Congratulations to the Student Representative Councillors who have been elected to represent their classes in the Student Leadership Team this year. Students will be presented with their badges at a later assembly.

2R Hugo I & Rose
3N Nicola & Will
4D Ryan & Lily
56T Wendy & Tim
56M Harry & Lena
2S Marcus & Olivia
3S Jess & Luke I
4J Oliver & Claudia
56 C/T Audrey & Remi
56F Billy & Banisha

The School Council Election process as mandated by DEECD, is now underway and a formal Call for Nominations is included in this week’s In Touch.


Thank you to retiring councillors, Jake Dingle, Peter Pickering and Martin Irwin. Each has contributed significantly to their subcommittees; Music, OSHC and Finance. They are each eligible for re-election. Paul Gold has left the school and has tendered his resignation. The continuing councillors are Brett Hoogenbosch, David Amor, Rose Iser and Jutta Vines Dreier.

There are thus 4 vacancies each for a 2 year term. Nominations are now called for parents willing to serve on the School Council for 2012-2013. Nomination forms are available at the front office and must be returned by 4.00pm next Friday March 2nd.

It has come to our attention that a student in our school has been diagnosed with Impetigo/School Sores, which causes a rash or blisters.

If you notice a rash/blisters on your child’s body please see a medical practitioner who will advise appropriate treatment.

Children will be excluded from school until rash/blisters have cleared.

**InTouch Newsletter**

**Pupil of the Week**  
**Week beginning 22 February 2012**

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<td>Zakiya M.</td>
<td>For getting along with others and making new friends. What a great start to school!</td>
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<td>PP</td>
<td>William M.</td>
<td>For a confident start to his Prep Year.</td>
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<td>PT</td>
<td>Marley S.</td>
<td>For being organised and getting along with others in the first two weeks of prep.</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Francis B.</td>
<td>For confidently contributing to our classroom discussions. Well done Francis!</td>
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<td>1L</td>
<td>Mahdi H.</td>
<td>For displaying such beautiful whole body listening on the floor. Well done!</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Harry P.</td>
<td>For being a positive role model at all times. Well done.</td>
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<td>2R</td>
<td>Osama Z.</td>
<td>For doing his best and getting along with others. Congratulations!</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Trona T.</td>
<td>For her beautiful manners and kind and caring attitude to others.</td>
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<td>2W</td>
<td>Ike T.</td>
<td>For being a caring and considerate classroom member.</td>
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<td>3N</td>
<td>Sara Z.</td>
<td>For her confident start to Grade 3. Well done Sara!</td>
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<td>3S</td>
<td>Daniel A.</td>
<td>For making a great start to the year at FPS. Welcome back!</td>
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<td>3T</td>
<td>Isabella M.</td>
<td>For her positive approach towards starting at a new school.</td>
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<td>4D</td>
<td>Saleh I</td>
<td>For striving for accuracy when writing about his hero.</td>
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<td>4J</td>
<td>Victoria J.</td>
<td>Making a great commitment to being kind! Well done!</td>
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<td>4M</td>
<td>Sarah B.</td>
<td>For always raising her hand and asking questions or sharing her view.</td>
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<td>56C</td>
<td>Ella D.</td>
<td>For an excellent presentation at our parent cyber safety evening.</td>
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<td>56F</td>
<td>A’esha Y.</td>
<td>For setting high standards for herself and others in the classroom.</td>
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<tr>
<td>56M</td>
<td>Larissa C.</td>
<td>For thinking with precision during literacy and producing several high level pieces of writing.</td>
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<td>56T</td>
<td>Zac Z.</td>
<td>For being open to continuous learning by approaching all tasks with enthusiasm and attention to detail.</td>
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**Office News**  
**Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday**

![BPAY](img.png)  
**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.

**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.

**2012 Education Maintenance Allowance**

FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT YET LODGED THEIR EMA APPLICATIONS, PLEASE NOTE THEY MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 2012

No late applications can be accepted

If you applied for the 2012 EMA at the end of 2011 you DO NOT need to reapply.

If you are a holder of a Health Care Card and wish to apply for the EMA, please come by the office, sign a form and we will photocopy your Health Care Card for you.
**Assistant Principal’s Corner**  
*Sandra McOrist*

**Late for school**

Getting to school on time....
As I go about my newest job, being on duty at the lane drop off zone in the morning, I cannot help but be amazed by the number of children who are coming late....either by car or running up the oval...some even come back to the office after collecting a late pass to ask where their class is, they were confused and concerned.

Not a good start to the day...... it is only the 3rd full week of school and we are averaging at least 10 late passes each morning.
Life is extremely busy for all of us, extra curricula activities, meetings, after school care. These things give us even more reason to be organised the night before. When your child has finished their reading or homework get them to put it straight back into their bags. If they need anything for the next day, such as sport or swimming gear, that should also be placed with their bag. **Organisation is the key** here, it is something we stress as parents and teachers.

It is important that the children begin to pack their bags from an early age as it gets them into the habit of getting the school things ready themselves.

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. **A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.**

The first school bell goes at 8:55, we would like all of the children lining up at this time ready to go to class and begin their work for the day.

**Riding bikes in the school ground**

One of the rules at our school is that bikes and scooters are not ridden in the schools grounds in school time, 8:45-4.00pm, these are the times when families are coming to or leaving school. The rules apply to parents and students alike. If your family is riding to school please remember to push the vehicles once in the grounds ensuring that everyone stays safe.

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**SRC News**  
*Katia Scicluna*

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

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**Parking in the staff carpark**

Could all parents please remember that the car park adjacent to the hall is for **staff only**. In the last few weeks it has been difficult for some staff to find car parks. If you are coming to school to visit the office or a class teacher please park in the parks available in the streets around the school.

**Disabled zones**

There are 2 disabled parks in the staff car park. I am aware that the paint is coming off, something which we are trying to fix. However we have members of our school community who require these parks and have been unable to do so because other people have taken these places- without disabled stickers.
Please try to be aware of these parks and leave them for those who need them.

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DEECD News

Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner's Risk

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Principals are requested to remind staff, students and parents/guardians of this at the beginning of this academic year. Staff and students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Prep Information


Subscribers receive an email every Wednesday during school term. The topics covered include what to expect during the first weeks of school, what Preps learn at school, how children learn, numeracy, healthy eating, the importance of play and tips on dealing with school holidays. There will also be links to further resources and online content to help you support your child's learning journey.

First Aid

Flemington Primary School has a well equipped sick bay and 2 First Aid staff on duty each day. There are 4 Level 2 trained staff who are able to deal with more significant issues. Teachers on Yard Duty also carry small first aid kits to deal with minor cuts or scratches.

Students who suffer a more significant injury, bleeding or a bump to the head are immediately escorted to the sick bay. Students who have a head injury or severe bump are reviewed by the Business Manager or Principal prior to being sent back to class. Parents are also notified.

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

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.

The aim of the Challenge is to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge for each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Challenge has begun and officially ends on 10th September 2012. Students in Years 3 to 6 must read 15 books during this period (10 must be from the challenge list). Students in Prep to Year 2 need to read or experience 30 books during this period.

Flemington Primary School aims to have all children registered for the Challenge. Every child received a pink reading challenge permission slip during this week. Last year a number of children did not return their permission forms so missed out on certificates and having their names published.

Please make sure your child returns the signed slip by Wednesday 29th February 2012 so that we can register them as soon as possible.

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.

eLearning News

Bruce Ziebell

Due to issues with DEECD Ultranet servers, class enrolments are not visible on the Ultranet at this time. Once this is rectified, students in Grades 1-6 will upload their Individual Learning Goals for Term 1.

Parent passwords were distributed last year. If these were not activated they will have lapsed and thus need to be reset. Please advise your child’s class teacher if you need access details or password reset.

PE & Sports News

Brendan Newman

The District Swimming Carnival is fast approaching with another training day at the Travancore pool on Wednesday 29th February followed by a training swim at Queens Park pool on Monday 5th March. The District Swimming Carnival is on Friday March 9th at Queens Park pool, and should your child be successful in winning their event, they will be required to swim in the Regional heats on Monday 12th March, however, successful swimmers will not be notified until late on Friday 9th.

Every attempt will be made to allow me to accompany students on the Monday 12th however, parents will need to make arrangements to transport their children to and from the event. As I am sure you will realise, I cannot be released if less than 15 students are involved due to the financial implications for covering PE classes.

The finals and relay events will then be conducted on Wednesday March 14th.

Annual Mouthguard Awareness Campaign

With Winter sport just a few weeks away, the Australian Dental Association has launched its annual mouthguard awareness campaign to call on parents, schools, sporting associations and clubs to make wearing mouthguards mandatory for anyone participating in a contact sport.

Wearing a custom-fitted mouthguard is the easiest way to protect yourself against serious mouth injuries and costly medical bills. We’ve gathered all the information you’ll need to find out why a custom-fitted mouthguard can help, how to choose one and what to do if you are injured playing sport.

You wouldn’t think twice about wearing a bike helmet or a seatbelt, so don’t think twice about wearing a mouthguard.

http://www.mouthguardawareness.info/

Instrumental Music News

Vern O’Hara

Our music program offers the following Ensembles:

- Junior & Senior Choir
- Junior & Senior Strings
- Junior & Senior Band
- Garage Band
- Junior Pop Ensemble

If your child learns an instrument outside of school and is interested in joining any Ensemble, please see Vern.

Piano Key Sale

At our end of year concert last year we auctioned and sold naming rights to the keys of our new grand piano. Some keys are still available for sale with prices ranging from $20, $40 and $60.

If you are interested in purchasing a key please contact office staff.

The Hub News

Karin.moore@iinet.net.au

The Hub AGM

The Hub AGM will be held on Thursday 1st March at 7.30pm at Pepper Café, Pin Oak Crescent, Flemington. Please contact me if you require further information.

Flemington PS FETE! - SAVE the DATE

Saturday 28 April 2pm-7pm

We are organizing our first fete in 4 years. There will be fantastic rides, including the Giant Superslide, as well as live music, delicious food, coffee cart, cakes, drinks and exciting stalls. We are looking for donations of craft, 2nd hand books, toys, DVD’s and Kids’ clothes. Start putting things aside and we’ll let you know when and where you can drop them off. Please join us at the next Hub meeting, email me, or speak with your child’s teacher if you can help in any way. There will be more details to follow.

OSHC News

Camp Australia now manage the Before & After School Care program. All bookings, absences and payments need to be made through the Camp Australia website.

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"Come and try Karate. Here in the School gym on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4.00pm for beginners. 2 free sessions and a FREE Karate uniform on joining!! Learn self defence, increase your personal confidence and have fun all at the same time! Call Amelia on 0407320333 or visit www.artofdefence.com.au"

DO YOU LIKE SINGING & SOCIALISING?

JOIN VOCE DI VINO ROSSO

THE FLEMINGTON PARENTS & FRIENDS' CHOIR

We are currently seeking new adult members to join our choir. We meet at 7:30pm for an hour every Monday night and sing a range of song styles.

The warm up always commences with a glass of wine (or water) and a chat followed by singing, occasional hilarity, and yes, more singing. No experience or auditions required as we learn as we go. We perform at school and community events throughout the year.

Come and share your passion for singing and meet some more locals. To express your interest, call Gill Gurrter (our choir leader) on 0448 580 924. We look forward to hearing from you.

ROTUNDA IN THE WEST

2 SPECIAL EVENTS KICK OFF 2012!

4th Annual TWILIGHT POETRY BUS

with fabulous poet

CATE KENNEDY KRISTIN HENRY

FRIDAY 16 MARCH

5:30 pm approx. 9:30 pm

Our poets take you on an inspiring ride to a

red double-decker bus to gorgeous city places.

And at each site, sing in a circle. The stops are

randomly set in your setting style so they

result in an exciting and unusual evening.

See a short film of last year's Poetry Bus at

www.thewest.com.au, our website for all details.

PICK UP/ DROP OFF at Victoria University campus, or Flinders St. Swanston Street.

250-270 seated

$20/15 concessions

www.thesouthbank.com.au

Contact: 8880 4161 or

www.victoriauniversity.com.au

Parkside: Footy by the River

Auskick Registration has Opened

We cater for all kids from Kindy to Grade 6 and already have a number of families from your school. No experience required, the main objective is to provide healthy fun activities. Auskick sessions are every Friday (from 5 to 6pm) from April to August. We will also have a few social events, some half time games during the Parkside senior games, and a half time game at Richmond/GC for the more senior kids. You can register on line at the Auskick website (see below) or call Gary (details below) for more details.

We will also have junior footy teams in under 9 and under 10. Call Ray (details below) for more information.

Venue: Moreton Oval

Fawkner Avenue, Footscray (near Flemington Racecourse & Edgeware Estate)

Contact: Auskick Gary Marshall 0438 949 383

Junior Football Ray Barber 0411 093 920

YES! OF COURSE YOU CAN DANCE!

AT

DANCE THEATRE

BALLET, TAP, JAZZ, HIPHOP

FIRST LESSON FREE

Where: Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre

510 Stuart St, Ascot Vale.

Enquiries: 0421309598

Email: dance@ascotvale.vic.as

Principal: Reckere Boyd

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