Thank you to those parents who have advised their children will not be returning in 2013. This is very helpful when we begin to compile classes and plan teachers for next year and work within the budget limitations. It is also a challenge balancing the needs of 2013 students with financial restrictions, staff changes, families travelling overseas, students transferring schools and new students entering with the wishes of parents. This juggling occurs every year but is more of a challenge this time around so I thank you for your patience.

While most teachers are not writing comments on students’ end of year reports, they are continuing to assess and record progression which will be reflected on the front page of each report. Students who have not attended full time or who have been enrolled for less than one semester will not have progression points shown as there is insufficient information to do so.

This is the result of the ongoing enterprise bargaining situation between DEECD and the AEU and the resulting work bans. http://keepthepromise.com.au/why-is-the-campaign-being-escalated/

Today the Recumbent Bike crew departed for the RACV Human Powered Vehicle Challenge at Maryborough in central Victoria. Accompanied by Sandra McOrist, Bruce Ziebell, David Meyer, Nicola Dziadkiewicz and Fiona Themann, the 25 students are set for an exciting 48 hours.

A large number of parents are also accompanying the team and will supervise, cook for and monitor student wellbeing during the event. We wish them all the very best for a fantastic opportunity and thank teachers and parents for their support.

http://www.racvenergybreakthrough.net/about/
**Pupil of the Week**

**Week beginning 19 November 2012**

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<td>PM</td>
<td>Anh V</td>
<td>For her persistence with reading challenging books. Well done!</td>
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<td>PT</td>
<td>Vallerie H</td>
<td>For confidently using writing strategies when writing about her toy for “What am I?”</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Anthony R</td>
<td>For whole body listening on the floor and trying his best in all areas</td>
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<td>1L</td>
<td>Andreas K</td>
<td>For persisting with his rhyming couplets and producing marvellous poems</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Julia H</td>
<td>For persisting with her reading, writing and maths. Great effort. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>2R</td>
<td>Genna C</td>
<td>For always being a positive, polite and cheerful role model</td>
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<td>Boyd L</td>
<td>For showing confidence when working through measurement tasks</td>
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<td>Monique S</td>
<td>For consistently completing homework tasks to a high standard</td>
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<td>Will T</td>
<td>For his creative and confident approach to the RAK incursion</td>
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<td>Ahmed A</td>
<td>For striving for accuracy when completing all set tasks in class. Well done!</td>
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<td>3S</td>
<td>Kali M</td>
<td>For her consistent effort with her homework and always striving for accuracy</td>
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<td>Miranda G</td>
<td>For striving for accuracy in the recreation of your family’s immigration story</td>
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<td>4J</td>
<td>Claudia CA</td>
<td>For responding with wonderment and awe to new learning and finding humour in the everyday. Keep up the good work!</td>
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<td>Mohamed J</td>
<td>For his effort and practice of self control during the Radio Broadcast</td>
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<td>56C</td>
<td>Oscar W</td>
<td>For striving for accuracy when summarising and organising his research during his biography writing</td>
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<td>Saida A</td>
<td>Striving for accuracy and continuous learning with the school and homework tasks</td>
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<td>56M</td>
<td>Osama A</td>
<td>Striving for accuracy when summarising research into his own words in biography writing and his campaign video for Julia Gillard</td>
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<td>Emily M</td>
<td>For persisting with her biography writing and producing an outstanding text about Gough Whitlam</td>
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**Office News**

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

**Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 8 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by **Monday 3rd December by 9.00am**

*No late orders will be accepted*

*Please note, that orders sent before this date will now be sent to Scholastic as received (except cash which will be processed on the final day). The office will now process orders a couple times a week (for credit and cheque payments only) so the earlier the order, the earlier the children will get their book*

**2013 Preparations**

We are currently finalising teacher placements and class structures for next year. Any families not intending to return to Flemington PS next year are requested to advise Mrs McCarthy in writing as soon as possible.

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.

**EMA**

If you are a current EMA recipient, please remember to return your completed forms by Monday 26th November. EMA forms for 2013 together with 2013 Booklist and essential education expenses were distributed recently with the 2013 Essential Education and Booklist form due back **Friday 30th November**. Please note, a copy of your current health care or concession card is required.

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Hats

Over the last few weeks I have mentioned the need for children to have their hats labelled enabling us to return them if lost. I am still coming across unnamed hats in lost property.

If your child has lost their hat then I suggest they check all of the specialist rooms, if they attend before or aftercare check there as well, I collected a large number of hats from there yesterday and placed them into class pigeon holes.

We still have a number of children who each day, do not have hats to wear. It is part of the school rules that every child wears a broad brimmed hat term 1 and term 4 and we practise a no hat no play policy, this is also enforced during PE sessions and games. It would be appreciated if all children hat their hats at school every day. If all children have their own hat it may reduce the number of hats that go missing.


Skateboards and Penny Boards

We currently appear to have a lot of children bringing skateboards and penny boards to school. As they cannot be placed into the bike racks like scooters and bikes and they are now being taken into the classroom. Unless they are taken to school as part of a school project we would rather that they were kept at home.

Appropriate items for school

Families are reminded that if iPods are bought to school that we are not responsible for them, we would rather that they stay at home.

Chewing gum

Chewing gum is not allowed at school under any circumstances. Please do not allow your child to have chewing gum at school.

Green Travel Plan News

Many people have said we need improvements to Wellington St and Kent St for people walk and riding to school. Crossing of side streets and the Farnham St roundabout are of particular concern.

We can now start talking to our newly elected ward councillors - Cam Nation; Jim Cusack and Nicole Marshall. Cam (cnation@mvcc.vic.gov.au) and Nicole (nmmarshall@mvcc.vic.gov.au) are new councillors, Jim is the new deputy mayor - (jcusack@mvcc.vic.gov.au).

Please take time to email the councillors and tell them you want improvements to Kent St and Wellington St.

The Friday Walking School Bus on Kent St is proving popular. The Friday Morning Kent St bus has taken off with now 4 extra children to walk up. Congratulations to Merric & Lainie A. and Mia & Marco A. for joining our 8.30 am service from Tunbridge St to Flemington Primary School. Hopefully soon we can add some more children and maybe even another shift or 2.

Let Jutta know if you are interested in joining: 0407 841 267 Bart Sbeghen M 0418 231 686 E macbart@bigpond.com

Flemington Fathers First Friday Club

The Flemington Fathers First Friday Club, commonly known as the FFFFC is a group of fathers of children who currently attend or recently attended Flemington Primary School. We meet on the first Friday of the month at the Ascot Vale Hotel from 8pm onwards and find the opportunity to network in a relaxed atmosphere a most enjoyable and rewarding experience.

This year sees the inaugural awarding of scholarships made available by the club, given to two students graduating from the 2012, grade six level.

Our final gathering for 2012 will be held on Friday, December 7th and new members are most welcome.

For more information please contact Ian Bull at bulli@stkevins.vic.edu.au.
Instrumental Music Program
Vern O’Hara - 0403 777 050

2013 Expression Of Interest & Survey

The 2013 Expression of Interest forms were sent home last week. If you are intending to continue lessons next year or would like your child to commence learning an instrument or take up another instrument, could you please complete the form and return it ASAP to your Class teacher or Mr O’Hara. If you didn’t receive a form or have misplaced your copy, spare copies are available from the office or the display racks in the music corridor.

Expressions of Interest must be received by Monday 25th November to be guaranteed of a place.

A blue 2012 survey form was also sent home to all students currently learning music. Could you please complete the survey and return it to Mr O’Hara. The surveys provide valuable feedback to the instrumental teachers and the school on the administration and functioning of the music program at FPS.

End of Year Instrumental Concert- Thursday 13th December

- All FPS ensembles will be performing at the concert including: Senior and Junior Bands, Strings, Choirs, Rock Bands & the String Quintet. The recipients of this year’s Achievement Awards will also be expected to perform a solo at the concert. These awards will mostly be awarded to year 6 students. The teachers will inform the achievement award nominees and organize a piece for them to perform.

- There will be a BBQ preceding the concert, starting at 5 pm. Drinks, cakes, lolly bags and sausage sandwiches will be available for purchase.

- The concert will commence at 6.30 pm and we aiming to finish around 8.30 pm. Entry to the concert is $5.00 adults, children free.

- We will be holding a raffle to raise money for a new electronic drum kit.

- A condensed version of the concert will be held from 2.30 – 3.30 pm to showcase the music program to the students and teachers.

- Anyone who is able to assist by making a cake for the concert, please contact Chris Mizi.

Cello For Sale - $450
Good condition, includes soft case and bow.
1/4 European Standard size or
1/2 Suzuki Standard (body approx 60cm, overall 1m length).
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SOIREEES

- Rosey – piano: Friday 30th November (Hall 6.00 pm)
- Gavin – violin: Friday 30th November (Music Room 6.00 pm)
- Anna – piano: Wednesday 5th December (Hall 6.30 pm)
- Chris – guitar/drums: Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th December (Music Room 3 6.00 pm)
- Leonie – flute/clarinet/recorder: Friday 7th December (Music Room 6.30 pm)
- Lily – singing: Tuesday 11th December (Music Room 6.00 pm)
- Vern – piano: Tuesday 11th December (Hall 6.00 pm)
- Per – trumpet/trombone/tuba: Monday 17th December (Music Room 6.00 pm)

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* For more information, simply contact your School Banking Specialist or the School Banking Helpdesk on 1300 777 888.

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Gym Classes

Gymnastic skills, flexibility and strength classes will be held for the next two weeks at Flemington Primary! All are welcome to join in the fun and learn some new skills before the end of the year.

Tinies & Sub-Juniors (ages 3-9 years): 9.00am-10.30am
Cost: $15

Juniors & Intermediates (ages 10-16): 10.30am-12.30pm
Cost: $20

Hope to see you there!
For any inquiries, contact Robyn on 0408 382 925 or email: robynmorecalisthenics@gmail.com

Visit our website! www.robynmore.com