On behalf of the Instrumental Music Program, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Ross Leopold for the magnificent representation of our fundraising music keyboard. This display has now been installed into the foyer of the Performance Centre, taking pride of place on the brick feature wall for all to see. The workmanship, presentation and design is exemplary and is a fitting result for this project to fund the grand piano.

Term 4 is a SunSmart term. Children must have their broad brimmed hat from day one.

Leadership and whole school photos will be taken next Thursday 20th September, with graduation and student leaders from 10.00am and whole school after recess at 11.30am. Students please remember to wear full school uniform.
**Care Member of the Week**  
**Week beginning 13 August 2012**

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<td>Thomas B</td>
<td>For listening closely to instructions in CARE group and for creating a fantastic Chinese Dragon.</td>
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<td>Victoria P</td>
<td>For her confidence when sharing information about her Greek heritage. Well done and thank you.</td>
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<td>Mangalore 2</td>
<td>Deqa A</td>
<td>For sharing her ideas with a big smile. Well done</td>
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<td>Jamie K</td>
<td>For contributing to discussion in such a positive way.</td>
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<td>Anna T</td>
<td>For confidently contributing her thoughts and experiences on Vietnam.</td>
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<td>Cashmere 1</td>
<td>Meriam M</td>
<td>For confidently sharing what she would like to know about Vietnam.</td>
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<td>For making connections when discussing pictures from Italy.</td>
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<td>Lucy W</td>
<td>For making a fantastic Chinese Dragon and displaying great enjoyment during CARE.</td>
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<td>Delhi 1</td>
<td>Ella K</td>
<td>For her really positive contribution to this week’s session on Vietnam.</td>
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<td>Thinh L</td>
<td>For expertly sharing his knowledge of Vietnamese culture during our CARE group activities.</td>
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<td>Barni M</td>
<td>For enthusiastically participating in our CARE session on Vietnam.</td>
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**Office News**  
**Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday**

**Changes to “Educational Maintenance Allowance” (EMA)**

The State and Federal Governments have changed the way in which they support families with school aged children in 2013. This is an outline of the changes and how they may affect you.

The changes to the EMA starting in 2013 include:

- The School Start Bonus will be discontinued
- EMA payments to parents are increased from:
  - $117.50 to $200 for parents of eligible Prep students
  - $117.50 to $150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students
- School-based EMA payments will be discontinued
  - $117.50 per primary school student
- The EMA is paid in two instalments annually (70% in March and 30% in August).

**What does this mean to Flemington Primary School?**

The school will no longer receive any EMA on behalf of your family. Historically families have used this money to pay for essential education expenses and then used the remainder to pay for excursions or camps. These funds are now being paid directly into your accounts so we will no longer be able to offer this service.

**Changes to the 2013 Bookpacks**

For those parents who usually sign over their EMA you will now need to pay the full amount on the day or complete a bank transfer at least two days prior to the collection of your children’s books.

**Changes to the 2013 Essential Education Expense & Excursion Levy**

Families will still be able to sign over their portion of their EMA to the School to assist with the payment of their children’s 2013 Essential Education Expense and Excursion Levy, but will now have to pay the balance between charges and the 2013 EMA.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn Program**

We have received verification of our points and both Zoe Lewis and David Meyer have used them to redeem various literacy and numeracy products. They are very excited with their choices and can’t wait for the items to arrive so they can put them to good use.
**Assistant Principal's Corner**  
*Sandra McOrist*

**Bin rubbish collection.**

Our bins are collected each Monday and Wednesday night. In order for the truck to be able to manoeuvre in this space I place 2 witches hats in the first 2 parking bays. If people move these it may prevent our rubbish from being collected. It would be appreciated if they were left in position once there.

**Flemington Street Bollards.**

The driveway from school to Flemington St is quite steep and usually congested as this is where the children wait to be collected. I would like to remind everyone that it is extremely dangerous to ride bikes, scooters or skate boards down this slope, not only because there are others around but also due to the fact that the path can allow them to go straight onto the road.

Parking around Flemington Street has become very dangerous again with many families double parking or blocking the road waiting for a car space. If you are able please park further away and walk to collect your child. The parking inspector was here last week booking people for poor parking and being in areas over the limited parking time.

**Scabies**

We have outbreak of Scabies occurring in the school again.

**Symptoms**

The common symptoms of scabies are:

- intense itching which may be worse at night or after a hot bath/shower
- a blistered or pimple-like itchy skin rash.

Scabies can be treated with anti-scabies lotions/creams available from pharmacists/chemists and a prescription is not required.

Should your child have an undiagnosed skin rash, with lined welts and itching, please go straight to the doctor.

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**Curriculum News**

As most people are aware, students in Grades 5/6 are working on Challenge Based Learning projects focusing on Natural Disasters. The final component to this work is exploring responses and solutions to the focus questions about responding to a Natural Disaster.

There are many outstanding activities resulting from these, some of which are presented in this week’s newsletter.

**5/6 Natural Disasters**

**How does a community recover from a natural disaster?**

This term the grade 5/6s have been looking at natural disasters. We decided that we wanted to take action and we only had 3 weeks to complete our solution. Our group's action plan was to create a website about Natural Disasters that can inform our local community. This website includes people and places in need, aid agencies (which includes an article on the red cross) and contacts which has all of our email addresses. The web address is:  
[http://56goodfixdatabase.wordpress.com](http://56goodfixdatabase.wordpress.com)

We would love you to check it out! Don't forget to give us feedback or comment on the website.

Thanks for you support,
The Goodfix Team - Josh L, Mel R, Lachy W and Abdullah.
24 Hour Sacrifice, Please participate!

In the 5/6 area we are trying to help communities in areas affected by natural disasters. We designed a 24 hour sacrifice to raise money for World Vision who help communities that are suffering from devastating famines. The sacrifice is available for grade 3-6 students (and that means parents too!) and will start on Wednesday the 19th of September (next Wednesday) at 7pm and will finish on Thursday the 20th of September at 7pm. Forms have been handed out to classes and there are spares at the office. Make sure you get family and friends to sponsor you and your parent's permission to participate. You must have your parent's signature on the form or otherwise your money will be invalid and you won't be able to win the prize for the most money raised which is a jar of lollies. All forms and money must be returned to school on the 21st of September (last day of school). You can sacrifice anything you like for 24 hours. Some ideas are: TV, Playstation/video games, phones, desserts and sweets, use of furniture, cars e.g. walk to school, only drink water or only eat one certain type of food. If you want to be really adventurous you can try giving up food for 24 hours (this is for 5/6s upwards only) and do a 24 hour famine. Good luck and start sacrificing!

Alex, Remy, Jaime & Noah

Walking School Bus

Spring has sprung (almost!) - warmer, longer days perfect for walking, scootering and riding.

If you want to try walking to and from school why not join one of the Walking School Buses along Kent St and Wellington St?

Tomorrow (Friday) Jutta Dreier will lead a group along Kent St. They will meet on the corner of Kent & Tunbridge Streets at 8.30 am for an 8.35 am start arriving at school about 8.45 am. They can pick up on the way as long as they know the child is coming. In the afternoon they will meet at the corner of the school hall opposite the prep rooms at 3.30 pm for a 3.35 pm departure to arrive back at Tunbridge St at about 3.50pm.

Let Jutta know if your child will be "catching" the Kent St bus. Mobile: 0407 841 267

And next Monday (17th) Karin Moore will be leading another group along Wellington St. They will start outside the Police Station in the morning and meet at the school hall in the afternoon. Same pick up and arrival times as the Kent St group.

Join in! We are trialling these buses to help encourage students to walk to school.

Any parents who would like to be involved contact Karin, Jutta or myself.

Bart Sbeghen E macbart@bigpond.com M 0418 231 686

Getting too hot in your Grade 6 hoodie?

White short-sleeved polo shirts will be ordered for 4th term. The above print will appear in navy at the back of the top along with all year 6 students and teachers’ names. A pocket sized school logo will appear at the front. The price is $27 each.

If you are interested in purchasing the polo shirt, please fill out the form (distributed earlier in the week) and return to the office no later than Monday 17th September, 2012.
State School Spectacular 2012

Last Saturday, 8th September, 28 year 4/5/6 students performed as part of the Massed Choir in two concerts in this years’ State School Spectacular - “It’s all about love”.

After a term of rehearsals on Mondays at lunchtimes, practice at home and four full days rehearsals, the students performed 18 songs from memory, 4 with choreography.

I’m sure all students involved would agree that it took a lot of work to learn the songs, and that the practice days were long with lots of waiting around while other acts were being rehearsed, but it was all worthwhile once the performances arrived and the many parts of the show fell into place. Everyone who attended the performances where blown away by the quality and standard of the soloists, orchestra, dancing, choir, lighting and costumes. It was truly SPECTACULAR!

If you didn’t see the show, Channel 7 will again be broadcasting highlights of the Spectacular on Sunday 14th October. Chris Mizis and Vern O’Hara both felt very proud of the students whose focus, behavior and preparation for the Spectacular was exemplary. We would like to commend the following students for a job well done!

Larissa, Sarah C, Banisha, Audrey, Caitlin, Wendy, Alex D, Zoe, Harry, Oskar, Zac, Merric, Lochie St, Henry, Claudia C, Victoris, Miranda, Raph, Jack S, Luca, Reily, Bella, Anika, Lily, Kate, Ella, Katja, Sarah B.
**The Hub**

**SALE SALE SALE**
Bargain price – Cookbooks are now only $5.00
Get in early and buy up for Christmas

![Cookbook advertisement]

**End of Term Disco**

The Hub have organised an End of term Disco for the whole school next Wednesday 19 September, between 11.30 and 1.30. The professional crew from Bop till you Drop will entertain the kids in 2 separate groups (Prep to Grade 2’s and the Grade 3 to 6’s) [www.boptillyoudrop.com.au](http://www.boptillyoudrop.com.au). At lunch time the children will be able to buy popcorn from our new popcorn machine for $1 a bag. Please bring a gold coin donation for the disco.

**OSHC NEWS**

**WHAT WAS ON LAST WEEK**

Please feel free to have a look at what we did in OSHC last week. We have our reflection book on display at the entrance of the program. You are welcome to add any comments as we always appreciate your input and feedback.

**Holiday Club**

Please feel free to come into the program and pick up a brochure for the holiday club. We have plenty of exciting and fun filled days planned.

**F.P.S. Parent Feedback Survey**

Have your say: Before and After School Care at Flemington Primary School

We encourage all families to take part in this online, brief survey to help the program become part of the community and bring out the best in kids.

Have your say on Flemington Primary School’s Before and After School Care program at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/flemingtonps](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/flemingtonps)
All aboard the Flemington PS Express SHOPPING TOUR bound for the best Shopping Outlets in Melbourne! Grab yourself a bargain and at the same time help the children at the Derara Orphanage. The No. 1 Patron of Derara will be joining us on our Shopping Extravaganza - NUJUM - our very own Multi Cultural Aide.

Join us for a fun day
ask your friends and family
... help us raise some much needed funds for Derara Orphanage ...

When ~ Saturday, 17 November 2012
Bus pick up from ~ Flemington Primary School
Depart ~ 8.00am ~ Return ~ 6.00pm
Cost ~ $40.00
(sandwich for lunch & bottle of water with plenty of snacks to last the day included in price)

GREAT! Please reserve me ............... seats @ $40 per head on the Flemington PS Shopping Extravaganza

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You are welcome to pay for your tickets by cash / cheque (made payable to Flemington Primary School) / or credit card

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Community News

**ACMF National Songwriting Competition**

Entries close 28 September 2012.

You & your school could win over $10,000 in musical equipment & tuition plus live performance and media opportunities.

Enters close 28th September 2012. You & your school could win over $10,000 in music equipment & tuition plus live performance opportunities.

**Open to all school aged children**

**Free Entry**

**Enter online**

[ACMF.com.au](http://ACMF.com.au)

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**6 Week Fitness & Weight Loss Program For Mum’s**

- **What's Included?**
  1. Fat Loss Seminar to kick start program
  2. 2 Full Fitness Clubs
  3. 2 Personal Training Sessions

**Starting Term 4, October 14, 2012**

**Genesis**

The Fitness Club for Everybody

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**Come and try Karate**

Beginners very welcome. 2 free sessions for everyone here at the school gym on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4pm. Free uniform on joining.

Increase your personal confidence, learn self defence and have fun all at the same time.

Visit [www.artofdefence.com.au](http://www.artofdefence.com.au) or call Amelia on 0407320333"
Junior Rangers
FREE SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Week one:
The Magical World of Possums
Meet the City of Melbourne Park Rangers in the Carlton Gardens and discover the world of our native possums.
Dates: Monday 24th – Friday 28th September 2012
Time: 10am – 12 noon, repeated daily.
Place: Carlton Gardens north, meet at the playground.
Address: Rathdowne Street, Carlton.

Week two:
Wetlands and Wattle
Celebrate spring by joining the City of Melbourne Park Rangers as they take you on an adventure through the Tim Warren Bam-booree wetlands at Royal Park.
Dates: Monday 1st – Friday 5th October 2012
Time: 10am – 12 noon, repeated daily.
Place: Tim Warren Bam-booree, Royal Park.
Address: Oak Street, Parkville. Next to the Ross Straw sport fields.

Cost: Free, but bookings essential on 9658 9668
All children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the program.
Suitable for children aged 6 - 12
www.thatsmelbourne.com.au

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AIRPORT WEST Cricket Clinic

Date: 14/10/2012
Time: 8:30am—9:30pm
AIRPORT WEST CRICKET CLUB
Barren Reserve
Entrance Airport West 3042

Cost $10 (includes BBQ Lunch)
pay on day
The day will include some guest speakers who are experienced in cricket and have the knowledge to help cricketers of any age and capability.

To register please fill in form on the back of the page and email to:
Jarrod.Mitzen@sedagroup.com.au
Nathan.Harris@sedagroup.com.au

Bumble Bee
Baby & Childrens
Market
Maribyrnong Market
Saturday 15th Sept
9am – Noon
Maribyrnong Community Centre, 3 Randall St
Maribyrnong

Buzz in for a bargain
FOR SALE: WHITE TOYOTA YARIS 2010

4 months ago I purchased my Toyota Yaris but due to circumstances beyond my control I will be leaving Australia to return to the UK on 14th October, therefore the car must be sold!

It’s a White Toyota Yaris 2010 (Xreg), 3 door, manual, 5 speed, mileage 48,200, electric windows/mirrors and power steering. I purchased the car from the Toyota dealership it has hardly been used and is in great condition.

It was $12,500 but I would be prepared to look at offers of $11,000 for a quick sale.

It’s a super car and fantastic on petrol.

Please call Clare if you’re interested on: 0404 230 654 (I work at Flemington Primary school I would be happy to meet you at the school to view/ test drive the car or elsewhere)