Dear Parents,

Children are to be kept home from school if they are sick, as the office staff cannot supervise them completely in the sick bay.

Principal’s Report

Lesley McCarthy

We were very pleased to see two of our past Grade 6 students featured in “Vox Pop” in this week’s edition of Flem-Ken News. They are obviously thoroughly enjoying their experiences in Year 7 and the opportunities available to them at Mount Alexander College. Kaysen and Mariam were wonderful students here last year and are to be congratulated on their successful transition.

On Monday, Sandra McOrist and I attended the Western Metropolitan Region Principal’s Forum at Moonee Valley where we participated in working on the regional focus for the next 3 years. We were also fortunate to hear 3 excellent speakers; Chris Wardlaw, Deputy Secretary responsible for DEECD’s Research & Innovation work, Professor John Hattie from the University of Melbourne and Dr. Tim Waters from the McREL Institute in the USA.

The information will be presented to our teachers and the optimal implementation plan developed. The main messages were that: Victoria is a Learning Community as espoused by Minister Dixon, that the Western Region is now the most rapidly improving region in student learning improvement, that the research is telling us what to do and our work is now how to achieve continued improvement and extend the “head” of our student achievements and reduce the “tail”.

I am delighted to inform the community that the school level data which was released last week indicates that we are performing as well as or better than “similar schools” with positive NAPLAN data from 2011. Much of this data is now available on the My School website.

Sandra and I have also been accepted into the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership’s Leading School Improvement module focused on using data to drive improvement. This is a highly sought after program with only 30 participants. Involvement in this program will enable us to work with teachers to use data in order to effectively improve our students learning. Our first session is tomorrow.

Planning is well underway for the Twilight Fete to be held on Saturday April 28th. Mark the date now and be prepared for a fantastic day of community engagement and socialization, music, food, rides, activities, craft and fun, fun, fun!! Our first fete in four years due to the building works, now is the time for us all to come together and celebrate what a fantastic school we have! Some of the funds raised will assist in renovating the school oval so our children have luxuriant, green grass to play on and enjoy!

All SRC badges will be handed out at assembly on Monday morning.
**Pupil of the Week**

*Week beginning 05 December 2011*

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<td>For being confident at having a go in writing and recording all the sounds she could hear.</td>
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<td>PP</td>
<td>George E</td>
<td>For persisting with his writing and hearing the sounds in words.</td>
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<td>PT</td>
<td>Olivia W</td>
<td>For a fantastic approach to starting Prep by getting along with others. Great job!</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Aysia A</td>
<td>For her fantastic start to Grade 1 and using the “You can do it” strategies every day. Well done!</td>
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<td>Patrick M</td>
<td>For his positive approach to starting Grade 1. What a great attitude, well done!</td>
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<td>Thomas B</td>
<td>For a fantastic approach to starting Grade 1. Well done!</td>
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<td>2R</td>
<td>Gura J</td>
<td>For helping others with Mathletics and Reading Eggs at lunch time. Great work!</td>
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<td>Wyatt B</td>
<td>For his hardworking, positive approach to all classroom tasks and being a fantastic role model to others.</td>
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<td>Shaid S</td>
<td>For being a positive role model and actively participating in classroom discussions.</td>
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<td>Anna T</td>
<td>For confidently contributing in all class discussions.</td>
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<td>Luke I</td>
<td>For showing confidence in front of the class when sharing his “Dynamic” dialogue.</td>
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<td>3T</td>
<td>Lai P</td>
<td>For his outstanding effort to complete all set tasks.</td>
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<td>Thomas B</td>
<td>For challenging himself by working cooperatively on a team building activity.</td>
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<td>4J</td>
<td>Perry T</td>
<td>For being a real-life Hero for his Prep buddy. Well done!</td>
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<td>4M</td>
<td>Raph B</td>
<td>For thinking flexibly and creating cross sections of various 3D shapes.</td>
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<td>56C</td>
<td>Abdullah S</td>
<td>For sharing his insightful contributions and modeling great focus to his peers.</td>
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<td>56F</td>
<td>Caitlin G</td>
<td>For striving for accuracy in all class activities, especially the initiative she took when completing the homework task.</td>
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<td>56M</td>
<td>Yusra C</td>
<td>For taking responsible risks when speaking up and asking questions in whole group discussions with confidence.</td>
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<td>56T</td>
<td>Lexi d</td>
<td>For her positive start to the school year by showing flexibility in thinking and persistence during class activities.</td>
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**Office News**

*Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday*

**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.”

**2nd Hand Uniform**

Any donations of 2nd hand girls summer dresses would be greatly appreciated. Please leave donations at the office.

**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.

**STUDENT BANKING DAY-REMININDER**

Teaching your child the art of effective money management is an important skill that will serve them well in the future. The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is a special initiative designed to do just that. It also has a fantastic rewards program that child can redeem for awesome gifts along the way such as a watch, ball, book light and USB stick. You can participate with as little as $5 per week.

Please refer to the information pack that you received with instructions on how to participate in this fantastic program. When your child banks at school for the 1st time they receive their token and the school receives $5 to go towards our fundraising efforts.

If your child already has a Commonwealth bank account with the Commonwealth bank simply fill in the deposit book and amount and simply start banking straight away.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY
Assistant Principal’s Corner

Sandra McOrist

Parking at School

The parking next to the hall is only for the teachers during school time. We are unable to use it until all of the lines are painted and the work men have finished. I cannot stress enough that parents continue to park in the neighbouring streets and walk to the school or collect children from Flemington Street. There are also 2 disabled parks that are exactly for that, we are having the signs painted again but please take care to not park in these places.

These small toys are currently causing some amount of concern to teachers and a great deal of stress to some families. Children are swapping them, selling them and also taking them, often without understanding the actual consequences of their actions. It would be appreciated if all families reminded their children that these are not school toys and they stayed home.

If they are brought to school it cannot be the teacher’s responsibility to locate and monitor what happens to these small toys.

Curriculum News

Our 2011 students’ NAPLAN results.

Flemington Primary School, Flemington, VIC

Results in numbers

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses all students in Australian schools in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Visit the NAPLAN website.

The chart below displays average NAPLAN scores for each domain in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. The selected school’s scores are displayed in blue. Also displayed are average scores for statistically similar schools (SIM) and all Australian schools (ALL). The coloured bars indicate whether the selected school’s scores are above (green) or below (red) the other scores.

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Sport & PE News

Brendan Newman

District Swimming Carnival will be held next Friday, 9th March. There will be a training session for the team at Queens Park Monday 5th March 2012 from 9:00am to 11:00am

Missing

A red & silver Razor Scooter went missing last Friday. If found, could it please be returned to Charlie Longfield, or dropped off at the office.

Thank you
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

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 machbart@bigpond.com if you are interested and able to be involved.

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)

Remember, “Ride 2 School Day” is Friday 23 March 2012

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

A reminder of the Hub AGM at Pepper Café at 7.30pm this Thursday 1 March, new members welcome!

Flemington PS FETE! - SAVE the DATE
Saturday 28 April 2pm-7pm

Calling for donations for the fete

2nd Hand Books, DVD’s, Toys and KIDS Clothes stalls.

We are looking for all types of books, DVD’s, toys and good quality kids’ clothes. So have a clean out of your kids’ wardrobe, their toy box and bookshelves. All items can be dropped off at Room 20 (next to the school library near Aftercare).

We just ask that all items are in a good quality condition (especially the kids clothes) so they can actually be sold. Items that cannot be sold just create an enormous amount of work for the volunteers.

Greetings all Gardeners

The year 3/4’s will be running the plants, seedlings and herb stall so please donate any gardening items, plants or otherwise. If you can help please contact Grace Mittas or simply drop items outside Room 20 (next to the library)

Craft Stall

There are many hidden talents amongst the parents (and grandparents) at FPS. If you are able to sew, knit, make brooches, jewellery or have a novel idea for part of an attractive craft stall please contact Natalie MacLaren via email at natalie.maclaren@iinet.net.au or 0414 348 552.

We will be having lots of other stalls and there will be a variety of ways to get involved. More detailed information will follow very shortly, so look out for further communications.
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 be left on the office phones. In emergencies, the office can still be contacted to make a late arrangement.

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Program for next Week - 5th to 9th March

| Monday | Mini Frogs/Games in the Hall |
| Tuesday | Lazy Lizards/Cricket |
| Wednesday | Paint a Reptile/Tennis |
| Thursday | Reptile Word Search, Puzzles/Junk Box/ Hockey |
| Friday | Recyle Reptile |

ATTENTION: PROUD PARENTS & GUARDIANS

A TICKITY BOO CATCH UP FOR YOU & YOUR SPECIAL PREPPY FROM 1PM TO 3PM WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH

You and your special preppy are invited to a social meet, great and play at Tickity Boo 260 Mc Alexander Rd, Adamstown from 1:00 to 3:00pm on Wednesday 7th March 2012. Please note that this is the last official WEDNESDAY for prep students.

To mark the special occasion, Michelle from Tickity Boo has kindly agreed to keep the entry to a special price of $2 (normally $5). Adults are free. Coffee, lunch and snacks are available for purchase.

If you are free, please jot down your name on the list outside the prep room. If you have any questions, feel free to call me. Many thanks.

PATTY M & ZOE (97) ON 0412 217 945. Teachers are also welcome if available. See you there!

DUGSIGA HOOSE DHEKE EE FLEMINGDON

Saturday 3rd March 9am - 2pm

- Jumping Castle
- Sausage Sizzle
- Demonstration Team
- Free Taekwondo Clinic

BOOK SIGNING 11.12 noon
Lauren Burns Olympic Gold Medallist

1 Moore Street, Moonee Ponds
Home of Olympian Warren Hansen

9939 9275
Mayor, Cr Jim Cusack, Deputy Mayor, Cr Miriam Gillis and fellow Councillors invite you to join them for a breakfast to celebrate International Women's Day.

This year's theme is: Connecting girls, inspiring futures.

Date       Thursday, 8 March  
Time       7am – 8.45am  
Venue       Civic Area  
            9 Kellaway Avenue, Moonee Ponds  
Cost       $30  
RSVP        Thursday, 1 March  

For bookings visit trybooking.com/BFIY or call 9243 8848 for more information.
ESSENDON FC
AUSKICK
SUPERCLINIC

All Essendon FC Players will be in attendance at the Essendon FC Auskick Superclinic so get along to meet your favourite players and join in the fun and activities!!!

WHEN: Saturday, March 10th 2012

WHERE: Windy Hill FG
Napier St,
Essendon

TIME: 10am — 11.30am

COST: FREE

WHO: Any child aged 5 to 12 years old
more active, more often

Help your school win between $350 - $1000+ of sports gear

Take the Premier’s Active Families Challenge
30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days between
19 March - 30 April 2012
Register now
1300 463 684

*Terms and conditions for all prizes and offers apply, see www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge for details.
*The value of the prize will be determined by the age of the school.
Flemington Junior Football Club

Flemington Junior Football Club is your community based club competing in the WRFL. We are part of the Kensington Flemington Junior Sports Club and are based at Holland Park in Kensington. Our club conducts North Melbourne Auskick.

Registration is open for the 2012 season for U9, U10, U12, U14, U16 & U18 age groups. Register at Holland Park on Saturday March 3rd between 10:30am and 12:30pm or after that date at training nights. Fees are $175 or $110 concession.

Training for Under 11 & 12’s begins Monday Feb 27th at 5pm and U10 and U14 Wednesday Feb 22nd at 5pm.
U9’s and U10’s start mid March

For more information please contact
Jeremy Krulish Mbo: 0408 594 574 or Rob Moore Mbo: 0403 659 659
or go to www.flemingtonjuniors.com

GIRLS - INTERESTED IN PLAYING SOCCER IN 2012? BOYS – INTERESTED IN AUSTRALIAN RULES?
REGISTRATION DAY 3RD MARCH FOR U9 to U18 teams
HOLLAND PARK 10 AM TO 1PM

We’re a family friendly club that welcomes players of all backgrounds and skill.

We have teams from U9 to U18.

• The club aims for all players to have a worthwhile positive experience whilst developing their football skills & learning to be part of a team.

• We believe in giving all players a fair go regardless of their skills.

Training and Matches:
Matches are played on Sundays with home games at Holland Park.
Training is at Holland Park, Kensington Rd.

Further Info Contact: kenflemjuniors@hotmail.com

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLEGE

Accelerated Learning Program – commencement 2012
Whole school commitment to Pastoral Care and Social & Emotional Learning.
Outdoor Education & Learning Campus in Toreeby.
College Gymnasium.
Excellent student/teacher ratio.
Inner city location close to public transport (inc. bus direct from Footscray).
Strong community spirit.
Affordable fee structure.

MOUNT ALEXANDER COLLEGE

OPEN DAYS

1. Sunday, 4 March 2012 at 10.30am.
Meet in the college car park off Mt Alexander Road (Old “Soundhouse”). Tours of the college's facilities with current parents. This is during the Farmer’s Market (9am to 1pm), so come and buy some wonderful fresh organic produce too!

2. Tuesday 13 March 10am to 12.30pm.
Tours of the school during a normal day will be available. Visitors will also be given a tour by one of our students and new brochures about our programs. All welcome.

Enrolment enquiries at any time:
Phone: 93761622
Email: mount.alexander.712@edumail.vic.gov.au

http://www.moutalex.org.au
- GIANT Slide
- RIDES
- Craft stall
- Books
- Toys
- Kids Clothes
- Face painting & MUCH MORE ....

All welcome.

Fete
Flemington Primary School

2012

GIANT jumping castle

Food & Drink

Live MUSIC

Saturday 28th April 2pm to 7pm

200 Mount Alexander Road Flemington.