As you will read in this week’s newsletter, our students continue to be actively involved in exploring their world and discovering how they can help the environment.

Year 3 and 4 students have visited the Water Treatment Plant at Werribee and have been excitedly recounting the steps and statistics involved. Of course, being the age they are, this has involved many giggles and exclamations as well. [http://www.melbournewater.com.au/content/sewerage/western_treatment_plant/sewage_treatment_process.asp]

Students in years 5/6 are very busy developing, planning and investigating topics for the sustainability unit. They have made telephone calls, written letters, interviewed teachers and myself and planned for many activities to make Flemington PS even more environmentally focussed and sustainable. I have been amazed at their confidence, higher order thinking skills and active engagement in the topics as well as the clever ideas they have developed in their groups. I encourage the community to support the proposals.

Thanks to Bart and Melinda Sbeghen for their ongoing work on the school’s Green Travel Plan. Following the survey in Term one, a report has been received from Urban Trans (see excerpt on Page 3).

An informal Community Forum for consultation on the school proposal will be held on Tuesday 26th June (concurrent with Parent Teacher interviews) in the Hall Foyer between 3.30-7.00pm. The plan, recommended walking routes to school and Moonee Valley big map will be on display. Lisa Bagnati from Moonee Valley Council will attend and we will be seeking parent and student input to the proposed plan for 2012-2013.

A number of staff will be on leave in the next few weeks:
Bruce Ziebell will be on Long Service Leave from 20th June until 16th July
Sandra McOrist will be on Long Service Leave from 16th to 30th July
Leonie Isaacs will be on leave from 20th June to 16th July
Phill Cristofaro will be on Long Service Leave from 16th to 30th July

We wish all these people an enjoyable and restful break.

Reminder…..Parent Teacher Interview notices are to be returned to school by tomorrow Friday 15th June.
Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

2013 Prep Enrolment

Applications for Prep 2013 enrolment are now open. School Tours take place each Tuesday during Term 2 at 9.15am led by our Student Leaders. Application forms and Parent Information Handbooks are available from the office.

Places are filling fast so if you have a sibling due to start school next year, please ensure you enrol before end of term.

School Council News
Peter Pickering, President

We have established an email address for School Council. It is schoolcouncil@flemingtonps.vic.edu.au

Please note the next School Council meeting is on Monday 18th June at 7.00pm in the Staff room.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

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The program will start on Wednesday 9th May and has been extended until Sunday 12th August. When you do your shop you will receive one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

Double Stickers’ promotion kicks off this week. From Monday 11th June until Tuesday 19th June, all customers who buy specially marked products will be eligible for double stickers on their total shop. As long as you spend more than $10 and include a product from one of eight big brands, including Dove Beauty, Lipton, Tresemme, Continental, Magnum, Omo, Rexona & Flora, you will earn twice as many stickers.

When you receive a sticker place it on the card and when the card is complete please submit it in the collection box located near the office. Should you need another sticker card please see the office. All completed cards must be sent to the office no later than close of business on Tuesday 14th August. Enjoy collecting.

MOBILE MUSTER - HELP THE ENVIRONMENT & WIN!!!

The Grade 1/2’s inquiry unit this term is ‘How can we leave a smaller footprint on the planet?’ We thought what better way to help the planet, than to participate in Mobile Muster! Simply leave your old mobiles, chargers and accessories at the office or drop them off at 2S (Mrs Sheldon’s classroom). We will then send them off to be recycled into fence posts, saucepans, jewellery and lots of other useful products.

By participating in Mobile Muster, not only are we doing our bit for the environment by keeping mobiles out of landfill, we also have the chance to win great prizes. The school with the highest number of mobiles and chargers collected will win an environment/technology reward pack valued at $1500 each.

Our top collecting students could also win:
- MP3 players
- $20 Officeworks Vouchers
- Worm farms
- Scholastic Vouchers
- Pencil Packs

Keep an eye on the display board outside the office to find out more information and to check our progress. So, ask your parents, neighbours and friends and get collecting. Visit www.mobilemuster.com.au for more information. Good luck!
Assistant Principal’s Corner
Sandra McOrist

Mobile Phones

We are aware of the fact that some of the children have their mobile phones at school due to travelling on public transport or to keep in touch with their parents at the end of the day. The school policy is that all mobile phones need to be secured in school bags throughout the day.

Children are not permitted to use mobile phones during school hours.

Parking in the Staff Car Park.

Parents need to be mindful of the fact that they are not permitted to park behind the staff cars at any time.

The laneway is for vehicles only, not pedestrians, and parents and children should be using the footpaths after entering the school at Mt Alexander Road or Flemington Street.

In the last few days I have spoken to a number of parents regarding this as teachers have had to ask parents to move in order to leave.

Please park in the surrounding streets or arrange with your child to meet you elsewhere, certainly not in the car park.

Remember that many families collect their children from the bollards at Flemington Street, there are a number of legal parks that parents can use and wait for your child.

Green Travel Plan

Results of the survey –
Despite more than 58 per cent of surveyed students reporting living in the immediate surrounding suburb of Flemington, just 27.4 per cent of these local students walked to school.

Almost a quarter of parents who drive their children to school (22.9 per cent) said they considered traffic danger between home and school to be a factor in why they drive children to school, and 20.8 per cent cited the fact that it was quicker to travel by car as a factor.

Safe routes to school

The proposal
Physical
- Plan, design and build bike parking in school grounds
- Work with council and State government to improve surrounding streets for active travel – Wellington St, Kent St, Cashmere St

Policies/Programs
- Establish walking school buses along preferred routes – Wellington St, Kent St
- Introduce bike skill training for students – train the trainers and run first sessions
- Establish drop off/pick up plan to improve safety for those who drive to school

Monitoring and communications
- Establish regular communication with school community including better engagement with the less engaged.
- Establish regular monitoring of travel habits – hands up.
- Regular meetings to discuss travel to and from school and reviewing Green Travel Plan
Sport & PE News

Brendan Newman

Interschool Soccer Carnival – Fairbairn Park

On Friday June 15th, students from Grade 5/6 will be participating in a Soccer Carnival with nine other schools from the local district at Fairbairn Park, Maribyrnong.

This is another event through which we can expand the range of sporting activities offered at Flemington. We are entering both a boy’s and a girl’s team.

Parents are welcome to attend to support our teams. The carnival begins at 9.30am and concludes at 3.00pm.

Grade 5/6 Biodiversity & Sustainability Projects

To the community of Flemington

As apart of the grade 5/6 topic of biodiversity we will be planting vegetables in the water tanks at the bottom of the oval. It would be great if you could help us sustain this veggie patch by watering it, putting in new fertiliser from time to time and having fun by experimenting with different types of plants. We would also love it if you could donate plant seeds (not trees) that we can put in our garden along with the ones that we are already going to plant.

Let us know if you are interested in helping! Get in touch at: flynn.seward@flemingtonps.vic.edu.au

Flynn, Jules and Sequoia. Grade 5/6.

Do you think having chickens at a school is a good idea?

To vote, text a code to +61436876348

Or

To vote online, enter the code at polllox.com

CODES:
224870 - yes
231446 - no
231497 - it could work...
231503 - horrible idea!!

Vote now and help us with our project!

Sustainable superheroes

Alex, Emily and Zoe
**F.P.S Habitat Building Competition:**
You could build a bird house, a worm farm, a veggie patch, or an insect friendly garden. You might even already have some of these in your garden!

Send a photo or instruction video to Audrey and Ella by the Friday 29th of June 2012. elladingle4@gmail.com or audreyjharrold@gmail.com

*To get some more fantastic ideas, check out our blog and video at*
http://biolifeanimalsandgardens.wordpress.com/

**Prizes-**
1st prize: Packet of Redskin Wonka Lollie’s and Rainbow Nerds
2nd prize: Black iPad pen! 3rd prize: Rainbow Nerds

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In the 5/6 area we are doing a unit on sustainability and biodiversity. In our group, we hope to educate every single student at F.P.S for the next 120-200 years about caring for your environment. We will be doing this by **adopting a giant tortoise.**

We hope to accomplish two feats;
1) to save an endangered animal and
2) establish an annual local fundraiser to raise awareness on how desperately important it is to care for your environment for the future!

We will be having a contest to fund the costs for this year; it will be a name the tortoise competition. You will be able to have one guess for 50c and 3 for a dollar! You can purchase a guess every day from our morning and afternoon stall outside the Learning Neighborhood building, starting on Monday 18th June.

You can enter as many times as you want on the competition: the winner will be announced at the end of term assembly! You will even be able to see the tortoise at the Melbourne zoo.

The Name the Tortoise competition will go from 18 June to the 27 July (excluding holidays).

If you have any questions please speak to Reece, Oskar, Jacob or Seth from 5/6M

Reece, Oskar, Seth and Jacob

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**Schools Tree Day on Friday 27 July**
Instrumental Music Program
Vern O’Hara

Mid Year Instrumental Concert

The mid-year instrumental concert will be held on Thursday 21st June. There will be a BBQ starting at 5.30 pm, with water, tea/coffee, soft drinks, wine and beer, cakes, soup and sausage sandwiches available for purchase. The concert will commence at 7.00 pm. Students performing in the concert need to arrive no later than 6.30 pm. The school ensembles will be performing at the concert: junior and senior choir, junior and senior strings, junior and senior band, the junior pop ensemble, rock band and the string quartet.

Students are to wear their FPS music tops and black/navy blue pants or skirt. The music tops can be purchased from the office for $30.00 each. All FPS students and parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend the concert. It’s a wonderful showcase of the talent and hard work of our students and instrumental teachers at FPS.

Entry $5.00 adults & Students free.

Music Incursion - Amanaska

Next Tuesday 19th June, we will be having a whole school music incursion featuring the Musica-Viva group ‘Amanaska’. Amanaska are a multicultural/multimedia group who will take the students on an inspirational and visually unique journey from the traditional to the contemporary, the ethnic to the local and the acoustic to the digital. The students in years Prep to 4 have been involved in pre-visit activities in music to prepare them for the visit by Amanaska. Year 5/6 students will be using their iPads to compose music next term, and Amanaska will inspire them to try their own hand at digital composition.

Preps, Year 1 & Year 2 will attend the concert in the Hall from 10.00-11.00 am and the Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5/6 students will attend the concert from 11.30 - 12.30 am. Any interested parents are welcomed to attend one of the concerts.

OSHC NEWS
Theme: In the kitchen. Cooking Marathon!!

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Reminder: Parents please note the service closes at 6pm. A late fee will apply if children are picked up after this time.

Thank you
OSHC Team
Community News

'Round the Bay in a Day' ride

2012 marks the 20th anniversary of the 'Round the Bay in a Day' ride which will be held on Sunday 21 October 2012. This is the biggest mass participation ride in Australia, fully supported by Bicycle Network Victoria. It's not a race, and participants can ride at their own pace, and over a pre-selected distance. Trevor Wallwork (father of Sam & Noah) has entered the 250 km route and will be riding for 'Team fps'. All parents, students and friends are welcome to enter the ride, and can chose from 50, 100, 135, 210, & 250 km routes. The 210 km & 250 km routes include a ferry ride between Queenscliff & Sorrento. 'Team fps' will be raising money for the Smith Family, supporting children with their education costs. Riders must register with BNA, via the website by Monday 1 October 2012, although places on each route sell out quickly. Please feel free to enter the ride and join 'Team fps'. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Trevor on 0421 052 388. Details are also available on the BNA website, at www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/great-rides/20005/

Vision2Grow Brings you VISION ART

VISION ART is a positive art program for children aged 7 and up, helping them to explore who they are and what they enjoy in life.

The activities take place in a creative, friendly, and fun learning environment in which they feel confident to express themselves verbally and artistically and make discoveries, while building friendships with other kids. The art masterpieces they create will be priceless, as they are pieces for them to use to help them remain focused on their goals.

The program will be run in Term 3, on Thursdays after school in the Art Room and will run for 8 weeks, starting 26th July.

Time: 3:45 - 5:00
Cost: $85.00
Please call Senait (Marley's mum) on 0477881275
6th Melbourne Scout Wine Drive

6th Melbourne Scouts with the assistance of Macaulay Cleanskins have chosen a variety of wines that will provide for all your entertainment needs this winter at great value.

When ordering wines by the case (12) a discount of up to 10% will be applied.

Please ask your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues to order as well.

Order forms can be obtained on-line at www.6thmelbournescouts.com.au

If you require more information please contact Fleur - fleurandrod@bigpond.com

For Sale
1/2 Size Cello with soft case and bow - $150.
If interested please contact Sonia on 0425 788 734.