DIARY DATES

MON, 28 MAY
School Council Meeting 7.00pm

FRI, 8 JUNE
Pupil Free Day – Assessment

MON, 11 JUNE
Queen’s Birthday holiday
Children do not attend school

TUES, 12 JUNE
Grade 3 excursion to the Water Treatment Plant

THURS, 14 JUNE
Grade 4 excursion to the Water Treatment Plant

FRI, 15 JUNE
District Soccer Tournament

TUES, 19 JUNE
MUSICA VIVA whole school

WED, 20 JUNE
Prep excursion

THURS, 21 JUNE
Instrumental Music Concert

TUES, 26 JUNE
Parent Teacher Interviews

THURS, 28 JUNE
Parent Teacher Interviews

FRI, 29 JUNE
End of Term 2 Students dismissed at 2.30pm

MON, 2 JULY
Vacation Care Program

WED, 10-FRI, 12 OCTOBER
Grade 3/4 Camp at Lake Dewar

TUES, 15-FRI, 19 OCTOBER
Grade 5/6 to Canberra

SAT, 20 OCTOBER
Solar Boat Challenge at Scienceworks

THURS, 22 - SAT 24
NOVEMBER
Recumbent Bike Challenge at Maryborough

TUES, 27- WED 28 NOVEMBER
Grade 2 Camp – Lady Northcote

Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

Congratulations to our Cross Country team on their achievements at the Zone event at Aberfeldie Park last Friday. Children ran over 2 or 3 km depending on their age group and battled fierce competition from other runners as well as the cold and windy conditions. Audrey H. and Emily M. will now compete in the level of Cross Country.

The Jump Rope For Heart skipping activity on Monday was very successful and thanks go to Brendan and Emma for their hard work. The Demonstration Team performed some amazing routines and tricks and are to be commended on their persistence, athleticism and ingenuity. Everyone is much fitter for the exercise.

On Monday, we hosted a visit by Mr. Frank Urbancic Jr, the US Consul General based in Melbourne. This was Frank’s first visit to a primary school in Australia and he was very impressed with our school. He addressed the student leaders and SRC students and answered their very intelligent questions. He also shared his background and educational path with them and encouraged each of them to work hard on the areas they found difficult, not just the areas they enjoy.

Thanks to School Council President, Peter Pickering, for joining in with this experience. Well done to the Student Leaders who led the tour of the school and explained our education system to Frank.
**Care Member of the Week**  
*Week beginning 5 September 2011*

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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 you receive a sticker place it on the card and when the 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.

**Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 4 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by **Tuesday, 5 June 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.

**iBPAY**

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.
Assistant Principal’s Corner
Sandra McOrist

Lost Property

During this term our lost property box has been overflowing. Parents are reminded to label all clothing with their children’s name so that items can be returned to their classroom. If items are not labelled they will be placed into the 2nd hand uniform box.

Spare Clothing

Winter is fast approaching us, bringing the wet weather with it and slippery accidents. Parents could you please send along extra clothing for all younger students as the office only have limited small sizes available

Also if any parents have small size pants they could donate it would be greatly appreciated.
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF READING

As parents we know how important it is to read regularly to our children. But how often is best? Experts suggest reading with your child every day, but this may not always be possible. So, as a minimum, try to read with your child at least four times a week. Reading with your child can create a love of reading and help develop and expand their literacy and reading skills.

At school, your child’s teacher is helping your child understand how letters and sounds are related. They draw on your child’s existing knowledge of the alphabet by getting them to write individual letters or M100W words while connecting these with the sounds the letters make. They reinforce this knowledge by allowing time in the school day for your child to listen and respond to a range of simple texts, including books read aloud, listening post and computer books.

Asking your child what they read or listened to today will help you understand what’s happening in school reading.

So what more can you do?

Choose books with your child

- Actively involve your child in selecting the books you’ll read together. Helping your child select their own reading will give them a sense of anticipation, and ownership of the stories they’ll read with you.
- Look at the cover of the book, the title and the illustration. Ask your child what they think the book will be about. Talk about the book and who wrote the story. If you’ve read other stories by the author, share your thoughts and memories about them.
- Listen carefully as your child reads. Hear how they are saying the words, how confident they are, how fast or slow they are reading, and what words they are stumbling over.
- Help your child with words that are difficult. Ask your child to stretch out the word or to try and guess the word by looking at the pictures or what is happening. Don’t be concerned if they don’t get the word right the first time. Tell them what the word is after they’ve tried to work it out themselves and then move on with the story.
- Encourage and praise your child for their efforts at reading aloud.
- Take turns. Read a paragraph and then have your child read the next one. As your child becomes more at ease with reading aloud, take turns to read a full page.
- Stop every so often and chat about the storyline. Together, imagine what might happen next. Make this a time when your child’s imagination can fly, encouraging outrageous or funny ideas about what might happen next.

- When reading to your child use a variety of voices and intonations, and actions as well. This will help bring the story alive for your child. It will also help you maintain interest in the story.
- Reading more difficult stories will help expand your child’s interests and tastes, as well as expose them to new words and ideas. Begin by reading stories to your child that they can’t read themselves; then try taking turns.
- Point out interesting words to your child while reading together. Imagine what the word might mean – even if you know, let your child ‘discover’ the word’s meaning by using their imagination or guessing.
- Serialise longer stories, reading just one chapter or one part of the book each night. You can begin by asking your child what they remember about the story so far. At the end of story time you could ask your child what they think is going to happen next.

Talk about reading

- Encourage your child to talk about their reading, telling the story in their own words and in their own way.
- Show your child that you value reading by reading yourself and telling your child about what you are reading. This can be reading lists, notes, cards, letters, newspapers, magazines, novels, or web pages.
- Conversations with you and other adults helps your child learn new words and practise telling a story — both are linked to better reading skills.

Helping your child succeed

If your child selects a book to read, that’s a sign of success. If your child reads aloud, that’s a sign of success. If your child finishes one book and asks for another, that’s a sign of success.

Remember, every child learns to read at their own rate. Encouraging your child’s reading ability; supporting their attempts and celebrating your child’s skills will help your child become a reader who enjoys reading for life.
THE GLOBAL EXPERIENCE THROUGH YOUTH ROTARY EXCHANGE

In July 2012 students from over 10 countries around the world will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for a year.

The ROTARY CLUB OF FLEMINGTON is hosting a student from California, USA and there are another 11 students arriving from countries including Brazil, Finland, Germany, USA and Denmark.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, for your children to experience another young person’s education and life experience and for you to establish a lifelong link to a family in another country while contributing to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, for a 16 year old, contact us today.

Lesley McCarthy – 9376 7137 flemington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Chris Drenen - 0421 085 000 chris.drenen@bdlegal.com.au

In Touch e-Newsletter

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.

Instrumental Music Program

Vern O’Hara

Mid Year Instrumental Concert

The mid year concert will be held on Thursday 21st June. There will be a BBQ 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.

Amanaska

The multi-media group “Amanaska” will be performing for the students on Tuesday 19th June. The students have been participating in pre-visit activities in music to prepare them for the visit. Amanaska uses technology to combine rhythmic, melodic and visual elements to bring to schools an engaging multimedia multicultural performance. Amanaska show the students just how easy it is to create their own compositions by demonstrating principals of recording, looping, layering and sampling throughout their performances.

The Prep, Grade 1 and 2 students will attend a performance at 10.00am-11.00 am and the Grade 3 to 6 students will attend a performance at 11.30am – 12.30pm. Interested parents are welcomed to attend one of the concerts.

Shades 4 Aids

On the 29th May, Flemington Primary School will be raising money for aids. So bring a gold coin and your sunnies to wear on the day.

Don’t forget!!!

Banisha and Billy
*** 2012 BOOK DAY ***

[Images of children dressed up as book characters, holding books and posing for photos.]

[Images of children in costume, some on stage, some in the audience, some standing in front of a display board.]
Sport & PE News
Brendan Newman

District Cross Country Carnival

On May 18th students from Flemington Primary represented our school at the district cross country carnival and what a fantastic day it was. With the forecast of rain and showers, the weather was very unpredictable but our students persevered.

Every student was successful in their run to complete their 2 or 3 kilometre run displaying determination and willpower. It was obvious all the hard training had paid off.

After a very tough competition, our school placed 5th overall, an amazing achievement.

Special mention to Audrey H and Emily M who placed 2nd and 4th respectfully in the 12/13 year old girl age group, making it through to the Moonee Ponds, Western Ranges and Maribyrnong Division Cross Country Championships to be held at Brimbank Park on June 20th. We wish them all the very best!
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 babysitter.

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

Join your friends for Fun Family Fitness!

Come and try Karate

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

Whilst overseas during the summer break our Integration Aide Nuum Abdala came across an orphanage trying to raise funds for the maintenance of their broken down tractor.

The orphanage was established in 1996 at Negell Soena town of Guji zone in Oromia regional state, Ethiopia and support orphan children, most of whom have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS and some who have been abandoned.

We are requesting the aid of our school families to assist the orphanage by making donations.

Donations can be made at the office by cash, credit card or cheque (cheques to be made out to Flemington Primary School).
9:30—
4.00pm
$450

Registration includes lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments and a set of the Girltopia cards (RRP $62.50).

Payment will be required to secure your place in the workshop as places available are limited.

For registration forms and all details please email

girltopia@janebennett.com.au
or contact Andrea Philipp on 03 5443 3987
or 0427 177 314
Gateway to the World
Flemington Community Centre

Eritrean Cafe

Thursday, 7 June 2012

10am—12noon Cooking Demonstration

12noon—2pm Café open

Cost is $6 per meal

Learn about the Eritrean culture of Africa. Learn how to cook their traditional food at a free cooking demonstration. Then enjoy the food whilst you immerse yourself in the delights of Eritrea; their music, dance, dress, art, craft and culture.

Please RSVP by Tuesday 5 June
Phone 8325 1805 or email
RKennedy@mvcc.vic.gov.au