Congratulations to everyone for their wonderful participation this week with the various Harmony Day activities. This is an opportune time for all of us to refocus on our school values ~ care & compassion, honesty, respect and responsibility as well as tolerance and acceptance.

The focus for 2012 is Sport – play, engage, inspire and many of our activities were centred on these areas. Thank you to everyone who assisted in identifying and producing the ideas, resources and activities for us.

Tomorrow is RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY and we look forward to seeing everyone riding a bike or scooter or walking through the school gates before 8.55am.

There are prizes to be won for classes and year levels, stickers for all participants, and our school has the chance to win sporting equipment as well. Let’s all get together and travel green!

Tomorrow we also welcome back last year’s Grade 6 students who will join this year’s Grade 6 students and teachers for a discussion on Secondary School. It will be an exciting opportunity to hear about life in Year 7, as well as for them to catch up with everyone again. They will arrive during lunchtime and will then meet together in the last session of the day.

This Sunday, March 25th, the State Library of Victoria and the Wheeler Centre present the biggest and best Children’s Book Festival yet. Make sure you don’t miss out on the huge range of activities on offer!

Library forecourt - 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne

- Meet authors such as Graeme Base, Boori Monty Pryor, Alison Lester, Hazel Edwards, Anna Walker, Mark Wilson and many more.
- Listen to magical stories in the 1001 Nights Story Tent.
- Join in with music, face painting and a petting zoo.
- Make a book with Kids’ Own Publishing.
- Enjoy a great sausage sizzle: all proceeds go to Save the Children.

Parents please note that we have a student with Slapped Cheek in our school. The student is not contagious, but if you require further information please visit Slapped cheek disease or Fifth disease | Kids Health @ CHW.
**Pupil of the Week**  
**Week beginning 19 March 2012**

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<td>Thomas D</td>
<td>For making excellent choices for his learning during class activities. Well done!</td>
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<td>Emir T</td>
<td>For his fantastic attempts at writing his weekend recounts by himself.</td>
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<td>Narudin A</td>
<td>For always trying his best in all classroom tasks. Great job 😊</td>
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<td>For great expression and confidence when reading a big book to the whole class.</td>
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<td>For his fantastic effort in maths when ordering numbers from smallest to largest.</td>
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<td>Ryan K</td>
<td>For working with precision at all tasks, especially in his role on the SRC.</td>
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<td>Sophia J</td>
<td>For managing impulsivity, thinking before acting, remaining calm, thoughtful and deliberate. Well done!</td>
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<td>Josh T</td>
<td>For his persistence in homework and gathering item from his cultural background to share with the grade.</td>
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<td>Victoria P</td>
<td>For being an unstoppable force in learning. FULL STOP!</td>
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<td>Emily L</td>
<td>For her creativity and persistence when completing her video elective application. Great work!</td>
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**Office News**

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

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**BPAY is available**

Telephone & Internet Banking – BPAY  
Biller Code is 87361

Each family has their own individual Reference Number. If you are unsure what your Reference Number is, please give us a call at the School Office (9376 7137) and we will provide you with it.

Please contact the office once payment has been processed so that funds can be allocated correctly.

**Eye Testing**

Eye testing for Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students commenced Monday 19th March. Testing will continue on Monday 26th March and Monday 16th April, so please return your permission forms asap.

**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.

**Early Leavers Book** – if you need to take your child from school before 3.30pm the Early Leavers Book must be signed at the Office.
Assistant Principal’s Corner

Sandra McOrist

The work on the oval and the creation of a diversion system for the storm water has taken longer than expected. The works were not helped by mysterious pipes no-one knew of and then the unexpected rain. My fingers are crossed that when it rains next we no longer have a vast lake of water adjacent to the prep to 2 play equipment. We anticipate that the stairs and the walk way around the grade 4 rooms and the multi will also be completed this week.

With all these tasks being completed by the holidays, that does not leave us much time to clean up the grounds with a working bee before the Fete. Watch this space and I will attempt to work out and coordinate any tasks to be done before then.

Dumping of rubbish

Last weekend provided us with fabulous weather, it obviously gave some people the opportunity to complete tasks in their yards. One such person had a huge working bee and not only threw all their rubbish in our large bins but also left us with a large number of broken bricks that they threw behind the bins for us to get rid of.

If you do see any one doing this please ring the police. I would rather people use the council services rather than us have to collect all of these bricks and then have to legally dispose of them.

Crazy Hair Day

On the 28th of March our school will be hosting a Crazy Hair Day. If you wish to make your hair crazy, bring a gold coin donation which will be going towards Cystic Fibrosis.

By Wendy D and Audrey H

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY FRIDAY 23rd

Visit Damien and his team at 450 Racecourse Road for the best price and service on a new bike.

We pumped tyres, raised seats and checked brakes and gears in preparation for Ride to School Day tomorrow. We also gave out three helmet vouches to children whose helmets had reached their use-by date.

Lots of kids came over to check out the recumbent bike we had on display.

Numbers were a bit low due to rain in the morning but parents told us they appreciated the opportunity to have kids bikes checked.

The mum pictured actually went home and returned with her children's bikes ("I've been meaning to get them checked for two years but never found time to get to the bike shop")

Bart Sbeghen (Ellie’s Dad)
M 0418 231 686   E macbart@bigpond.com
SRC News
Katia Scicluna

The 2012 National Young Leaders Day

On Thursday the 14th of March, 12 people, SRC representatives from grade 4 and some grade 5 students participated in the 2012 National Young Leaders Day.

We had to be at the office at 7:45am to be able to get to the Convention Centre on time because we were catching a tram.

At the conference there were five speakers, Lorin Nicholson (blind guitarist), Marita Cheng (Young Australian of the Year and founder of ‘Robo Gals’), Mike Martin (ex-army officer), Joy Smithers (Famous actress, voice of the Finish Dishwashing detergent advertisement and the voice over for Qantas flights) and Andrew Swallow (Captain of the North Melbourne F.C.).

Each speaker told an inspirational story on how they had become a leader and where they are now. It was a very funny day and we learnt a lot about becoming a trustworthy leader. We felt very privileged and inspired to have them come and talk to us.

Jack S and Ryan K 4M&4D

Lorin Nicholson Story
On Thursday March 15th I went to the Young Leaders Conference. It was great to hear from famous people and their stories, but one that really impressed me was Lorin Nicholson story.

Lorin Nicholson was born blind, but his parents were surprised. At school it was hard for Lorin because he was always the last one to finish. But lucky he had this glass object. It was sad for Lorin because he got bullied and teased at school but his friends had his back. At the age of 16 he learnt to play the guitar. Anytime he was angry or sad he would go to his room and play the guitar. One day he decided to ride his bike with his dad and rode 170km in a day. He came back and told everyone about it. When he was at school his friends went up in front of the whole school and told everybody about Lorin. The whole school started to clap and he was proud of himself.

I learnt to never give up because you can achieve your goal or dream ad anyone can be a leader even if you’re blind.

A’esha Y

Last Friday FPS students took the tram to the Melbourne Convention Centre to attend the National Young Leaders conference.

We listened to six speakers. The first was a man named Mike Martin who had served in the Australian war who talked about why personal influence is important. Our second speaker was Marita Cheng who ran an engineering organization called Robogals. The third speaker was Joy Smities, a TV actor in ‘Home and Away’. Joy spoke about a charity that helped children and their parents in Cambodia that had certain diseases. Our fourth speaker was Lorin Nicholson who had been blind all his life but rode a bike for 300km from the country to the beach on a highway. He said “the only person stopping you from achieving is you.” The last speaker was a man called Andrew Swallow who played for the North Melbourne football team who despite setbacks persisted in achieving his goal to be an AFL player.

All of SRC had a great time at this conference on the National Young Leaders day.

Flynn S 5/6C
Have you been to the children’s hospital recently? If you have you would know how valuable the Royal Children’s Hospital is for any children’s emergency or health issue and how close we are to receiving its services. That’s why we have sent home a Good Friday Appeal envelope to each family for your donation. Please return any donations to the office by Monday 26th March 2012.

Thank you for your valuable support

Registrations for the Flemington Auskick Centre are now OPEN.

Register now to secure your spot for Auskick Season 2012. A registration day sausage sizzle will be taking place on Saturday morning 9am on the 24th March 2012 at FPS oval, a great opportunity to meet the coaching team for 2012!

The cost of the program in 2012 is no more than $65.

Flemington Auskick will be looking for various levels of volunteer assistance for the upcoming 2012 season. Anyone who may be able to assist in any way please contact your centre coordinator as soon as possible.

REGISTER and PAY ONLINE before March 30th to be eligible to redeem your Club Connect AFL Ticket Offer.

Coordinator  Russell Ditton
Phone: 0425 755 128

Curriculum News

2012 Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge

The 2012 Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge is for all Victorian students in Prep to Year 9.

Please note all signed consent forms were due Wednesday 29th February 2012. If your child has not returned their form please return them now so that we can register them as soon as possible. To date we have a number of consents outstanding.

The school will maintain the reading list for Grades Prep to 2 but for all students in grades 3-6, please login to the website and update your reading weekly.


Premiers Active Families Challenge

The Challenge has started and all you have to do is get active and have fun with your family! Take the challenge and do 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days between 19 March – 30 April. The more students who register from our school, the more chances we have to win.

Register online at: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge or call 1800 463 684, and remember to include our school’s name when you register.
PE & Sports News
Brendan Newman

Swimming sports

On Friday 9th March, the FPS swimming team competed at Queens Park in the District Swimming Sports. Our swimmers competed in almost every race, which was really fantastic. Everyone tried their best and we had some great results. Congratulations to all the younger students in Grade 3 and 4 who represented our school for the first time.

Flemington also won the Ian Thorpe shield for winning the most points in the larger school division - a terrific effort from a great team. Everyone who competed contributed to the points, whether they came 1st or 9th, which shows how important it is to have a go! We had a really fun day and thanks to Brendan, Katia, Shelly and all the parents for their support.

Well done to Angelina, Rohan, Luca, Sophie, Henry, and Ella for making it through to Regionals on Tuesday, once again we had some great results. Four of our relay teams have also made it through to regionals on Thursday. Good luck to everyone.

By Ella and Rohan

STEP UP & LEARN - Secondary Study Strategies!!!

Did you know that 90% of VCE students just copy out, thinking this is how to learn?

In this exciting extension program your child:

- Will develop creative strategies to make sense of new concepts and complex written material.
- Learns to create meaningful notes.
- Practises re-telling to consolidate and embed new learning.
- Steps up to the challenge of studying for tests and exams.
- Begins to develop metacognition: the ability to understand one’s thinking.
- Learns skills and attitudes which will take them through VCE and beyond.
- Is rewarded by a sense of mastery.

Eligibility

STEP UP & LEARN is an extension program, not a remedial program. To benefit, children must be in Grade 6 and already reading at Year 7 level or above.

The teacher

All classes are delivered by former secondary teacher, Gail Crennan, experienced in teaching from Year 7 to Year 12.

Visible results

Your interest and encouragement is an important part of the process. Each week your child will explain what they have learned, speaking from their own notes.

Tuition 2012

10 x fifty minute weekly sessions cost $390 (Health Care Card holders $190) where groups of 4 students interact and share their discoveries. Classes held at 33 Bank St, Ascot Vale (3 houses from Ascot Vale Primary, and easily accessible by train and tram). For enquiries phone Gail on 0400 769 942 / 9375 3573

Free introductory session for all interested parents:
Monday 26th March, 5.30 – 6.30pm at Flemington Primary School.
Science News
Bruce Ziebell

Students in grades 3 & 4 have been constructing their own sundials and being introduced to the adjustments needed to align the time from the shadow to that shown on our clocks.

The difference between magnetic and true north and its impact and how the sun apparently tracks across our sky have also been introduced.

The students in grades 5 & 6 have been investigating renewable energy as part of their unit on electrical circuits. Students have built model windmills to assist in where would be a possible site for a school windmill and have been using solar panels to power light globes and small electrical motors.
FETE UPDATE
As you will know the fete is scheduled for **Saturday the 28th April @ 2pm to 7pm.** THANK YOU again to all the people that have volunteered to date but we still need lots more helpers to even the load and there are heaps of ways to get involved.

Things are progressing very well, we have an impressive line up of live music all day, including the Police Band at 4pm, and our own senior school ensembles

We are still seeking the following
- Silent Auction Items (products, services, vouchers, holiday rentals, etc)
- 2nd Hand Books, DVD’s, Toys and **KIDS Clothes**
- Plants, seedlings and herbs
- Items for the craft stall
- Volunteers to bake cakes for the day (please fill out form on next page)
- Face painting volunteers

All items should be dropped off at the room behind the LOTE room or office.

Can you make soup, lasagna or cannelloni?
We are looking for people to make soups, lasagna or cannelloni. If you can help please contact Fiona Hiscock at [fiona.hiscock@bigpond.com](mailto:fiona.hiscock@bigpond.com) or fill out form.

**Stall Coordinators**

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We are still seeking sponsorship
We are looking for Gold Sponsors ($1000), Silver Sponsors ($500) and Bronze Sponsors ($250) to help cover the costs of running the fete.

Thank you to Kristine Alleva and Leon Bourke (FPS parents and Directors of Acquum Consulting www.acquumconsulting.com.au) for jumping on board as our first Gold Sponsor.

So, if you would like to come on board as a sponsor, either as an individual or a business, in appreciation of your support you will be acknowledged on sponsor boards at the fete promoting your contribution as well as in Intouch and on the school website. You will have the opportunity to display any brochures or marketing material on the sponsor’s table at the fete and be presented with a professionally designed certificate of appreciation for you to display at your business. It’s a great way to promote your goods or services to the local community! We look forward to hearing from you and we thank you for your consideration of this.

We still need more helpers on the day

Below is a list of times, so if you can assist on the day please fill out the below and leave it in the HUB Pigeon hole (outside office) or contact me directly.

Karin Moore, HUB President via karin.moore@iinet.net.au

Name:............................................................................. Youngest child’s class: .......

Email ................................................................. Mobile Phone:.............................................

I can help out on the day of the Fete with either set-up, cooking, serving or cleanup (please circle)

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If you have a preference for a stall to assist at please let us know.

Stall Preference (if any) ..........................................

I can make a soup, lasagna or cannelloni (what type?)..........................................

I can bake something for the cake stall (what?) .............................................
Pre-purchase your wristbands NOW for unlimited rides at the fete!

WRISTBAND (unlimited rides):
- Giant Super slide
- Jumping Castle
- Kiddie Chair-O-Plane
- Adrenalin Rush obstacle course
- Mini Golf
- Animal Farm

Pre-purchased wristband: $25

GRAB A BARGAIN! You can pre-purchase wristbands from the office which will give you unlimited rides all day at the fete!

Pre-purchased wristbands to be collected on the day so we avoid any potential lost wristbands at home.

Wristband purchased at the Fete: $30 or Single ride ticket: $5

Pre-purchase HERE!

Family Name: ..............................................
Child’s/Children’s Name/s: ...............................
Number of Pre Purchased Wristbands @ $25 required: ..........................................
Total Amount: ..............................................

FETE... 28th April 2012 from 2pm-7pm
Community News

Connect with fun
Connect with friends
Connect with football

Join us for fun and games at Melbourne Phoenix FC
All players welcome!
MPFC is fielding teams from Under 7 to U16 for Boys and Girls Register before March 30th and receive a FFV Participation Pack
For further information visit www.girlsfc.com

DAN DONELLY TENNIS COACHING PROGRAMS
Royal Park T.C. (cnr Park St & The Avenue, Parkville/Brunswick)
PRE EASTER / SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC
April 2 - 5 Mon - Thurs (School breaks up on March 30)

Dear Parents,
First school term finishes Friday March 30, a week before Easter. Parents this clinic is the perfect post school/pre Easter activity, take this opportunity to reserve your child’s place for these crucial dates. Please note, no fees are payable until April 2.

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

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

Coaching Programs Available 2nd Term
- Pee Wee Tennis 5 - 7 year olds
- Free trial lesson for Pee Wees, Sat, April 21 & Thurs, April 28 !!!
- Junior Coaching 8 - 18 year olds. Each afternoon school
- Adult Coaching - Mon & Tues evenings. Parents it’s never too late!!!

Call now to reserve a place for second term. Wishing all families a safe, enjoyable school holiday.

All enquiries call 9347 3604.
Regards
Dan Donnelly, Club Coach Royal Park T.C.

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY
TENNIS CLINICS!

Includes - Technical - Tactical - Tournament

Call: 1300 22 33 86
www.acefuntennisschool.com

Putting the fun back into fundamentals

Free Brazilian Jiu Jitsu course

Give martial arts a go!
Learn the basic techniques of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and get plenty of practice in a friendly environment.

No prior experience necessary.
This free course is open to 8 to 15 year old boys and girls residing in
Remington.

Parental consent is required.
Numbers are limited so get in quickly!

When: Every Tuesday from 7 February to 27 March 2012
Time: 4.30pm-5.15pm
Where: Brengraide Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
105 Dobbs Street, Kensington
(only a 2 minute walk from the Remington estate)

Contact: Vicki Bloom on 9243 3047 to register
CONSENT FOR MEDICATION

NAME OF CHILD:  

GRADE:  

Please provide details of medication, dosage, times, etc.

Medication:  

Dosage:  

Times:  

MEDICATION IS ADMINISTERED AT 1.30PM ONLY  

Comments:  

Please note that ALL medicines are to be clearly labelled with your child’s name and required dosage of medication.  

I consent to school staff supervising the administering of the above medicines to my child.

Signed:  

(Parent / Guardian)  

Date:  

Office Use Only  

Medication Administered

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