Welcome back to school for Term 4. This is another very busy term although one where children have many more opportunities for fresh air, fun in the sun and exercise. The oval is rejuvenating after the holidays and should soon be fully operational again.

Please keep an eye on the In Touch calendar and also the calendar on the school website for details of upcoming events. Class newsletters will be sent home very soon informing you of specific year level information.

Planning for 2016 commenced last term with significant recruitment and staffing processes. Release of the DET School budget news for 2016 has also encouraged us to plan classes, specialist programs and facilities changes. The Equity funding allocated to FPS will allow us to provide additional support to those students who need more intensive or individualised language, learning or welfare assistance.

Parents who have specific requests regarding their child’s placement next year are asked to put this request in writing to me as soon as possible. As I have not yet confirmed staffing I am unable to confirm the teachers at each year level.

Currently we are planning for 4 classes at Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2; 3 classes at Grade 3, a composite Grade 3/4; 2 classes at Grade 4 and 4 classes across Grades 5/6. This is of course dependent on student numbers at each year level and may vary by December 18th.

Should you be leaving the school at the end of the year, could you please advise the office in writing as soon as possible?

Term 4 is a SunSmart Term. Please remember that all children and teachers are required to wear a broad brimmed hat when outside at recess and lunchtimes, and at PE or sport. A free SunSmart APP is available at https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/sunsmart/id402707467?mt=8
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

We had 3 trees removed over the last week of term and the holidays, the trees were diseased and dying and needed to be removed as soon as possible. In order to build up that area we have built some planter boxes, which I am sure the environment committee will enjoy filling with plants.

Repair of gaga

It came to my attention just before the holidays that the gaga pit was not safe as the top layer of wood appeared to have shrunk, we have removed that and replaced it with new planks. It should be ready to use next week.

Solar Boat Challenge - Saturday 10th October
Details:
We have 7 teams participating this year.
When: Saturday 10th October 8.30am (usually finishes at about 3pm)
Where: Scienworks – 2 Booker Street, Spotswood
Cost: parents $12, children - free
Remember to bring: boat, poster, a hat (broad brim), sun block, drinks and snacks, problem solving strategies, patience and a sense of humour.
(We are aware that many children will be on camp and will arrange to bring the boats and posters with us. Children can collect them when they arrive on the day.)

- If it looks like rain, bring your wet weather gear as the events will be held outside. Every effort will be made to hold the event under most weather conditions but if there is serious doubt and you think the event may be cancelled, look at the website.

Spectators welcome
Sandra McOrist

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

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by Wednesday 21st October 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 the children will get their book

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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Curriculum News

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

Last week, the Education Council endorsed a revised Australian Curriculum in eight learning areas including:

* Foundation – Year 10 Australian Curriculum: Languages including Chinese.

Some changes are:

* Grouping of Civics & Citizenship, Economics, Geography and History under a heading of Humanities & Social Sciences.
* 2 strands under Technologies – Design and Technologies & Digital Technologies.

General Capabilities and Cross Curriculum priorities are interwoven across all Domains.

Revisions have been made to make the curriculum easier to manage, particularly for primary. ACARA does not specify how content must be taught. Schools and teachers have flexibility to make decisions about how they teach the curriculum in accordance with the needs of their students, the requirements of their school and local curriculum authorities.

www.acara.edu.au

Improving the Australian Curriculum

September 2015

The Education Council, comprising all Australian education ministers, has endorsed all Australian Curriculum and improvements to the Australian Curriculum that are designed to improve its manageability, simplify its presentation and strengthen the focus on literacy.

What has ACARA done about...

Uncrowding and rebalancing the curriculum?

- We have listened to feedback about the Australian Curriculum. We have been working to make the Australian Curriculum more manageable for teachers, particularly those in primary schools, while strengthening the focus on literacy.
- We have reduced some duplication of information and made the content descriptions and achievement standards clearer. These have been done to make it easier for teachers to focus on what needs to be taught. (Content descriptions are the information that will be taught to students. Achievement standards are what teachers use to find out what students can do and understand as a result of being taught the content.)
- Based on available research and after listening to experts in this field, we have strengthened the presence of phonics and phonemic awareness in the Australian Curriculum: English.
- We have strengthened references to Western influences in Australia’s development. For example, we have provided more information about the system of government; the role of our founders and key features of constitutional development; the beliefs and values of Christianity; and the role of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the executive arm of government.

ACARA wants the Australian Curriculum to improve learning outcomes for all students. We are preparing information that will assist teachers to use the Australian Curriculum so it is inclusive for all students, including students with disability.

This October is Walk to School month which encourages Victorian primary school children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school.

Children and their parents are encouraged to start walking to and from school on the first day of Term 4, and keep it up each school day throughout October.

Walking to school helps children get the physical activity they need each day to be healthy. National guidelines recommend that children aged 5-12 engage in 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day (Australian Government Department of Health, 2014).

All participating schools will receive student certificates to celebrate their students’ achievements, and will be in the running for regional prizes provided by VicHealth. http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au/schools
Parent Report Feedback 2015

As part of ongoing reporting process we are seeking parent feedback on the structure of reports this year. As you are aware we have reported termly this year with progress (terms 1&3) and semester (terms 2&4) reports. We are seeking parent feedback on the relevance of each report. Please answer the following questions below so we can continue to provide timely and relevant feedback about your child/children.

Thank you,
Sarah Nightingale and Warwick Knight

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yW_zZFNWfPnPcVPAY5e53nephILmR6q6XdRQt4P4vaE/viewform?usp=send_form

SRC News:

Last Term we collected $235.00 in donations for the Show Your Colours Day. This has been passed on to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Research Centre. This charity was chosen as many families and friends of the Flemington Primary School community have had experiences with cancer.

October: Walk to School Month
During October, the SRC's have organised a Walk to School Month. Students and teachers are encouraged to walk, ride, scoot and skate to and from school. This will promote exercise and healthy living, which is vital for our health. Class teachers have been given posters and pedometers to record daily walking. There will be daily prizes given out throughout the month. Happy Walking!

Statistic:
The proportion of Victorian children walking to school has declined dramatically in recent decades and obesity levels are on the rise. Only one in five children aged 5-17 get the recommended amount of physical activity every day (ABS 2013)

ART NEWS

There are two weeks to go until the art show!

INVITATION FLEMINGTON CERAMICS EXHIBITION

Our ceramics show will open on: MONDAY 19th of October 4.30-7.00 pm

The Official Opening will be at 5.00 pm.

Due to its popularity last year it will also be open for viewing on Tuesday 3.00-5.00 pm as well.

BRING your family and friends to see the great achievements of our students

Catastrophe Scale
"Measures how bad things really are"
Hello and welcome to another week of Hub News.

**Friday Canteen – Icy Poles and Pop Corn**

As the weather is now getting warmer we will be selling icy poles and pop corn on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays straight after school for the rest of this term.

If you are able to help out with selling these (about a 20 minute time commitment) please contact Annette Williams (annette_andrew@hotmail.com).

**Hub Meeting next Tuesday 13 October**

The next Hub meeting is on Tuesday 13 October in the FPS Staff Room 7.30pm sharp.

All Welcome, even if you are not an official member.
**Community News**

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

**Tennis Coaching Programs**
Available 4th Term

**Pee Wee Tennis 5 - 7 year olds**
Free trial lesson for Pee Wees,
Saturday October 10, 10am
Monday October 12, 4pm
Thursday October 15, 3.50pm & 4.20pm

**Junior Tennis Coaching 8 - 16 year olds**
Places available each afternoon school,
Mon - Fri, group lessons & squads.
Parents, tennis is a great social and competitive sport.
Racquets supplied if required.

**Adult Coaching - Parents it's never too late!!**
Mon, Tues & Wed evenings and day time classes.
Racquets supplied if required.
Beginners & Intermediate classes.

Check out the new website! [www.dandonnellytennis.com](http://www.dandonnellytennis.com)

All enquiries & bookings call Dan 0408 991 700.

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

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Maintenance / Storeperson**

Acute Health is a local first aid training & event medical company. We are seeking the assistance of a general all rounder to assist in varying tasks at our office, warehouse and getting us operationally ready.

**No two weeks are the same and may include:**
- Restocking our medical kits / ambulances
- Dispatching orders to our clients
- Maintaining our vehicles / ambulances (inc. fuel, wash, cleaning, stock, basic maint.)
- Allocating equipment and sometimes delivery to staff / events
- Picking up other equipment (eg. Towing trailers)
- Asset tracking / cleaning equipment store . . and who knows!

**You need to be:**
- Reliable, mature and experienced – ideal for school parent or retired person looking for flexible casual hours
- Available to work a minimum 4 and a maximum of 15 hours per week during school hours.
- Experience in warehouse, logistics, maintenance, mechanical industries advantageous.
- Proactive, autonomous self-starter than has a can-do attitude, happy to do anything to help us be operational.
- Unbribled drivers license – experienced towing trailers.

Further info contact:
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