**Principal’s Report**
Lesley McCarthy

This week, we have seen students, teachers and parents begin to settle back into daily routines. Congratulations to all teachers on the smooth start to the year.

Prep students are exploring the Learning Neighbourhood and developing the learning and socializing skills necessary for the future.

They are beginning to navigate their way around the school and have already participated in Art, Library, Music and PE as well as visiting the Computer Lab.

Thank you to the members of the HUB who have commenced after school icy poles for students. Icy poles will be available after school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during Term one. At just $1 it is a delicious treat for students, parents and teachers alike as well as an easy fundraiser. Thanks HUB.

Tomorrow we will have the 2012 Welcome BBQ. Thanks to HUB members, a free BBQ will be available for the school community. There will also be icy poles, cakes and coffee/tea for sale. All families are invited to come along with your family and meet other new families in the school courtyard. BBQ will start at 4.00pm.

Anyone who is able to help with cooking, serving or by supplying cakes and dessert items should contact Karin Moore at karin.moore@iinet.net.au or at school.

**In Touch Emails**

Every InTouch is available on the school website and an alert will be emailed to you advising when it is available. One week a hard copy is sent home with the youngest child and the other week it will only be on the website. A few hardcopies of the newsletter will be available from the office for you to collect. If you have not already done so, you can be added to the email distribution list by either going direct to the schools website www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au click on notices on the left hand side and then click on subscribe to mailing list then click on enter your details here and follow prompts, or by completing the following form.
Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

In Touch Email Request
Your name: ________________________________________________
Email address: ________________________________________________
Youngest child’s name: ____________________________________________
Youngest child’s class: ____________________________________________

No Change

When making a cash payment at the office, we cannot guarantee that there will be change available if required. Unfortunately we do not have the same facility as a bank as all monies are banked up at the end of each day. Hence, correct money would be appreciated.

Uniform Sales
Please note that the Uniform Shop is only open on MONDAY – after morning assembly and THURSDAY – 3.15pm-3.45pm

Office staff are not able to accommodate daily shopping.

Uniform Order forms are available from the display boxes near the CASH DEPOSIT SLOT or the School’s website.

The Hub News
Karin.moore@iinet.net.au

The Hub AGM
The Hub AGM will be held on Thursday 1\textsuperscript{st} March at 7.30pm at Pepper Café, Pin Oak Crescent, Flemington. We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact me if you require further information.

OSHC News
Contact mobile:

Camp Australia now manage the Before & After School Care program. All bookings, absences and payments need to be made through Camp Australia direct. Messages must not to be left on the office phones. In emergencies, the office can still be contacted to make a late arrangement.

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Assistant Principal’s Corner  
Sandra McOrist

Walking across Mt Alexander Rd
On Monday Morning I was on my way to a meeting, whilst stopped in traffic at the Wellington St/Mt Alexander Rd lights I was amazed to see some of our families walk from Kent St to school through the cars instead of at the traffic lights WITH THEIR CHILDREN. Please remember that these are habits you are teaching your children! Please use the lights at all times, you are not only teaching your children good habits but also how to obey the law.

Collecting your children on time
Parents if you are going to be late for any reason, please ring the school so we can make the appropriate arrangements. We will have to place the children not collected into Aftercare, you will be charged a fee for this service.

Hats
Please don’t buy a new hat each time your child says they have lost one. If hats are named they are returned to the children. Other places to check are the art room, science room and aftercare. I collected 12 hats from there on Monday morning and handed all out to the children. Please encourage your child to place their hats in the bags each time they are finished with them.

Parent Information evenings
All parents from prep to grade 4 should have received a pink sheet inviting them to attend parent information evenings at the following times:

- Tuesday 21st - Grades 1/2 at 6pm
- Tuesday 21st - Grades 3/4 at 7pm
- Thursday 23rd - Preps at 6pm

If you didn’t receive a note please check your child’s bag or see their classroom teacher.

Curriculum News

iPad Special
Any parents who may be interested in purchasing an iPad please note that BigW have the iPad 2 selling for $494 from 16/02/2012 to 29/02/2012.

iTunes cards are also on special at Myer.

Sport & PE News
Brendan Newman

Due to the time trials going over allocated time on Wednesday, any student who did NOT compete in their event will need to attend next week’s training session. As this was through no fault of their own, students will not have to pay the $2 unless they make the school swimming team.

If they do make the team it will be regarded as a training session, which is what they will be doing after their race, and will need to pay the $2 to assist with the hiring of the pool.

Training sessions at Travancore Pool
7:45 am on Wednesday 22nd & 29th February. Parents need to deliver children there at this time.

Training session at Queens Park
Monday 5th March 2012 from 9-00am to 11-00am
Moonee Valley Council Green Travel Plan

Flemington Primary is keen to encourage more children to walk, ride and scooter to school. The school has received a council grant to develop a green travel plan and to find ways to help students get to school other than in a car.

As a first step many students have already completed surveys on how they travel to school, and how they would like to. A parent survey is available at: http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/810434/Flemington-Primary-School-Parents

A key goal for this term is re-establishing the walking school bus along Kent St and starting a walking school bus from the Debney Park Housing Estate up to and along Wellington St.

We are also planning to build two bike cages for scooters and bikes and are looking at ways to support Ride to School Day (Fri 23rd March) and Walk to School Day(Fri 18th May).

The more students, parents and teachers riding and walking to school, the healthier the school community and the safer our surrounding streets.

Bart and Melinda (parents of Ellie (1M) and Jemma (last year grade 6) have volunteered to liaise with parents about how to make these things happen and get people involved.

We are looking to recruit parents and families who want to be involved and will be organizing a get together in the next two to three weeks to discuss ideas and next steps.

Please email Bart and Melinda at macbart@bigpond.com if you are interested and able to be involved.

Moonee Valley’s draft Walking and Cycling Strategy

The draft Walking and Cycling Strategy is available for comment and can be accessed through visiting www.mvcc.vic.gov.au/wcs.

Printed copies of the draft Walking and Cycling Strategy, a two page fact sheet and feedback forms have been sent to every library in Moonee Valley.

We are holding a Walking Workshop in Wednesday 29th February and a Cycling Workshop on Thursday 1st March. Both workshops are from 6 to 8pm in the Council Chambers, 9 Kellaway Avenue, Moonee Ponds.

Walk, cycle or catch public transport to school this year, even if it is only once a week. Driving your child directly to the school gate is not the best choice.

- It creates hazards around schools.
- It upsets neighbours when parents block their driveways.
- Council receives complaints on a regular basis relating to unsafe and illegal parking around schools, both by responsible parents and residents.
- Parking Control Officers regularly patrol school crossings to educate and enforce illegal parking by issuing on the spot infringements for:
  - double parking ($73)
  - parking in a no standing zone ($122)
  - dropping children off in the middle of the crossing ($122)

Ride to school day 2012

Moonee Valley City Council is encouraging all local schools primary and secondary to register for Ride 2 School Day on Friday 23 March 2012

The Moonee Valley school with the highest participation rate will win $500 to improve its bicycle-related facilities and 50 bike bells to give to students. Schools can register online at http://www.bv.com.au/general/ride2school/43455/

Better Moves Around Schools

Moonee Valley City Council is committed to creating a safe and more sustainable environment for students. The Better Moves Around Schools program brings Council and schools together to improve traffic, safety and parking management, and encourages walking, cycling and the use of public transport when travelling to and from school.

Better Moves Around Schools program will be rolled out from February 2012, for further information please contact Council 9243 8888.
The Flemington Community Centre

The Flemington Community Centre currently runs a variety of programs for children and youth. There are three dance programs including And You Can Dance which is for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years. We have a program called Spice of India which is a fun and interactive Bollywood Dance class for boys and girls aged 5 to 13 years. There is also Young Women’s Hip Hop which is a contemporary fitness program designed for young women to develop their flexibility, fitness and social skills.

Other programs of interest include a Computer for kids program which is held on Thursday’s from 4pm to 6pm and a Tennis for children program that is for both for beginners and advanced on Wednesday’s from 4pm to 5:30pm.

A new Youth Arts Program has also begun which is specifically for ages 10 to 17 years old and this runs on Mondays from 4pm to 6pm. This exciting program covers various two and three dimensional art forms including stencil art, screen printing, mural design, ceramic sculpture and mosaic.

To find out more about any of these wonderful programs visit us at 25 Mt Alexander Road, Flemington, call us on 8325 1800 or email us at fcc@mvcc.vic.gov.au
MISSING FROM BIKE RACK
A Blue Razor Scooter was taken from the bike rack near the Library on Monday. If you know of its whereabouts, could you please contact the office.

DO YOU LIKE SINGING & SOCIALISING?
JOIN VOCE DI VINO ROSSO
THE FLEMINGTON PARENTS & FRIENDS' CHOIR
We are currently seeking new adult members to join our choir. We meet at 7:30pm for an hour every Monday night and sing a range of song styles.
The warm-up always commences with a glass of wine (or water) and a chat followed by singing, occasional hilarity, and yes, more singing. No experience or auditions required as we learn as we go. We perform at school and community events throughout the year.
Come and share your passion for singing and meet some more locals. To express your interest, call Gill Garber (our choir leader) on 0448 550 924. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Essendon Hockey Club
Juniors
Hook in2 Hockey starting – Tuesday 21 February 2012
Hook in2 Hockey is the fun and exciting way to get involved in playing the game of hockey in your local area. It is a great way for children to learn the skills of the game, but also to learn the skills of being part of a team.
Hook in2 Hockey is for both boys and girls and is run for mixed groups at our club.
Hook in2 Hockey is targeted at primary school aged children approximately 5-12 years old.
- 5-8 years old (introduction and minimal experience groups)
- 9-12 years old (introduction and minimal experience groups)
The Hook in2 Hockey program has been developed for children of all abilities to enjoy and to give them a safe environment to try out the game and develop new friendships.

Details
Days of operation: Tuesdays
Start Date: 21/02/12
Finish Date: 19/03/12
Duration: 1.5 hrs per week for 8 weeks
Cost: $10 includes stick, ball and shin pads OR $20 (coaching only)
Address: Essendon Hockey Club, Lenton Rosmini, 1 Hockey Lane, Ascot Vale (TEL: 29 410)

Mouthguards are compulsory, both during matches and for all training sessions. No uniform required for this program.

For further information please contact
Chantelle Principe - essendon.hockey@bigpond.com
Confirm your interest and then register ONLINE, this will become active at the start of the school year in 2012.

If you enjoyed the program and want to continue, then join our club teams. Pre-season training from Tuesday 20 March 2012. The match fixture will start from FRI 13/04/12.

U11’s Training – Tuesday 6.30pm
Matches – Saturday 10.30am – 12.00pm
U13’s Training – Tu-Th-Sa 4.30pm to 6.30pm
Matches – Early Saturday mornings
U13’s Training – Mon & Wed 5.30 – 6.30pm
Matches – Friday Evenings

Note: The above training times are typical, but not guaranteed. Depending upon the coach’s availability, these might vary. This will be finalised by end of March.

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