom helper and didn’t get a chance to attend the training please let your child’s teacher know as we are hoping to run a second session early term 2.

Finally, thank you to all families for attending the Meet the Teacher Interviews last week. It is a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and discuss the needs of each child. If you didn’t get a chance to meet with your child’s teachers please follow this up as all teachers welcome the communication between home and school.

*Warwick Knight*

**3-6 Leader, Curriculum Coordinator**

The last 2 weeks have continued to be very productive.

Teachers have been developing learning goals for their students and are beginning to write Term 1 progress reports.

A whole school PD was undertaken Wednesday night with focus being an introduction into the **First Steps** reading, writing and spelling programs. Teachers will use these programs along with the Victorian Curriculum to develop learning goals for their students.

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Meet the Teacher evenings. It was great to see so many parents taking an interest in their child’s learning. Also welcome to all the new parent helpers across the school assisting in classrooms, again it is great to see parents working with all students across the school.

**Digital Diaries** are being used across the 3-6 areas.

Teachers will assign homework tasks, important dates and other assignment and students will record their nightly reading for teachers to check. Also timetables are gradually being uploaded to the students’ diaries. If you have any trouble logging on or using the digital diary please contact your child’s teacher or myself.
The 2016 SRC Representatives are:

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<td>Hamdi &amp; Will</td>
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<td>Adam &amp; Olive</td>
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<td>Oscar &amp; Charlie</td>
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<td>3/4M (Dave)</td>
<td>Suleiman &amp; Imogen</td>
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<td>Kobe &amp; Alana</td>
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<td>3/4J (James)</td>
<td>Evie &amp; Jack</td>
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<td>3/4L (Zoe)</td>
<td>Sarah &amp; Mitchell</td>
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<td>Oliver &amp; Gwen</td>
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<td>Frances &amp; Hanan</td>
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<td>5/6V (Josh)</td>
<td>Ana &amp; Ezra</td>
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<td>6T (Fiona)</td>
<td>Ike &amp; Genna</td>
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**Student Leader Conference:**
A great day was had by all!
There were numerous speakers discussing leadership, following your passion and never giving up.
The students came back with some great ideas for the year ahead.

**Ride to School:**
Just a reminder that “Ride to School Day” is tomorrow.
We encourage you to ride, walk, scoot or skate to school.
The SRC’s will be handing out stickers and counting the participants. The class with the highest participation rate will win a PRIZE!
It is a great way to stay fit and healthy.

The Dorothea McKellar Poetry Awards are now open to all students attending school. There are several categories and this year’s theme is Waiting.

**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.

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FPS Bicycle Recycle
– Volunteers Please

No experience necessary!

Tomorrow/Friday is “Ride-to-School” day and we hope that first time, some times and regular bike riders all have an enjoyable and safe journey to/from school. If you arrive at school with a flat tyre or are in need of any repairs the Bicycle Hospital will be there to help!

Thank you to Edward, Michelle, Bart and others who assisted repairing bikes last Friday. We’ve now given away a total of 13 bikes in just the last few weeks. We continue to have a backlog of bikes to fix and growing bike demand especially for grade 5/6 boys. Your help to fix bikes or to donate suitable bikes would be valued. You will find us at the “Bicycle Hospital” (next to the Science classroom) as per the dates/times above.

Finally, a big thank you to the Bendigo Bank Flemington Branch for their generous, and now repeated, financial sponsorship of our program. Their support will go towards paying for helmets, locks, spare parts and other essential items. Please support this worthy local business.

Bart Sbeğhen – 0418 231 686 | Peter Hormann - 0408 773 837, peter.hormann@bigpond.com

How-it-works: The FPS Bicycle Recycle initiative commenced in 2014 and has to date provided a new home to 170 bikes. The cycle begins with your valued bike donations both big and small. With the efforts of parents and students the bikes are fixed and then re-gifted to anyone in the school community who needs a bike. Any extra bikes are given to the Redcross’ “Wheel Power” for Refugees program. Financial contributions to pay for helmets, locks and parts are always welcomed.

Do you, your neighbours, friends or family have bicycles needing a new home? If so, please consider donating them to the school. If you would like a bike please don’t hesitate to contact us.
Hub News (FPS Parent's Association)  
Lisa Madden. And Julie Lam  
lisamadden67@gmail.com. julie.lam1@optusnet.com.au  
0425834147  0414749383  

Welcome to the hub weekly news corner. Plans are well underway to deliver a fun packed family day for you all. As always we can't do it without your support.  

FPS Fete Saturday April 16th 11am - 4pm  

Lets make it an extraordinary day.  

We Need You!  
- Do you have a beach house?  
- Do you have a business? Or friends or family in business?  
- Do you have a few hours to spare?  
- Could you donate some time in your chosen field?  

Contact Rose Iser at roseiser@gmail.com.  

All proceeds from the fete will go towards rubber resurfacing of the quadrangle. Let's make it happen!  

All of the stalls will need many volunteers to work on the day. If you can spare an hour or two please contact Alice Blake (aliceblake@bigpond.com) who will be putting together a roster.  

Year levels will be asked for specific stall donations – information will come home via your child.  

Please DO NOT drop off any donated goods until after the 14 March. We will advise you of the times and location in next weeks newsletter.  

Special Recess Canteen  
The canteen will open at recess this term as follows:  

Friday 18 March - School House Athletics Sports (Icy Poles)  
Thursday 24 March – Last day of school (we will be selling selection of goodies!)  

Canteen will continue to sell icy poles and popcorn on Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school throughout this term. Contact Annette (Annette_andrew@hotmail.com) if you would like volunteer.
Flemington Primary School Fete 2016 Sponsorship Package

Flemington Primary School has over 450 students from across Flemington, Brunswick, Kensington and Ascot Vale. We’re a large school, with a diverse student population and always in need of additional educational resources.

On Saturday 16th April 2016, Flemington Primary School will be conducting its renowned biennial fete. The FPS fêtes attract families from around Moonee Valley. With 475 students from close to 300 families, we will have over 1000 people on fete day and thousands more seeing promotional material on signs, posters and online.

Our fabulous school fetes provide an unmissable opportunity for local businesses to increase their brand recognition and reputation in the community.

We are incredibly grateful for the support we receive from sponsors and will reciprocate with generous promotion and advertising for your business. Your business or organisation can nominate a level of support, or negotiate a package with us.

We are also grateful for in-kind support and donations of goods, food, equipment and labour.

Every cent donated by you assists Flemington children get the best education possible. Money raised at the 2016 Fete will be put towards a range of school improvements including soft-fall areas in the school-yard and educational resources for classrooms.

Why sponsor Flemington Primary School Fete?

1. Support the education of local children and their families.
2. Connect your brand with a large and well-regarded school.
3. Have your brand seen by thousands of families before and on fete day.
4. Be visible online though FPS’ social media and digital communications.
5. Create opportunities for face-to-face contact with local families on and before fete day and the promotion of special deals.

Your support is essential and greatly appreciated.

Contact Rose Iser roseiser@gmail.com 0414959427
Community News

For Sale

Brand New Ipad Air, 16gb, Silver, wi-fi
$400

If interested please contact the office.

Dear Friends and Music Lovers,

We are pleased to announce that bookings are now available for the 2016 Melbourne Sinfonia Concert Series. Concert dates are as follows –

Concert One - Friday evening March 18th, 2016. Hayden Symphony No. 101 "Clock" and Brahms Symphony No. 2.

Concert Two - Friday evening June 24th, 2016. Program TBA

Concert Three - Friday evening September 9th, 2016. Program TBA

Concert Four - Friday evening November 25th, 2016. 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, at the 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/KJLX

To book for Concert One only, please go to - http://www.trybooking.com/KJKR

To take out Membership of the orchestra for 2016 please go to - http://www.trybooking.com/KJML