Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

Families will be pleased to know that the oval is again being watered by our sprinkler system. Through a series of misfortunes, the oval began to dry out necessitating the resurrection of old soaker hoses.

First, the pump operating the sprinkler system and using the recycled water from the 2 huge green tanks near the Library failed. Then it was discovered that the connection to the mains water, which cuts in if the tanks are empty, had not been reconnected when the backflow valves were installed early this year.

We actually have thousands of litres of water stored captured from our vast roof catchment so the oval will now return to the alternative evening watering and should be lush and green within a few weeks. Thanks to Vince Andreana and Karl Manua for their assistance with hoses and taps.

Yesterday I was delighted to host 3 high level educators from Finland to Flemington PS. Mrs Pia Mikkola, Principal of the Finnish International School at Tampere; Ms Tuija Viitasaari, District Leader and Mrs Kristina Jarvela, Regional Education Director of Tampere are in Melbourne on exchange with the Victorian Principals Association. Tampere is the biggest inland city in Finland with almost 300,000 people and is 157km north of Helsinki.

They were treated to performances by Senior Band and Senior Strings in a whole school assembly, addressed students and were happy to share information from Finland about their school system. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and were astounded at some of the differences.

They were able to visit classrooms, interact with students and teachers and were enthusiastic in their admiration for what they observed.

The Student Leaders again showed their confident and articulate leadership during the tour and were praised for their conduct.

In the early hours of this morning, thieves attempted to steal the main water meter and copper piping at the front of the school. This was discovered by Ms McOrist when she arrived early to find water spraying in the air. City West Water staff soon arrived to repair the problem however; we need parent and resident assistance to keep a watch on the school out of school hours. Please report any suspicious activity to the Police on 000.
Pupil of the Week

Week beginning 12 November 2012

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<td>For his persistence and confidence when reading new and challenging books</td>
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<td>Benjamin L</td>
<td>For being a positive, polite and cheerful role model in class</td>
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<td>Muneib A H</td>
<td>For writing the sounds he hears in his weekend writing</td>
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<td>Suliaman H</td>
<td>For his positive approach to reading and for his excellent progress in reading</td>
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<td>Alyssa K</td>
<td>For her enthusiasm and persistence in maths and working hard on 10 facts</td>
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<td>Saman A</td>
<td>For showing confidence during weekly swimming lessons. Well done!</td>
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<td>2R</td>
<td>Darcy L</td>
<td>For her entertaining and informative presentation on her family</td>
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<td>Luca S</td>
<td>For his confidence in completing tasks and improved concentration skills</td>
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<td>For her excellent preparation and engaging presentation about bees</td>
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<td>Khalid A</td>
<td>For recreating an important moment in his life during a writing session</td>
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<td>Harriet F</td>
<td>For always striving for accuracy when completing her work</td>
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<td>Oscar A</td>
<td>For striving for accuracy when completing all set tasks in class. Well done!</td>
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<td>Marwa I</td>
<td>For striving for accuracy in maths and extending her work on fractions</td>
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<td>Sima G</td>
<td>For showing patience, persistence and terrific leadership skills in her class ad agency. Well done!</td>
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<td>My-Tien P</td>
<td>For asking for advice and feedback before proceeding. Well done!</td>
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<td>56C</td>
<td>William M</td>
<td>For a conscientious and systematic approach to all his learning</td>
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<td>Claudia B</td>
<td>For managing extra curricular activities in combination with her homework tasks</td>
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<td>56M</td>
<td>Lojein Z</td>
<td>Precision of language and thought when summarising research to convey ideas. Your writing is becoming very sophisticated</td>
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<td>56T</td>
<td>Fatima A</td>
<td>For striving for accuracy when completing class tasks, mathematics and homework activities</td>
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Office News

Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 8 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by Monday 3rd December 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.

2013 Preparations

We are currently finalising teacher placements and class structures for next year. Any families not intending to return to Flemington PS next year, are requested to advise Mrs McCarthy in writing as soon as possible.

Any families who are intending to travel overseas and not be back at school for February census must advise the Principal in writing before they leave with an estimated return date otherwise a continuing enrolment cannot be guaranteed.

EMA

If you are a current EMA recipient, please remember to return your completed forms by Monday 12th November. EMA forms for 2013 together with 2013 Booklist and essential education expenses were distributed last week with the 2013 Essential Education and Booklist form due back Friday 30th November.

Payment on the night will be accepted
See Mary or Karin
Our shining knights

Flemington performed very well in the Chess Primary Interschool Championships this year with two teams qualifying for the semi-finals and then progressing to the Victorian grand-final which was held last Friday at the Box Hill Chess Club.

Jarrod, Charlie, Lawson, Daniel and Anurag were very excited to be representing their school against twenty-one of the best primary school chess teams in the State.

The team contained their nerves and got off to a flying start with all of them having a win in round one - this meant the opponents in the next round would be much harder.

The boys played on resiliently; maintaining their concentration, dealing with losses when the occasions arose and celebrating discretely after a win.

The school should be extremely proud of the boys’ outstanding sportsmanship.

After six rounds played and one to go Flemington was in equal 6th-8th place with two other schools. The last round was a very tough – and only one of the team was able to pull off a win. Flemington finished the day in 12th position but this does not tell the story. The team was just half a point away from a top ten finish. Overall – an excellent result.

This is the second year in a row that a team from Flemington has qualified.

Many of the opposition schools are chess powerhouses, having qualified at this level many times.

Special mention must go to team captain Jarrod, who played on board one. Board one is where the toughest games are fought.

In the seven games, Jarrod faced the number-one chess player from each of the 21 other schools.

Last year on board one, FPS had no grand-final experience and were thrilled to win one game on that board for the day. However, this time Jarrod – with grand-final experience under his belt – improved the school’s record by 100 per cent, winning two games.

Another special mention must go to Charlie. Charlie won a stunning five games out of seven on board two (the second-toughest place to play); a spectacular performance at this level.

Despite not being available to attend chess club at school this year, Lawson was thrilled to nonetheless qualify for this team and have the chance to play for his school.

It was a great experience for Anurag as most of the chess he’s played before has been in India.

It was a true credit to Daniel, the youngest member of the team (Gr 4) to play at this level.

The five impressively puzzled their brains out all day. They made a great team.

The depth of chess talent at our school becomes apparent when you realise that only two of this years’ players had also played in the 2011 grand-final and that there were a number of other players this year who only just missed out on making the cut for Friday’s team.

This result is a credit to not only the team who played on the day but also to Dave (coach) and all the children who play chess at Flemington primary!

Thanks to Kristin, Mai and Lynda for driving and supervising.
Assistant Principal’s Corner  
Sandra McOrist

Orange Witches Hats
Just a reminder that every Monday and Wednesday I place orange witches hats in the first two parking bays next to the hall. This allows the rubbish truck to come in and empty our large dumper bins without damaging cars. If there are witches hats out please do not move them.

New Equipment
The year 3-6 students are having a great time using the new climbing frames. Last Friday I had a vast number of helpers picking up all the rocks that had been uncovered, we counted 15 bucket loads. They did a fabulous job and that allowed us to have the soft fall sprayed in.

Curriculum News
Bruce Ziebell
Partial solar eclipse

This morning at school students and parents viewed the partial solar eclipse using specially filtered glasses. During the eclipse the moon passed between the earth and the sun blocking out that portion of the sun.

Donna Mitchell took this photo of a partial eclipse over Melbourne on November 14, 2012. I copied the photo from the Age webpage as my camera is unwell and we don’t have the necessary filters.

Green Travel Plan News

Many people have said we need improvements to Wellington St and Kent St for people walk and riding to school. Crossing of side streets and the Farnham St roundabout are of particular concern.

We can now start talking to our newly elected ward councillors - Cam Nation; Jim Cusack and Nicole Marshall. Cam (cnation@mvcc.vic.gov.au) and Nicole (nmarshall@mvcc.vic.gov.au) are new councillors, Jim is the new deputy mayor - (jcusack@mvcc.vic.gov.au).
Please take time to email the councillors and tell them you want improvements to Kent St and Wellington St.

The Friday Walking School Bus on Kent St is proving popular. The Friday Morning Kent St bus has taken off with now 4 extra children to walk up. Congratulations to Merric & Lainie A. and Mia & Marco A. for joining our 8.30 am service from Tunbridge St to Flemington Primary School. Hopefully soon we can add some more children and maybe even another shift or 2.
Let Jutta know if you are interested in joining: 0407 841 267

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**Instrumental Music Program**  
*N* *Vern O’Hara - 0403 777 050*

**Term 4 Invoices**
A reminder that payment for Term 4 invoices was extended until last Friday 9th November. If you do not settle your account or do not contact the office to organise a payment arrangement this will result in withdrawal from the program and referral to our Debt Collection Agency.

**2013 Expression Of Interest & Survey**
The 2013 Expression of Interest forms were sent home last week. If you are intending to continue lessons next year or would like your child to commence learning an instrument or take up another instrument, could you please complete the form and return it ASAP to your Class teacher or Mr O’Hara. If you didn’t receive a form or have misplaced your copy, spare copies are available from the office or the display racks in the music corridor.

A blue 2012 survey form was also sent home to all students currently learning music. Could you please complete the survey and return it to Mr O’Hara. The surveys provide valuable feedback to the instrumental teachers and the school on the administration and functioning of the music program at FPS.

**End of Year Instrumental Concert - Thursday 13th December**
- All FPS ensembles will be performing at the concert including: Senior and Junior Bands, Strings, Choirs, Rock Bands & the String Quintet. The recipients of this year’s Achievement Awards will also be expected to perform a solo at the concert. These awards will mostly be awarded to year 6 students. The teachers will inform the achievement award nominees and organize a piece for them to perform.
- The concert will commence at 6.30 pm and we aiming to finish around 8.30 pm. Entry to the concert is $5.00 adults, children free.
- We will be holding a raffle to raise money for a new electronic drum kit.
- A condensed version of the concert will be held from 2.30 – 3.30 pm to showcase the music program to the students and teachers.
- Anyone who is able to assist by making a cake for the concert, please contact Chris Mizis.

**SOIREES**
- Anna – piano: Wednesday 5th December (Hall 6.30 pm)
- Rosey – piano: Friday 30th November (Hall 6.00 pm)
- Vern – piano: Tuesday 11th December (Hall 6.00 pm)
- Robert – cello: Tuesday 20th November (Music Room 6.00 pm)
- Gavin – violin: Friday 30th November (Music Room 6.00 pm)
- Chris – guitar/drums: Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th December (Music Room 3 6.00 pm)
- Leonie – flute/clarinet: Friday 7th December (Music Room 6.30 pm)
- Lily – singing: Tuesday 11th December (Music Room 6.00 pm)
- Per – trumpet/trombone/tuba: Monday 17th December (Music Room 6.00 pm)
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Gymnastic skills, flexibility and strength classes will be held for the next two weeks at Flemington Primary. All are welcome to join in the fun and learn some new skills before the end of the year.

Tutus & Sub-Juniors (ages 3-9 years): 8.00am-10.30am
Cost: $15

Juniors & Intermediates (ages 10-16): 10.30am-12.30pm
Cost: $20

Hope to see you there!
For any enquiries, contact Robyn on 0408 352 926 or email: robynmorecalisthenics@gmail.com
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