Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

There is a buzz of excitement and engagement across the school through the learning of the grade 5/6 students with their investigations into sustainability. Groups of students are researching, exploring the school grounds, engaging with the local community through phone calls, letters and emails and planning significant changes and improvements to the school grounds.

As many of you will have heard or read there are projects involving gardens, a worm farm, chickens, sponsoring a giant tortoise, painting murals, veggie gardens and a focus on pollution and reducing vehicle use. Congratulations to all the students; the growth in their communications and interpersonal skills, collaboration and teamwork is wonderful to see.

My suggestion for Naming the Giant Aldabra Tortoise is “Toti” which is the French Creole word for tortoise. The Aldabra tortoise originates in the Aldabra Islands in the Seychelles.

Yesterday, the very excited Prep students had their first school excursion to Imax and the Royal Botanic Gardens. At Imax, they watched the film “Bugs” as part of their term unit on Minibeasts. They had a very exciting day and were full of chatter and excitement when they returned to school after a long day. Many thanks to the parents who accompanied them and assisted on the day.

Now that Winter has begun, parents are reminded to dress their children appropriately for the day’s weather. A warm coat or waterproof jacket is necessary as children go out to play in all weather, unless the rain is heavy. A beanie and gloves may also be worn however, please, name each item so it can be returned to your child if misplaced. There are a number of children attending school without windcheaters or jackets and we do not have sufficient second hand items to help them.

The uniform shop is seeking donations of unwanted trackpants, socks and undies for these muddy and wet spills. Please see Joanne.
Care Member of the Week
Week beginning 5 September 2011

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<td>Fiona</td>
<td>Jacob L.G For his enthusiastic approach towards CARE activities and for always looking out for the younger members of our CARE group.</td>
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<td>Amy</td>
<td>Ruchi B.S For her enthusiastic and confident participation in all of our CARE discussions. Well done!!</td>
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<td>Mollie</td>
<td>Harmony H For her discussion and participation during our CARE program. Well done!!</td>
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<td>Jack D For his increased focus and group participation in learning about refugees.</td>
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<td>Sarah</td>
<td>Yahye H For his clever ideas when listing items to take if he had to leave his house.</td>
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<td>Cashmere 1</td>
<td>Katia</td>
<td>Omar H For sharing his thoughts and ideas about refugees.</td>
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<td>Tim D For being inclusive and accepting of all people.</td>
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<td>Georgina L For displaying confidence when sharing her ideas in circle time.</td>
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<td>Phil/James</td>
<td>Tikki S For great participation in our discussion about refugees.</td>
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<td>Yahaya A For his excellent group work and participation when developing an understanding of refugees.</td>
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<td>Danielle</td>
<td>Luca A For confidently contributing to CARE group discussions about refugees.</td>
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Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program
The program runs from Wednesday 9th May until Sunday 1st July. When you do your shop you will receive one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

When your card is complete please submit it in the collection box located near the office. Should you need another sticker card please see the office. All completed cards must be sent to the office no later than close of business on Tuesday 17th July (first week of Term 3).

Enjoy collecting – Total to date is 5,730 points.

Chinese School Term 3
Chinese school will recommence in term 3 on Friday 20th July.

Coles 2012 Sports for Schools program. Vouchers are available in all Coles stores from 13 June to 14 August A collection box will be located at the front of reception so please feel free to drop the vouchers in the box or give them to your children to hand into class. Enjoy collecting.

Double vouchers this week until Sunday 24th June
It would be appreciated if dockets could be folded and counted with total amount written and circled on docket. ONLY DOCKETS NOT RECEIPTS ARE ACCEPTED.

Coles total to date is 253 points

Lost Property
Our lost property box is overflowing. Parents could you please make sure to check the box as any clothing still in the box at the end of term will be donated to charity.
Assistant Principal’s Corner
Sandra McOrist

Witch’s hats in teacher car park
You may have noticed that every Monday and Wednesday night I place a witch’s hat in each of the first two car spaces. This is because our large blue bins are emptied on those nights and if cars are parked there the truck cannot collect the bins. It would be appreciated if all parents left those spaces free on these nights.

Grade 3-6 playground equipment
Just a reminder to all parents that the playground equipment in the amphitheatre area is for the children in Grades 3-6 only. The equipment is designed for children of specific size and physical ability. We would appreciate it if children in the Prep-Grade 2 area did not play on this equipment at all.

Instrumental Music Program
Vern O’Hara

Mid Year Instrumental Concert
The mid year concert will be held tonight Thursday 21st June. There will be a BBQ and cake stall before starting at 5.30pm and the concert will commence at 7.00pm and should be finished by approximately 9.00pm. Students who are performing at the concert need to arrive by 6.30pm at the latest. They are to wear the FPS music top and black or navy blue pants/skirt. The following groups will be performing at the concert: Senior and Junior Choir, Senior and Junior Band, Senior and Junior Strings, Junior Pop Ensemble & Rock Band. The concert is mainly an opportunity for the ensembles to perform, but we may have a few solo performances if time permits.

Green Travel Plan
Looking forward to seeing everyone next Tues 26th June in the hall from 3:30 till 7pm to talk about the school’s Green Travel Plan.
We need your involvement and input to make it easier, healthier and safer for everyone to get to and from school.
We know that most people would like to walk, ride or scooter to school and the benefits of this. But how will we make it happen?
We’ll have the BIG Travelsmart map laid out on the floor with model trams, bikes, etc for the kids to play on and use for consultation.

See you then
Bart Sbeghen
macbart@bigpond.com
Interschool Soccer Carnival

On Friday 16th September a group of our grade 5/6 boys and girls participated in an interschool soccer carnival held at Fairburn Park. There were a total of twelve teams in each competition and each team played five games. Both teams played to their fullest potential and won four out of their five games, both teams also drew one game. The students should be very proud of themselves as they showed great team work, determination and sportsmanship throughout the whole the day. The final results showed this as our boys finished in first place overall and the girls finished third. The day was a great success for the school and well done to all those involved. A big thanks goes to Emma, Fiona and Jack for their assistance during training and on the day.

SPORT & PE News
Brendan Newman

The holiday program is fast approaching. Please see attached flyer for the fun activities we will be running. Bookings must be made online. If you need any assistance, please call Camp Australia on the above numbers.
Enrolment and Transition

2013 Prep Enrolment

Applications for Prep 2013 enrolment are now open. School Tours take place each Tuesday during Term 2 at 9.15am led by our Student Leaders. Application forms and Parent Information Handbooks are available from the office.

If you have a child due to commence school next year, please collect the enrolment forms and enrol your child by the end of Term 2, this being 29th June. Should you know of a child due to start school next year, who lives in our enrolment zone (refer to the school website for details), please remind parents to hand their enrolment forms in during Term 2.

Melbourne Symphonia - for Friends and Music Lovers

Soloist for our 2nd 2012 concert will be acclaimed violinist Carolyn Bursle, and her bio notes follow - Carolyn Bursle

Carolyn will perform at our concert is this coming Friday evening, June 22nd at 8.15pm at the James Tatoulis Auditorium, MLC, 207 Barkers Rd., Kew 3101.

The program will be -
Humperdinck – Hansel & Gretel Overture
Saint-Saens – Havanaise. Violin soloist Carolyn Bursle
Sarasate – Zigeunerweisen (Gypsy Airs). Violin soloist Carolyn Bursle
Brahms – Symphony No. 3

We have changed our ticketing procedures for 2012 and would encourage all supporters and regulars to purchase their tickets on-line. You may do this by clicking on the following links - The link for the 2012 three concert subscription booking is - http://www.trybooking.com/BEVY

The link for the 2012 second concert booking is - http://www.trybooking.com/BFKB

The link for 2012 Membership/Supporter is - http://www.trybooking.com/BEVA

Membership of The Melbourne Sinfonia ensures our continued support for Music Therapy Program of the Royal Children’s Hospital. These donations are tax deductible.

If you have any questions about the 2012 procedures, don’t hesitate to contact me by email (subscribe@melbournesinfonia.org.au) or telephone (93478699).

LOST

A navy sleeveless parka last seen in the hall at assembly Monday June 4 is missing, it has Finnegan’s name on it. If found please return it to him in 1M or to the office.
Vision2Grow Brings you VISION ART
VISION ART is a positive art program for children aged 7 and up, helping them to explore who they are and what they enjoy in life.

The activities take place in a creative, friendly, and fun learning environment in which they feel confident to express themselves verbally and artistically and make discoveries, while building friendships with other kids.
The art masterpieces they create will be priceless, as they are pieces for them to use to help them remain focused on their goals.

The program will be run in Term 3, on Thursdays after school in the Art Room and will run for 8 weeks, starting 26th July.
Time: 3:45 - 5:00
Cost: TBC
Please call Senait (Marley’s mum) on 0477881275
Bookings must be made before the end of term.

ROADstart

Wanted
Driving Instructors and Supervisors

The Rotary Club of Flemington is establishing a Driving School to assist new arrivals to gain a driving license. Licensed Learner Driver Instructors are required to provide initial instructions using their vehicle or one of the Rotary Vehicles. Rates are to be negotiated.

To follow the driving lessons driving supervisors are required to allow learners to gain the necessary road experience.
Expenses of $10 ph will be paid.
Contact the Rotary Club of Flemington by email to
In Touch e-Newsletter

Community News

**DAN DONNELLY TENNIS COACHING PROGRAMS**
Royal Park T.C. (cnr Park St & The Avenue, Parkville/Brunswick)

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC**
July 2 - 5 Mon - Thurs (1st week of school holidays)

Dear Parents,

The second school term finishes Friday June 29. Parents this clinic is an excellent holiday activity, take this opportunity to reserve your child’s place for these crucial dates. Please note, no fees are payable until July 2.

This tennis clinic is designed to be a fun, physical holiday activity. The clinic is suitable for all ages and standard levels and will be very popular.

Two formats are available:
- Format 1 9am - 12.30pm (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs) $180
- Format 2 8am - 3pm (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs) $260
8.30 am drop-off available. All enquiries call 9347 3604.

Coaching Programs Available 3rd Term
- Pee Wee Tennis 5 - 7 year olds
  Free trial lesson for Pee Wees, Sat, July 21 & Thurs, July 19 !!
- Adult Coaching - Mon & Tues evenings. Parents it’s never too late!!

All enquiries call 9347 3604.

Regards
Dan Donnelly, Club Coach Royal Park T.C.

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Increase your personal confidence, learn self defense and have fun all at the same time! Here in the school Hall Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4pm. 2 free sessions for everyone and a FREE karate uniform on joining for all new members. Visit www.artofdefence.com.au or call Amelia on 0407320333

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**Western Edge Youth Arts and the Flemington Theatre Group presents**

**BLACK FACE WHITE MASK**

Flemington Theatre Group’s *Black Face White Mask* is coming to the Malthouse Theatre offering Melbourne theatre lovers an opportunity to experience a vital new work performed by a highly talented group of Afro-Australian actors. *Black Face White Mask* offers a fresh, funny and vibrant insight into the complex lives of young African Australians living in Melbourne’s Western Suburbs. Vibrating with authenticity, *Black Face White Mask* is Melbourne with a distinctly African accent, a play that explores the complexity of the Afro-Australian experience with humour and subtlety, confounding expectations and confronting stereotypes.

**When:** Thursday 12 July, Friday 13 July, Saturday 14 July at 8pm and Saturday 14 July at 3pm
**Where:** The Malthouse, 113 Sturt Street, Southbank
www.westernedge.org.au
Trying to get fit and fabulous, but have little ones to look after?

New to Fit Family ... KID CARE. A qualified babysitter at no extra cost to look after your little ones while you’re busy getting a great workout with friends.

Whether it’s rest or fun activities they need while you’re getting your dose of fitness, Kid Care kids are around others their own age with a caring baby sitter.

Older kids join our FitKids program, and then move into FitTeens. Every member of the family is looked after!

You don’t have to feel guilty leaving your little ones at home or in the care of others while you exercise. And no more excuses - get fit, tone up, and have a great family experience!

Check our timetable for current Kid Care sessions here. We’d love to see you at a session soon!

Don’t forget to join our facebook group ... facebook.com/FitFamilyAus.

Yours in Family Fitness,

The team at Fit Family

T: 1300 799 663
E: fitfamily@fitfamily.com.au
W: www.fitfamily.com.au
F: www.facebook.com/FitFamilyAus

Join your friends for Fun Family Fitness!
### Holiday Clubs
#### Winter 2012

**Flemingston Primary School**  
Mt Alexander Road Flemington VIC 3031  
0403 704 181 (07:00-18:00)

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| Monday 2 July 2012 | **Wild Wild West**  
Cactus making with clay, Sheriff badge making. Wanted posters, Mexican Nachos, Teepee making  
$45.00            |
| Tuesday 3 July 2012| **Ice Age**  
Come along to watch another Ice Age adventure with Sid, Manny and Diego as we learn about life during the Ice Age and the continental drift.  
Ice Age Movie: Please arrive by 8:45am  
$31.00            |
| Wednesday 4 July 2012| **All the Way to USA**  
Learning about American history and landmarks  
Participating in American sports and activities  
$45.00            |
| Thursday 5 July 2012| **Blast off to Cuboid!**  
Explore outer space and the home of Patch, Mina and Spok. Let them show you around!  
Planetarium and Science Activities  
$55.00            |
| Friday 6 July 2012 | **Royalty for a Day**  
Step into the Holiday Club's Palace and experience all things royal!  
Themed activities, arts & crafts  
$45.00            |
| Monday 9 July 2012 | **Wheelie Fun!**  
Activities: Tug of Games, Cooperative Group Games, White Wall Tire Cookies, Circular Crafts  
$45.00            |
| Tuesday 10 July 2012| **Winter Wonderland**  
Brrr it's getting cold! But the fun is about to begin, so don't miss out!  
Winter themed games, arts & crafts  
$45.00            |
| Wednesday 11 July 2012| **Mini Olympics**  
Join in the fun and become a mini Olympian for the day.  
Today you will learn about Olympic history and take part in Camp Australia's very own Olympic record!  
Sports Incursion  
$55.00            |
| Thursday 12 July 2012| **Jungle Fever!**  
Come and join us as we embark on an adventure to meet our jungle friends and learn about wildlife and their habitats.  
Zoo Excursion: Please arrive by 8:45am  
$61.00            |
| Friday 13 July 2012 | **Celebrate all things French!**  
Bonjour! Today is about celebrating the French culture.  
Come along to learn all about France with lots of fun French themed activities.  
French language and themed activities  
$45.00            |
The 2011 | 2012 Entertainment™ Book expired on 1 June 2012...

The good news is the new 2012 | 2013 edition is here, and has great value retail offers!

The new 2012 | 2013 Entertainment™ Book allows you to pre-purchase Gift Cards online, at an unlimited discount of 5%, which you can use for things you buy everyday... Groceries, petrol, liquor and more!

If you regularly spend on average $300 a week on groceries and fuel, you will save over $750 a year!

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ASCOT VALE SPECIAL SCHOOL
1 Tasma Street, Ascot Vale 3032. Tel: 9370 8931

To order your copy of the Entertainment book simply fill in the form below or order & pay through the secure link http://www.entropybook.com.au/operatelpost/18530;
copies will be sent home with your child or can be collected from the school's office:

Child’s Name: ________________________ Room No: ________________________
Your Name: ________________________ Mobile: ________________________

I would like to order_______ x Greater Melbourne @ $65 each (including GST)  TOTAL ENCLOSED $__________

Payment type: [ ] CASH [ ] VISA [ ] MASTERCARD
Credit Card number: _______ / _______ / _______ / _______ Expiry date: _______ / _______ CVV: _______
Cardholder’s name: ________________________ Signature: ________________________

Thank you for supporting Ascot Vale Special School!