DIARY DATES

THURS, 20-SAT 23 NOV
Recumbent Bike - Maryborough

FRI, 21 NOVEMBER
Anna Robinson Piano Soiree
5:30-7:00pm

TUE, 25 NOVEMBER
2015 Prep Transition #1
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Grade 5/6 Camp Canberra

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WED, 2 DECEMBER
Grade 5/6 Family Life 3 of 3
2015 Prep Transition #2

WED, 3 DECEMBER
Bryn Criddle’s Piano Soiree
6.00-7.00pm
Rosey Vizards’ Piano Soiree
7.00-8.30pm

FRI, 5 DECEMBER
Gavin Lang Violin Soiree
6.00-7.00PM Music room
Leonie Khoury’s Woodwind Soiree
6.30-7.30PM Room 2A & 2B

TUE, 9 DECEMBER
2015 Prep Transition #3
Last day for Chess Term 4

WED, 10 DECEMBER
End Year Instrumental Concert
All ensembles to perform
BBQ starts at 5.00 pm
Concert Starts at 6.30 pm

FRI, 12 DECEMBER
Vern O’Hara Piano Soiree
6:00-7:00pm

TUES, 16 DEC
YEAR 6 GRADUATION
WED, 17 DECEMBER
Grade 6 Big Day Out

THURS, 18 DECEMBER
SCHOOL FINISHES FOR 2014

MON, 5 JANUARY
Cam Australia Holiday Program
begins at FPS

FRI, 30 JANUARY 2015
First day Grades 1-6
MON, 2 FEBRUARY 2015
First day grades prep

WED, 4 FEBRUARY
Prep students do not attend

TUES, 17 FEBRUARY 2015
Grade Prep Photos

Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

BE YOUR BEST

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

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Congratulations to Leonie Isaacs and Chris Mizis on their presentations at the Intercultural Understanding Conference day last week. They showcased the work completed at FPS over the last 2 years as part of the Deakin University Research Project with other schools in our network. Their movie of our teachers and students work and integration of the whole community was applauded. Thank you to all teachers and students who have participated in this project. http://interculturalunderstanding.org/

Prep Storytime yesterday was another opportunity for the 2015 Prep students and parents to continue the transition and familiarisation process. The children are becoming very in tune with the classrooms, teachers and have enjoyed meeting u with others whom they know as well as making new friends. Next week, the formal transition begins with new students attending on Tuesday from 9.00-11.00. This is also session #1 of our whole school transition session when all children will ‘move up’ into a different classroom for an experience of the 2015 year level with this year’s teachers.

This morning the Recumbent Bike Team set off to Maryborough for the RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge event. The 26 students are accompanied by Dave Meyer, Fiona Themann and Zoe Lewis as well as a large number of parents who will supervise, organise camp facilities and cook for the team as well as be a fabulous support crew for all. We wish them a wonderful experience and good luck for each component of the challenge. Stay tuned for updates. http://www.racvenergybreakthrough.net/

Next Tuesday the Grade 5/6 students will set off for their bi-annual Camp to Canberra. Parents are reminded that children must be at school no later than 7.15am as the buses will depart at 7.30am sharp. During their visit to Parliament House and the lesson on democracy and elections, an appointment has been organised for a meeting with Adam Bandt, MP – Member for Melbourne. See Information sheet on the school website.

The bell rings at 8.55am – please be at school before then!!

REMINDER -
PAYMENTS FOR 2015 ESSENTIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES, LEVIES AND BOOKPACKS ARE DUE AT THE OFFICE TOMORROW FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
**Student of the Week**

*Week beginning 17 November 2014*

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<td>Nadine A.S.</td>
<td>For showing amazing persistence during swimming. You’re amazing Nadine!</td>
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<td>Prep M</td>
<td>Atticus B.</td>
<td>For showing great persistence to improve and extend his writing with more detail. Well done!</td>
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<td>Prep Mc</td>
<td>Evie C.</td>
<td>For showing persistence with her writing tasks. Well done!</td>
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<td>Lucy S.</td>
<td>For her persistence in writing and learning her M100 words. Great work Lucy!</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Samuel L.</td>
<td>For his persistence in writing tasks. Well done!</td>
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<td>Danah A.</td>
<td>For showing persistence and confidence in swimming. Well done Danah!</td>
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<td>Tilly D.</td>
<td>For persisting with her poetry writing.</td>
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<td>1Y</td>
<td>Ratag Z.</td>
<td>For showing persistence and creativity when writing poetry.</td>
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<td>2I</td>
<td>Omar I.</td>
<td>For persisting with writing different pieces of poetry.</td>
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<td>2N</td>
<td>Leo A.</td>
<td>For his enthusiastic approach to writing his narrative.</td>
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<td>2T</td>
<td>Shorya B.</td>
<td>For showing persistence with his handwriting.</td>
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<td>3/4D</td>
<td>Abdi H.</td>
<td>For remaining open to continuous learning.</td>
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<td>3/4J</td>
<td>Brooke W.</td>
<td>For helping in class and having a great attitude to her learning. Well done!</td>
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<td>3/4L</td>
<td>Jack S.</td>
<td>For constantly finding humour in everything. Jack constantly tries to make our class laugh!</td>
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<td>3/4M</td>
<td>Asiya K.</td>
<td>For being open to continuous learning and forging ahead in all her subjects.</td>
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<td>3/4P</td>
<td>Dejan G.</td>
<td>For being open to continuous learning and trying his best.</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Mustafa H.</td>
<td>For taking responsible risks by having a go and debating creatively against a group.</td>
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<td>Sandy T.</td>
<td>For persisting and remaining open to continuous learning in maths, especially algebra.</td>
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<td>5T</td>
<td>Jehad Z.</td>
<td>For applying past knowledge to new situations when producing an outstanding wax museum presentation.</td>
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<td>5/6M</td>
<td>Tim V.D.</td>
<td>For persisting through difficult situations and looking at the bright side.</td>
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<td>6C</td>
<td>Nasteha H.</td>
<td>For using a clear and confident voice when talking in a group situation.</td>
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<td>6P</td>
<td>Nasra A.</td>
<td>For taking responsible risks when debating against a group of students.</td>
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**Office News**

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

**REMEMBER - 2015 Fees, Levies and Bookpacks**

Parents, all forms need to be returned to the office by tomorrow **Friday 21st November 2014**. Please note, your 2015 Essential Education Expense and excursion levy must be paid no later than the first day of school in 2015, but all book packs, grade 6 jumpers and polos **MUST** be paid for by 21st November. It is preferable that all Expenses, Book pack and Levies are paid in full by the November due date. Please note, the **government has ceased the payment of the Education Maintenance Allowance** and as such parents will be required to fully pay the amounts stipulated.

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**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.*

**OSHC News**

Parents please note that there will not be any care offered on Friday 19th December.

The **Vacation Care program will commence on Monday 5th January.**
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

Just a reminder
The parking and general behaviour of many drivers has been incredibly scary over the last few weeks. Please note that we have contacted the council and the police. The school is not responsible for the parking signs if drivers are fined.

No stopping signs
A driver must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a ‘no stopping sign’ applies.
Penalty: 3 penalty units.

Our school sign at Flemington Street fits into this category below, but please note that you cannot have your car sitting there for more than a minute or two.

No parking signs
The driver of a vehicle must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a ‘no parking sign’ applies, unless the driver—
(a) is dropping off, or picking up, passengers or goods; and
(b) does not leave the vehicle unattended; and
(c) completes the dropping off, or picking up, of the passengers or goods and drives on as soon as possible within the required time after stopping.
Penalty: 3 penalty units.

The Giving Tree
It’s that time of year again.
The giving tree is starting up and we would like to give gifts to families that are less fortunate than us.
Presents can be given to any age (please do not bring in any perishable food items). Gifts need to be wrapped, with a label stating age and gender of the gift. Every classroom will have a box to put the gifts into.
Please, please, please bring in gifts.
Thanks SRC

2015 Planning

Class Structures
We are currently formalising our organisational and staffing arrangements for 2015. Grade structures are always dependent on student numbers in each year level as funding from DEECD is based on 1 teacher for 25 students.
We are required by DEECD to keep class sizes in Prep-2 as low as possible with an average of 21 students in a class. Class sizes in Grades 3-6 are therefore higher with an average of 26 students per class.
As the number of students in a year level usually does not fit this ratio, in some year levels composite classes are needed. Composite classes are the same as a straight level class with a range of student abilities, emotional and social issues or learning needs. Our teachers are well trained and able to manage a range of abilities in any class.

At this stage the structure for 2015 is:
4 classes at Prep
4 classes at Year 1
3 classes at Year 2
2 classes at Year 3
1 class at Year 3/4
2 classes at Year 4
1 class at Year 5
4 classes at Year 5/6

This structure is dependent on the number of students who are leaving the school and new students entering at Years 1-6. The final structure may not be finalised until 2015.

Staffing
As you are aware, Brendan Newman and Katia Scicluna are taking a year of Leave Without Pay in 2015 to pursue other interests. Over recent weeks interviews have been conducted for a number of staffing positions.
I am pleased to advise that:
1. A new Leading Teacher has been appointed, Warwick Knight will be the Grade 5/6 Team Leader.
2. Joshua Velez will join the Grade 3/4 Team.
3. Danielle Frost will join the Prep Team.
4. David Meyer will move to Grade 4 to support the implementation of the 1:1 iPad program at that level.
5. Grace Mittas will move to Grade 1.
Curriculum News

Last night James Thomas, our eLearning Leader ran an Information Session for parents regarding the 1:1 iPad Program in Years 4-6 for 2015. Supported by the Grade 5/6 Team and members from the ¾ Team, James clearly explained the research, 21st Century competencies and implementation and management of the program.

A number of documents were distributed for parents to assist them in understanding and planning for the changes in 2015. If you were unable to attend and require the documents, they are available at the office and on the school website.

DEECD has recently released the new Digital Learning Strategy which articulates the future directions and research behind utilising of technology in schools.

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/unlockpotential.aspx


ATTENTION GRADE 3 - 6 STUDENTS

Interschool Chinese Apps Competition is coming! Download ‘Mandarin’ and ‘Writer’ on your iPad now! If you think you are the best player, prove yourself in the competition on 4th of December, 2014!

FRESH WATER IN RWANDA THANKS TO OUR 3/4 STUDENTS

Last term as part of our CBL inquiry water unit, Luca M, George, Mitchell and Boyd from 3/4L participated in raising funds for the ‘Water Project’. The boys busked outside the hall over two days to raise money. They donated their funds to ‘The Water Project’. Their initiative and hard work has now benefited a community in Rwanda. To see how the boys helped visit:


Flemington Primary School also gets a mention in the contributors list! Well done Luca, Boyd, George and Mitchell!
Environment Club

On Wednesday the 12th of November 2014 the Environment Club made a great meal using the silverbeet from our garden. We made silverbeet and cheese pastries! It tasted amazingly great! And guess what? It was so much fun that we had lots of extra students turn up to eat our yummy lunch! Luckily there was enough for everyone! Hopefully people will still come along to our Environment Club meetings at lunchtime on Thursdays not just to eat but to help water and look after our plants.

Aisha, Taycier, Nasra and Fatima

Imogen’s Super Salad Dressing!
Recipe provided by Imogen L. - Grade 2T

Ingredients
Splash of vinegar (combination of malt, apple cider, balsamic and white wine vinegar)
Wholegrain Mustard 1 heaped tablespoon
Splash of olive oil
Juice of half a lemon

Method
1. Squeeze half a lemon into a jar. (The jar needs a screw top lid).
2. Add 1 heaped tablespoon of wholegrain mustard.
3. Add a couple of splashes of malt, apple cider, balsamic and white wine vinegar.
4. Put the lid on the jar and shake vigorously. Taste and if bitter, sweeten with some honey.
5. Splash in some olive oil and shake again.

Dehydration is a RISK during hot summer months

Did you know?
- By the time they are thirsty kids are roughly 3% dehydrated
- Kids are at greater risk than adults because they generate more heat but sweat less
- Dehydration can lead to heat exhaustion and even heat stroke

How much water should a kid drink?
- About 250 ml every 15 minutes whilst playing on hot summer days
Music News
Vern O’Hara 0403 777 050

2015 Expression of Interest forms
The Expression of Interest forms for the 2015 instrumental music program were sent home with students from Prep to year 5 yesterday - Wednesday 12th November. Please take time to read the information carefully and complete the reply form accurately. Please note all students intending to learn an instrument(s) in 2015, including students who are learning an instrument in 2014, need to complete and return the form. We are trying to encourage more students to take up cello, flute, clarinet and saxophone. Completed forms can be left in Mr O’Hara’s pigeon hole. If you didn’t receive a form, spare copies are available from the note holder at the office and in the music corridor.

End of Year Instrumental Concert
The end of year instrumental concert will be held on Wednesday 10th December. We will be having a BBQ starting at 5.00 pm with sausage sandwiches, pies and pasties, cakes, lollies and drinks available for purchase. All ensembles including the Junior and Senior – Strings, Bands, Rock Bands and Choirs will be performing along with the recipients of this year’s achievement awards. The concert will commence at 6.30 pm and will run till approximately 8.30 pm. We encourage students and parents to attend to support our school’s fantastic music program and to experience the high standard of playing and performance of our students. Entry is $5.00 per adult, students free. We will also be holding a raffle on the night.

Attendance at ensemble rehearsals
The end of year is approaching fast and it is very important that students involved in the schools’ ensembles attend rehearsals to ensure they are ready to perform at the end of year concert. The Senior Choir will also be performing at the Carols in Queens Park on Sunday 7th December between 7 and 8 pm and at Maclean Lodge on Thursday 11th December from 2.00 to 3.00 pm. I will be sending home the lyrics of the songs we will be performing which will need to be memorized for these performances.

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

Christmas Cake Orders
Christmas cakes all over Flemington and surrounding suburbs are being baked for our annual Christmas Cake fundraiser. This means it time to get your orders in (our order form is included at the end of the newsletter)!

Please note the following key dates:
For bakers - cakes need to be delivered to the office by 5th December.
For orders - orders close 2nd December 2014.
For pick-up – at Flemington Farmers Market on Sunday 14th December (alternative arrangements can be made if you are unable to pick them up from here)

Please contact Carrie Bloomfield on Carrie.Bloomfield@Quintiles.com for any queries.

Flemington Farmers Market Xmas Stall
Our Xmas stall at the Flemington Farmers Market is on again on Sunday 14th December. More details to follow later but we will need donations of cakes, biscuits, slices etc (packaged/gift type goods work really well!). So save the date and get your baking on...!!

Icy Poles
A reminder that icy poles are back on sale for $1 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Term 4. Please contact Lisa Madden on 0425 834 147 or lisamadden67@gmail.com if you’re able to help sell.
The City of Melbourne, Wyndham, Casey-Cardinia and Whitehorse Manningham Library Service and Melbourne University extend an invitation for students in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 a Reader’s picnic and the launch of ‘Bookfish’, a readers advisory website for children. “The Reading Trail Picnic” will be packed with wild stories, revolting rhymes, putrid poems, wild words, riotous giggles, hairy characters, shady characters and lady characters follow the reading trail into the adventurous world of reading. Once you’re on the reading trail there will be no turning back.

This is a free event is being held on the decks and surrounds of the Polly Woodside.

The children will have the opportunity to
- meet and participate in activities run by Mark Wilson, Marc McBride, Simon Mitchell and other illustrators / authors/ storytellers.
- record and add an audio review to the Bookfish site
- explore the Polly Woodside

Location: Polly Woodside, Southbank
Date: Wednesday 18th of March, Time: 10 am - 2.00pm
Tickets are limited. Please click on the link below to book.

The Hub, Christmas Cakes
Order and Payment Form

Parents and friends of The Hub have been busy baking
Traditional Christmas Cakes for you to enjoy.

Using the same recipe and quality ingredients, these Traditional Rich Fruit Cakes
would make a great gift or simply be a fabulous and time-honoured addition to your
Christmas table.

We have only made a limited number of cakes and these are available for pre-
ordering via this form. All cakes will be gift-wrapped and will be ready for pick up from
the Flemington Farmer’s Market on the 14th December, 2014.

The cakes are valued at $35 each via pre-order.

**** All proceeds will go directly towards Prep – Year 2 Readers ****

Flemington Primary School
Mt Alexander Road (PO Box 7), Flemington, VIC, 3031. Telephone: 9376 7137 / Facsimile: 9376 2230

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CREDIT CARD: ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa  Card Holder’s Name: ________________________________

Card Number: ___________________________  Expiry: ___/___

Security code: ________

Card Holder’s Signature: ________________________________

NOTE: Eftpos / Credit Card payments can also be made at the Office after 9.15am.