**DIARY DATES**

**SUN, 25 MARCH**
Farmers Market at Mount Alexander College

**THU, 22 MARCH**
Grade 3S Huddle Excursion

**SAT, 24 MARCH**
AUSKick Registration
9.00am FPS Oval

**MON, 26 MARCH**
School Council 7pm

**THU, 29 MARCH**
Grade 3N Huddle Excursion

**FRI, 30 MARCH**
End of term one
School dismisses at 2.30pm

**MON, 2 APRIL**
Vacation Care Program commences
CAMP AUSTRALIA

**MON, 16 APRIL**
Term two commences

**TUE 17 APRIL**
School Tours commence every Tuesday 9.15am – 10.00am

**WED, 25 APRIL**
ANZAC Day

**SAT, 28 APRIL**

**School FETE**
TUES, 15 to THURS, 17 May
NAPLAN Year 3 & 5

**NOTE:**
Moonee Ponds Central School will not offer Year 7 enrolments from 2013 onwards. They will be a Prep-6 school only.

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**Principal’s Report**  
*Lesley McCarthy*

Teachers have been participating in a variety of **Professional Learning** activities in recent weeks, with some specific foci on student and school improvement.

1. Sarah Nightingale as the school Numeracy coach and Agata Puglia as the school Literacy coach have commenced their work on coaching teachers for improved practice which includes their learning about effective coaching.

2. David Meyer is also participating in the coaching program.

3. All year 3 and Year 5 teachers are participating in after school workshops focused on teaching Persuasive writing leading up to NAPLAN.

4. Kim Sheldon and Amy Musgrove have attended sessions on teaching children with hearing and auditory processing deficits.

5. Graduate teachers have attended after school sessions on preparing for VIT registration.

6. Teachers in Years 3-6 have participated in learning sessions on using SuperClubs Plus in the classroom.

Sandra and I are attending the **Bastow Leadership Institute** studying how to more effectively use data to improve student achievement. It has been a challenging journey so far but we are beginning to understand and better use our school data. With the recent publication of the 2011 data set, and the preparation of the Annual Report, this is a timely adventure for us.

This Sunday is the next **Farmers Market at Mount Alexander College**.  

Many of the favourite stallholders return with some new stalls as well. Forget the Grand Prix of petrol, come along to the market and indulge in a Grand Prix of taste. The weather will be perfect, the produce will be fresh, your friends will all be there … and if they are not, ask them Why Not?

Bring the kids, bring the dog, break out the bicycle and join in the fun. There will also be filming for a You-Tube clip and you don’t want to go global with parsley between your teeth. All your favourites and some more.

There will also be a market on Easter Sunday and Mt Alexander Rd will be closed between the junction and Wellington street so you might have to come via Racecourse Road.

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**A Conversation with Alan Davis, Principal of Mount Alexander College (MAC)**

Tuesday 20 March, 7.30 pm at Kensington Primary School Library

Mount Alexander College, formerly known as Debney Park Secondary College, has been undergoing some big changes in the last year. If you are interested in hearing about new developments, and would like an opportunity to ask some questions of the principal and some current parents and students at the school, come along to this gathering in Kensington. The event has been organised by Alice Garner, a member of the Mount Alexander College Parents and Friends Association and parent at Kensington Primary School.

If you need more information about the 20 March gathering please email Alice on amogarner@gmail.com
**Pupil of the Week**

**Week beginning 12 March 2012**

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<td>For striving for accuracy in Footy Clinic and making great improvements.</td>
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<td>Thomas B</td>
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<td>Angelina L</td>
<td>For her strength of modesty and taking responsible risk in the swimming carnival.</td>
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<td>Yaser A</td>
<td>For putting in a great effort with his homework last week.</td>
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<td>Zoe K</td>
<td>For being open to continuous learning by approaching all tasks with enthusiasm and attention to detail</td>
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<td>56M</td>
<td>Akira A</td>
<td>For dedicating himself to continuous learning. I’m proud to see you pushing yourself with extension tasks inside and out of the classroom.</td>
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<td>56T</td>
<td>Miranda HC</td>
<td>For showing persistence and motivation when undertaking her personal learning goals. Keep up the good work!</td>
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**SRC News**

**Katia Scicluna**

**Crazy Hair Day**

On the 28th of March our school will be hosting a Crazy Hair Day. If you wish to make your hair crazy, bring a gold coin donation which will be going towards Cystic Fibrosis.

By Wendy D and Audrey H

**Have you been to the children’s hospital recently?** If you have you would know how valuable the Royal Children’s Hospital is for any children’s emergency or health issue and how close we are to receiving its services. That’s why we have sent home a Good Friday Appeal envelope to each family for your donation. Please return any donations to the office by Monday 26th March 2012.

Thank you for your valuable support!

**Recumbent Bike**

Parent Meeting for the Recumbent Bike 2012

The RACV Energy Breakthrough is on the 22nd to 24th November this year. For any grade 6 student who is interested in participating there is a parent information session on Thursday 22nd March at 8.00am in the Science room.

If you are unable to attend but are interested please email us at ziebell.bruce.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

We can only be involved if we have parents attending and supporting the team.

Dave, Nicola, Sandra and Bruce
Assistant Principal's Corner
Sandra McOrist

Ground works
The works around the oval and behind the portables over the last few days have been really hard to miss. The plumber has been trying to solve the problem of the water not draining away from the asphalt area creating a lake when it rains. After digging a number of holes to locate the pipes we have found that the water is expected to flow up hill. We are trying to work out a solution to the problem.

The oval area inside the running track is seeing the new sprinkler system being installed, this will then be connected to the large tanks. Once this has been done we will look at returfing the oval.

Sick children
We seem to have had a run of sick children and teachers over the last week. There seems to be a stomach bug going around as well as the flu. If your child is unwell please try to arrange for them to stay home, that way they can get well as soon as possible.

Harmony Day

Wednesday 21st March is Harmony Day.

Flemington Primary School will be celebrating by focusing on diversity and inclusion throughout the week.

The theme this year is Sport play, engage, inspire!

Sport has an important role and positive influence in our multicultural nation. Involvement in sport whether as a participant, volunteer, spectator or administrator unites people of all ages and fosters a sense of belonging, acceptance and an understanding of other cultures.

If you recall a particular sport or game from your childhood or from your family’s culture, please discuss it with your child so that they may share or teach it to their class.


Curriculum News

2012 Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge

The 2012 Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge is for all Victorian students in Prep to Year 9.

The aim of the Challenge is to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge for each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Challenge has begun and officially ends on 10th September 2012. Students in Years 3 to 6 must read 15 books during this period (10 must be from the challenge list). Students in Prep to Year 2 need to read or experience 30 books during this period.

Flemington Primary school aims to have all children registered for the Challenge. Every child received a pink reading challenge permission slip. Last year a number of children did not return their permission forms so missed out on certificates and having their names published.

If your child has not returned their form please return by Tuesday 13th March so that we can register them as soon as possible.

To date we have a number of consents outstanding.

The school will maintain the reading list for Grades Prep to 2 but for all students in grades 3-6, please login to the website and update your reading weekly.

Grade 1 Fruit Kebab recounts

Hello, it is great to see you. Today we have been learning to make a fruit kebab. We needed fruit and a skewer. We adjusted the fruit onto the stick. It was a great activity. I made it with 4 pieces of cucumber and 4 pieces of peach. Then I ate it. It was yum! Tessa, 1L

Today the grade 1’s made fruit kebabs, because we are learning about healthy lifestyles. We used some fruit. The fruit was cucumber, apple, peach and banana. I had some banana, peach and apple. I had 8 pieces. One piece of apple, lots of bananas and two peaches. We drew a picture of a fruit kebab. It was delicious. I give it 6/10. My name is Asher!
Asher, 1M

Today we made fruit kebabs. To make a fruit kebab we needed fruit. The fruit I used was apple, banana and cucumber. We had to put the fruit on the stick. Finally I got to eat it. My kebab was yummy! Emir, 1L
Dictionaries

As many of you are aware, the profits from the 2011 Term 4 Icy pole sales were used to purchase BRAND NEW dictionaries for all classrooms at FPS. It is with great pleasure that we can announce that these dictionaries and thesauruses have now been delivered to each and every classroom for use.

We would like to send a special thank you to the Mums and Dads belonging to the HUB community, who worked tirelessly over the last couple of weeks covering these books with contact. Their efforts are greatly appreciated!

By Lachy M 5/6T & Mitchy M 2R

Sport & PE News

Brendan Newman

District Interschool Swimming Carnival

Another Wednesday morning, 7:45am to be exact, and I remember dragging my feet to the Travencore Swimming Pool only to be greeted by a group of students ready in their bathers, goggles on their heads and eagerly awaiting to jump in the pool. This was the typical scene each Wednesday morning during both the swimming trials and the training sessions.

With such enthusiasm what else could I do but be motivated to watch the Flemington students train and perform at their best. Some of our athletes were already squad swimmers and had their technique down pat, whilst others even went down to Queens Park during their spare time to learn the distance and feeling of the pool. Combined with Katia and John from Elite Swimming (the swimming technicians) they were also provided with expertise and guidance.

By the time of the carnival the Flemington students had done everything to prepare themselves for the upcoming battle. My understandings are that if you do everything possible through training and preparation then the battle is already won. All that is left is to step into the carnival as a celebration of all the hard work that you have put in.

And BOY did the Flemington swimming team celebrate! Not only did they win the carnival (3rd year in a row in the large school category), but they nearly doubled the 2nd schools point tally, an astounding feat. As an official I wasn’t able to witness each of the race results, though, one of the proudest moments for me was when Ella D walked to the start line for her 2nd event and expressed that she just ‘bettered’ her freestyle PB (personal best) by nearly 2 seconds. She didn’t inform me that she won the race, rather she was proud of her personal achievement. This was a trend that occurred throughout the day. It wasn’t the aspect of winning, instead they reached levels they had never achieved before.

I would like to thank all the teachers who selflessly offered their assistance (outside of school hours) during the trials and the training sessions. To John and his exception Elite swimming program, and to the parents who offered an amazing amount of support during the carnival. As the Flemington community we have once again demonstrated such a positive and caring spirit.

STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Angelina L, Ella D, Luca A, Sophie A, Henry D and Rohan A-C for all placing at the Western Metropolitan Region Swimming Championships, and good luck to the relay teams who will have completed their swim by the time the newsletter comes out today!

Make sure you put National Ride2School Day (Friday 23rd March 2012) in your diary.

On Friday 23rd March National Ride2School Day is Australia’s largest celebration of walking and riding to school. Parents are encouraged to leave the car at home and get students walking, riding or scooting to school.

The National Ride2School Day is a chance for brand new riders, parents and teachers to experience riding and walking to school for the first time. They might find that it is quicker, more interesting and lots of fun to walk and ride to school!

On this day walking and riding is normal and the entire school community gets behind it. It is a chance to celebrate walking and riding on a large scale and to prove it can be done. After showing it’s achievable on this day families are encouraged to keep the momentum going throughout the year.

The registration morning will be held at the FPS Oval on Saturday 24th March from 9.00am onwards. Join us for a sausage sizzle and drink! Pick up your back pack if you have PAID and REGISTERED ONLINE.

Do this before March 30th to be eligible for the AFL’s Club Connect offer!

For more info visit http://www.aflauskick.com.au/register/

- find Flemington Auskick Centre.
- ALL key dates and more information is listed here!

All welcome on the day!

Russell Ditton (Lexie & Luc)
Flemington Auskick Co ordinator
0425755128

Russell Ditton {Lexie & Luc}
Flemington Auskick Co ordinator
0425755128
OSHC News
Contact mobile: 0403 704 181 - Karl & Daniella

REMINERS

How to get started before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

Save on Care You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

OSHC NEWS

Just a reminder that the service hours are as follows:
Before School Care: 7:30am-9:45am
After School Care: 3:30pm-6:00pm

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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www.campaustralia.com.au
The Fete is fast approaching  
Saturday the 28th April @ 2pm to 7pm.

THANK YOU to all the people that have volunteered so far but we still need lots more helpers to even the load and there are many ways you can be involved, such as...

We are still seeking the following

- Silent Auction Items (products, services, vouchers, holiday rentals, etc)
- 2nd Hand Books, DVD’s, Toys and KIDS Clothes
- Plants, seedlings and herbs
- Items for the craft stall
- Volunteers to bake cakes for the day (please fill out form below)
- Face painting volunteers

All items should be dropped off at Room 20 and if you can assist please contact the parent stall coordinator listed below.

**Stall Coordinators**

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We are still seeking sponsorship

We are looking for Gold Sponsors ($1000), Silver Sponsors ($500) and Bronze Sponsors ($250) to help cover the costs of running the fete.

Thank you to Kristine Alleva and Leon Bourke (FPS parents and Directors of Acquum Consulting www.acquumconsulting.com.au ) for jumping onboard as our first Gold Sponsor.

So, if you would like to come onboard as a sponsor, either as an individual or a business, in appreciation of your support you will be acknowledged on sponsor boards at the fete promoting your contribution as well as in Intouch and on the school website. You will have the opportunity to display any brochures or marketing material on the sponsor’s table at the fete and be presented with a professionally designed certificate of appreciation for you to display at your business. It’s a great way to promote your goods or services to the local community! We look forward to hearing from you.

We still need more helpers on the day

Below is a list of times, so if you can assist on the day please fill out the below and leave it in the HUB Pigeon hole (outside office) or contact me directly.

Karin Moore, HUB President
karin.moore@iinet.net.au

Name:............................................................  Youngest child’s class: ........

Email ..........................................................  Mobile Phone:.................................

I can help out on the day of the Fete with either set-up, cooking, serving or cleanup (please circle)

SETUP
12 to 2  2 to 3  3 to 4  4 to 5  5 to 6  6 to 7  7 to 8  CLEAN

If you have a preference for a stall to assist at please let us know.

Stall Preference (if any) .................................................................
Community News

Free Brazilian Jiu Jitsu course

Give martial arts a go!
Learn the basic techniques of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and get plenty of practice in a friendly environment.

No prior experience necessary
This free course is open to 0 to 15 year old boys and girls residing in Flemington.

Parental consent is required.
Numbers are limited so get in quick!

When: Every Tuesday from
7 February to 27 March 2012
Time: 4.30pm - 5.15pm

Where: Renegade Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
20 Stable Street, Flemington
(in a 2 minute walk from the Flemington estate)

Cost: FREE
Contact Vicky Gillman on
9243 1847 to register

All Juniors play under the
National SAFE PLAY CODE

You are invited to a community environment forum

Monday, 19 March, 7pm-9pm
Flemington Community Centre, 25 Mt Alexander Road, Flemington

There are so many benefits to living locally, for you, your family and our environment. But why isn’t it happening as much as it could be?

This forum will explore ideas for our streets and suburbs - local place making, shared services, less car time, local energy, water and food. Join with our growing number of residents that are giving their thoughts and ideas.

Guest speakers include:
Ben Rosander, Victoria Walks: See how parks and tree lined streets are proven to improve your health. How can we turn parks from places we visit occasionally to being part of our everyday life?
Andrea Cook, Melbourne University: Whether it’s free standing houses or high rise apartments, designing suburbs for children helps to create a more sustainable environment, local and livable city. How do we make this happen?

Free event • refreshments • giveaways
Please RSVP by Thursday, 15 March to environments@mvcc.vic.gov.au or 9243 8888.

NORTH WEST WOLVES RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB
REGISTRATION DAY
Come & Try Day

When: Saturday March 17th
Time: 12noon – 5pm
Where: Woll Park
Al Davis Reserve
Fullarton Rd, Wembley

Under 16's / Under 18's / Girls' Tag
Women’s Tag / Seniors

Games Played: Saturday for Juniors (including Girls’ Tag & Under 18’s)
Saturday & Sunday for Seniors & Women’s Tag

What’s Happening?
- Skills session from 1pm
- Senior Inner-Club Match @ 3pm

Can’t Make it? Contact Shayne Jackson on 0412 587 507 or by email at
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**REGISTRATION FORM: BOOK YOUR APRIL PROGRAM TODAY!**

For all the registration forms and more about the Train Tennis Festival visit our web page or call 0418 178 303. The program runs every week for 3 weeks. The program caters for the following age groups:

**WEEK 1: Mon 2nd April — Wed 4th April 2012**
- Little Joey (4 – 6) 9.30am to 11am
- Hot Shots (7 – 12) 9.30am to 12.30pm
- Men’s Doubles 3 days $100 or daily $35
- Mixed Doubles 3 days $100 or daily $35

**WEEK 2: Wed 11th April — Fri 13th April 2012**
- Little Joey (4 – 6) 9.30am to 11am
- Hot Shots (7 – 12) 8.30am to 12.30pm
- Men’s Doubles 3 days $100 or daily $35
- Mixed Doubles 3 days $100 or daily $35

**WEEK 3: Mon 23rd April — Wed 25th April 2012**
- Little Joey (4 – 6) 9.30am to 11am
- Hot Shots (7 – 12) 8.30am to 12.30pm
- Men’s Doubles 3 days $100 or daily $35
- Mixed Doubles 3 days $100 or daily $35

**FOR PROGRAM ENQUIRIES CALL 0418 178 303 OR tpt@epltsnet.cwm.au**
- GIANT Slide  
- RIDES  
- Craft stall  
- Books  
- Toys  
- Kids Clothes  
- Face painting & MUCH MORE ....

All welcome.

Fete 2012
Flemington Primary School

GIANT jumping castle  
FOOD & DRINK  
Live MUSIC

Saturday 28th April 2pm to 7pm
200 Mount Alexander Road Flemington.