Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

Congratulations to the Chess team on their excellent results last Thursday. Our team of Jarrod L, Charlie, Lochie St, Lawson, Daniel T, Anurag, Ryan, Jules, Caomhain, Anna T, Luca A, Lachlan M, Jack D. and Riley M played against 78 students from other schools over the day. After everyone had played 7 matches, Flemington PS finished 2nd behind the State champions Spensley Street.

The 10 highest finishers then competed in the semi-finals on Tuesday at the German Club in Windsor. Thank you to Kristen Owen, David Kramer and Mai Nguyen for transporting the students and supervising them on the day.

The 5 highest placed students will now compete in the State Finals on November 9th at the Box Hill Chess Club.

Tomorrow afternoon, students will be treated to a visit from the VRC with trainer Sheila Laxon addressing students and staff and bringing the real Melbourne Cup along.

Interested parents are also invited to observe the session. We will be meeting in the hall from 2.35pm and there will be photo opportunities after school.
Pupil of the Week

Week beginning 29 October 2012

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<td>For trying to use her reading strategies when reading. Well done!</td>
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<td>Jason T</td>
<td>For showing confidence when listening to sounds in words.</td>
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<td>Tikki S</td>
<td>For her excellent persistence and accuracy when writing her information report.</td>
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<td>Bailey N</td>
<td>For his fantastic efforts in reading groups. Well done Bailey!</td>
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<td>Tessa C</td>
<td>For showing persistence when completing maths tasks. Well done Tessa!</td>
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<td>Luke L A</td>
<td>For his well organised and engaging presentation on his holiday.</td>
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<td>Luke T</td>
<td>For his excellent preparation for his presentation &quot;Phases of the Moon.&quot;</td>
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<td>Chloe V</td>
<td>For her well organised presentation on netball and confidence with using cue cards and keeping eye contact with the class.</td>
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<td>Joshua L G</td>
<td>For his fantastic use of ICT skills during his oral presentation on plants.</td>
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<td>Jayson K</td>
<td>For making good choices in whole class situations to maximise his learning.</td>
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<td>Paige L</td>
<td>For thinking flexibly and taking responsible risks with her learning.</td>
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<td>Adam Y</td>
<td>For striving for accuracy and his persistence when making his fraction wall work.</td>
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<td>Haniyah A S</td>
<td>For thinking flexibly and taking responsible risks with her learning.</td>
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<td>4J</td>
<td>Joshua V D</td>
<td>For his maturity and love of learning when attempting all set tasks. Well done!</td>
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<td>4M</td>
<td>Bella T M</td>
<td>For her convincing essay with excellent persuasive arguments on &quot;Ban the Bikes.&quot;</td>
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<td>5C</td>
<td>Ark D</td>
<td>For trying hard and achieving in his reading and writing.</td>
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<td>Megan T</td>
<td>Remaining open to continuous learning through contributing to group discussions and ensuring that all work is completed.</td>
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<td>5M</td>
<td>Yousra Z</td>
<td>Striving for accuracy in all her amazing homework responses.</td>
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<td>5T</td>
<td>Reece D</td>
<td>For drawing on past knowledge when enthusiastically sharing his ideas with his peers and teachers.</td>
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2013 Preparations

We are now in full swing, making preparations for the 2013 school year. Booklists and Essential Education Expenses forms will be sent home next week after all fees were ratified at last week’s School Council meeting.

Changes to Education Maintenance Allowance will result in payment of Book lists and Excursion Expenses up front and not charged against EMA.

At this time, we are finalising teacher placements and class structures. If any families are not intending to return to Flemington PS next year, could you please advise Mrs McCarthy in writing as soon as possible.

Also, if you know of families or children who may wish to enrol at Flemington, please encourage them to complete the enrolment process asap.

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.

The planned 2013 structure is:
- 4 Prep classes
- 3 year 1 classes
- 3 year 2 classes
- 5 classes at year 3/4 depending on student numbers
- 4 classes at year 5/6

Specialist teachers will probably be the same as this year.
Assistant Principal's Corner
Sandra McOrist

Children leaving school grounds
Could parents please remind their children that once on the school grounds they are not allowed to leave again. Once on school grounds all children become the responsibility of the teachers on duty. This means that if your child comes to school in the morning they cannot leave again to go to the shop or to meet their friends on Mt Alexander Rd.

After School pick up
Parents are reminded that when collecting your children from school at the end of the day either collect them from Flemington Street or park and meet them in the school grounds. There is no pick up in the lane way as cars block the lane way.

As I mentioned last week, there is no parking in the teacher car park, and this applies after school as well.

There should be no parents parking in the staff car park during school hours.

Lost Property
The Lost Property tub is again overflowing. Could parents please name their children's clothing and belongings.

We currently have several bicycle helmets and drink bottles as well.

Curriculum News
Grade 5/6 iPad program - Bruce Ziebell

Last night three of our grade six students, Audrey, Camille and Ella gave short presentations to the parents of our current grade 4 students on how they use their iPads to enrich their learning.

A form was handed out highlighting a number of funding options and if you were unable to attend could you please complete the form which has been sent home today and return it to the office by November 19th to allow us to proceed with arrangements.

Should you have any queries please discuss with any member of the 5/6 team or myself.

RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge
Audrey & Ella

For the past 2 and a half terms, a group of grade 6 students have been preparing and training for the RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge in late November. The Breakthrough Challenge is a competition in which many schools race alternative transport vehicles. This is all to do with educating kids about the environment and learning about safety and how things work.

Our school is participating in the Human Powered Vehicles section where we race Recumbent Trikes. We have two trikes that we race, one called Just Another Team and the other Pocket Rockets. There are 4 girl and 4 boy riders per trike, and 4 pit crew working on the mechanics for each trike.

At the moment, all the riders are preparing for our presentations that we have to show at the event; one for scrutineering knowledge, and another for a creative presentation to show all our knowledge in another form. Pocket Rockets are making a musical play and Just Another Team are creating a debate type scene about which element of the event is the most important. The riders are also training very hard for the event and have a weekly routine for exercise.

The pit crew are learning about how to fix the trike and all the mechanics and what make up the bike. This includes taking them apart and reassembling them many times over and studying each element very carefully to make sure they know what to do if something happens on the day.

Altogether this has been an amazing experience and we are all really excited about going to Maryborough in 3 weeks.
MAC Community Art Show on the theme of 'Home' by Papadimitriou Dickie

Congratulations to all those who submitted artworks to the Art Show, which went on display last Sunday at Mt Alexander College during the Flemington Farmers’ Market. Thanks to FPS art teacher Karen Leopold who encouraged her students to create works and submitted 44 FPS entries. There were more than 240 visitors to the exhibition on Sunday, and all had the opportunity to vote for their favourite works in the three categories, Primary, Secondary and Open.

Congratulations to FPS mum Fiona Hiscock who won the Open Category People’s Choice Award for her beautiful ceramic work.

Congratulations to two KPS students who won Primary Category People’s Choice awards: Eli Kemp and Bethel Tsegay

The mayor of Moonee Valley, Jim Cusack, made a special Flemington Farmers’ Market award to one work in the exhibition (out of all 3 categories). He selected the entry by KPS grade 6 student Manu Urruty-Weisfelt.

And finally, two artist judges have been selecting works for a touring show. Prize winners’ work will automatically be in the touring show, but other students’ work will also feature. So although budding FPS artists missed out on prizes this time, some of their work will be included in the touring show. The list is still being finalised so we will publish it as soon as we have all the names. FPS hopes to host the exhibition and we will let you know when plans are in place. The show will also travel to other community venues.

It is possible to visit the exhibition during MAC school hours. Please call the school office on 9376 1622 if you’d like to arrange to visit. We may also open it up during the Flemington Farmers’ Market again - we’ll keep you posted.

Thanks everyone for your involvement in and support for the inaugural MAC Art Show!
MOBILEMUSTER - 1 WEEK TO GO!

Yes, that’s right, there is just 1 week left of Mobilemuster. We have collected nearly 3 printer paper boxes full of phones and cords so far - more than we collected in the 2011 and 2010 musters. We came 7th in Australia in 2010 and we want to try and better our tally this year!

Mobilemuster will be stopping by Tuesday of next week to do a final pickup, so please have a think if you (your partner, friends, family etc) have any phones to donate.

Thanks to those students and families who have donated already. If you haven’t started collecting yet, now is the chance! Don’t forget that by donating you are not only helping the environment, you are in with the chance to win some great prizes.

Happy collecting!

Mrs Sheldon

Instrumental Music Program
Vern O’Hara

Term 4 Invoices
Term 4 invoices were sent out last week. Payment is due by Friday 2nd November.
Vern’s Mobile: 0403 777 050

Violin for sale.
¾ Violin Outfit (violin, case, strap, bow and rosin)
Valencia SV113. Excellent condition. For approx.
age 9-11 $100
Call Rob on 0422 955 020

Have your say about access to early childhood education

The Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) is conducting a new study about access to early childhood education (preschool or kindergarten) for children in the year before full-time school.

The findings of the study will help governments better understand how to make [early childhood education/preschool/kindergarten] accessible to all children, by hearing from families about:

- Whether they used [early childhood education/preschool/kindergarten] for their children before they started school?
- What was important in deciding whether to make use of [early childhood education/preschool/kindergarten]?  
- Whether there are barriers to families being able to participate in [early childhood education/preschool/kindergarten]?
- Ideas about how could barriers to accessing [early childhood education/preschool/kindergarten] be overcome?

For information on the project including how to participate contact the AIFS research team on 1800 352 275 or via email aece@aifs.gov.au or reply to Mrs McCarthy.

Participants will receive a $30 gift voucher for Coles or Woolworths, as thanks for taking part.

The research has been commissioned by the Australian Government’s Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

All enquiries will be treated privately and confidentially.
Enrolment and Transition

The 2013 Prep Transition program commenced yesterday with the first Story Time session. These Story Time sessions run from 3.45 to 4.30pm in the Prep area in the Flexible Learning Neighbourhood.

This year’s Prep teachers will share stories and activities in the school setting, helping children to become comfortable with the teachers and environment and socialise with other students.

Dates: 7th, 14th & 21st November

The 2013 Prep Information evening will be held on Tuesday 13th November in the Learning Neighbourhood.

Transition sessions 9.00-11.00 are:
Tuesday 27th November
Tuesday 4th and 11th December

• Whole school transition sessions will be held on Tuesday 4th & 11th December in line with Prep transition sessions.
• Statewide Transition day for students attending Government Secondary schools in Tuesday 11th December.

Library News

Leonie Isaacs and Vanessa Griffin

This week students had the opportunity to purchase excess stock from the Library at bargain rates. We sold $91 worth of books and these funds will now be used to purchase additional fiction books.

The Hub

Icy Poles

Icy pole sales will start next week and will be sold for $1 each every Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school.
If you are available to assist please email Karin Moore at karin.moore@iinet.net.au

Seeking volunteers

Help teach newly arrived migrants and refugees to drive

We are seeking to recruit and experienced drivers to conduct 3 hour driving practice sessions.
All volunteers will receive MVC driver instructor training, access to safe vehicles and event insurance.
For expenses $100 per lesson.

Come along to our information session to find out more:
Tuesday, 13 November 2012
6pm – 7pm
Flemington Community Centre
25 Mt Alexander Road, Flemington

To register your interest or for more information contact:
Flemington Neighbourhood Innovation (03) 8564 1940 or email fjinservice@nvcc.vic.gov.au

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FREE WOMEN’S SELF DEFENCE SESSION
Flemington Primary School Gym
Thursday 8th November at 7pm till 8pm
Learn Self Defence and increase your personal confidence in a nurturing environment. Free session followed by stress management techniques.

All women welcome aged 14 years and up.
Amelia Zarb
Art Of Defence Australia Ph: 0407 320 333
MEDITATION CLASSES

Annie Durie is offering meditation classes at our school on Thursday 3.30pm to 4.15pm for $5.00 per session in the LOTE room.

Meditation is for students and parents and it is never too early or too late to embark on the journey of discovery and fulfilment that meditation creates.
**Good Vision for Life**

Did you know that along with allergies and asthma, eye disorders are the most common long term health problems experienced by children? Good vision is important for educational, physical and social development and to help young people reach their full learning potential.

Many young people experience undetected vision problems as they often assume that how they see is normal. The good news is that once detected, most eye problems are easy to correct. Incorporating regular eye examinations into your general health routine – just like visits to the dentist - can help to detect vision problems as well as other eye conditions that can threaten the health of eyes.

Signs your child may have a problem with their eyes include:

- Complaints of headaches or sore eyes
- A turned eye, red or watery eyes, and frequent blinking
- Delayed progress in reading ability
- Poor hand-eye coordination
- Skipping lines, losing their place or omitting words when reading
- Sensitivity to light
- Squinting when reading or watching television
- Difficulty recognising familiar people in the distance
- Difficulty concentrating.

Children’s eyes should be checked regularly throughout their school life, and immediately upon noticing any problems with their eyes or vision. You can see an optometrist without referral from a doctor, and most consultations attract a Medicare rebate. Visit [www.optometrists.asn.au](http://www.optometrists.asn.au) for more information on the things you can do to protect your eyes and to search for an optometrist in your area.

**ACTIVITY CORNER**

Try this! Look at the word and say the colour, not the word.

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Left-right conflict: Your right brain tries to say the colour but your left brain insists on reading the word.

**QUIZ**

**How many eyelids does a camel have?**  
A. One B. Two C. Three

**Which animal has the largest eyes?**  
A. Koala B. Squid C. Owl

**An ostrich’s brain is smaller than its eye**  
A. True B. False

**How many colours can the human eye distinguish?**

A. One million B. Ten million C. One hundred thousand.

**The night vision of tigers is how much better than human night vision?**  
A. Three times B. Six times C. Ten times

**It is possible to sneeze and keep your eyes open at the same time.**  
A. True B. False

**How many eyes does a spider have?**  
A. Four B. Six C. Eight.

**Which part of the eye can be used like a fingerprint to positively identify individuals?**  
A. Retina B. Iris C. Eyelid.

**A horse can look forwards with one eye and backwards with the other.**  
A. True B. False

Answers:

**Did you know….?**

- **Snakes** always keep their eyes open, even when they’re asleep.
- **An average human blink** lasts for about 50-75 milliseconds.
- **Owls** are the only birds that can see the colour blue.
- **Dolphins** sleep with one eye open.
- **A stingray** never sees the food it eats because its eyes are on top of its head and its mouth and nostrils are at the bottom.
- **Most burrowing or sand lizards have transparent eyelids.** This protects them from dirt and debris while they’re digging, while still allowing them to see clearly.