Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

The weather this week has ranged from cool and very wet to today’s scorching temperatures. It is a timely reminder that children need clothing appropriate to the weather and that hats are mandatory! It is also recommended that every child has a water bottle so they are able to refill this during the day and remain hydrated.

Congratulations to the Recumbent Bike team who returned to school on Monday, tired but exhilarated from their adventure. My sincere thank you to the staff and parents who volunteered their time to assist and supervise and enabled the children to have such a wonderful experience.

Today we have hosted a number of visitors from other schools and from overseas. Jess Brown from the Victorian Association for Environmental Education brought a visiting professor from Sweden, Per-Olov Ottosson, to see the environmental and sustainability education and measures we are at FPS. Lawson and Emily were tour leaders as we view our progress towards accreditation as a ResourceSmart AuSSI school.

Bruce Ziebell and Nicola Dziadkiewicz hosted several visitors from Germany and Taiwan as part of the work we have been doing with Deakin University Science Department on the EqualPrime Research Project. Bruce has been participating in the video capture of him teaching with Grade 4 students to demonstrate Science practice in primary schools. He and Nicola will also attend the AARE Conference this weekend.

We have also had visitors participating in an iPad workshop with Phill Cristofaro and Beyond the Box and an Autism transition program with our network psychologist.

Student Leaders have again led school tours in a confident and articulate manner.

DIARY DATES

THU, 29 NOVEMBER
Grade 1 Movie night

FRI, 30 NOVEMBER
Rosie’s Piano Soiree 6pm
Gavin’s Cello Soiree

TUES, 4 DECEMBER
Prep Transition 9.00-11.00
Grade 6 Metro Incursion
WED, 5 DECEMBER
Prep Excursion – Lego

Parent Helper Morning Tea
Anna’s Piano Soiree
Chris’ Guitar & Drum Soiree #1

THURS, 6 DECEMBER
Chris’ Guitar & Drum #2

FRI, 7 DECEMBER
Leonie’s Woodwind Soiree 6.30pm

SUN, 9 DECEMBER
Senior Choir at Moonee Valley Carols
7pm -10pm

TUES, 11 DECEMBER
Prep Transition 9.00-11.00
Grade 6/Year 7 Transition Day
Vern’s Piano Soiree
Lily’s Singing Soiree

WED, 12 DECEMBER
Prep Twilight Day 11am - 5pm

THURS, 13 DECEMBER
Instrumental Music Concert for whole school 2.30-3.30

Instrumental Music Concert 5.00-9.30
MON, 17 DECEMBER
Carols afternoon 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Per’s Trumpet/trombone soiree
Mount Alexander College Year 12 Graduation

TUES, 18 DECEMBER
Grad 6 Graduation

WED, 19 DECEMBER
Grad 6 BIG DAY OUT
FRI, 21 DECEMBER
School finishes at 1.00pm
**Pupil of the Week**

**Week beginning 26 November 2012**

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<td>For making a fantastic bear at the Teddy Bear’s Picnic</td>
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<td>Olivia T</td>
<td>For being a good friend and role model when getting along with others</td>
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<td>Evie Z</td>
<td>For showing confidence when working through maths tasks</td>
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<td>Salah A</td>
<td>For making a great moving toy. Well done Salah!</td>
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<td>Jakob H</td>
<td>For always listening during our class oral presentations and form asking excellent questions</td>
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<td>Brooke W</td>
<td>For persisting with letter names and sounds throughout the year. Well done Brooke!</td>
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<td>Alarice K</td>
<td>For making great discoveries about mass and capacity in Maths. Super job!</td>
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<td>Andrew S</td>
<td>For his enthusiasm and creativity during our Legoland excursion</td>
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<td>For his enthusiasm and expert knowledge when designing and building simple machines this term</td>
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<td>Will H K</td>
<td>For demonstrating leadership and enthusiasm when participating in the Legoland activities</td>
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<td>For her creative and thoughtful drawings in her prep buddy book</td>
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<td>For her enthusiasm and persistence in completing set tasks. Well done!</td>
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<td>Bindy C</td>
<td>For consistently applying a focused effort on presenting her family’s immigration story</td>
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<td>Monique I S</td>
<td>For thinking inter dependently with her ad agency group and displaying enthusiasm and imagination. Well done!</td>
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<td>For improving her concentration and independent work skills and for asking questions</td>
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<td>For striving for accuracy when summarising and composing her speech for the Wax Museum</td>
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<td>Maddie C</td>
<td>For remaining open to continuous learning by contributing to class discussions and taking on feedback from peers and teachers</td>
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**Office News**

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

Any families who are leaving Flemington PS at the end of the year are asked to put this in writing as soon as possible to assist with class placements. Also, any families 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 3rd December. 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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Sandra McOrist

Illnesses and injuries

We have recently had children who have hurt themselves or have been vomiting but who have not told anyone or contacted the office.

We cannot stress enough the importance of children telling the classroom or yard duty teacher that they are ill or have injured themselves. When they do we are able to monitor and evaluate the situation and contact parents.

I would ask parents to remind their children to seek the assistance of the classroom or yard duty teacher at all times.

People in the School Grounds

As the nights become longer and the weather warmer we tend to have a range of unwanted people in the school grounds.

We encourage our families to use the variety of play equipment and the oval on the weekend but are concerned when the remains of parties that may endanger the safety of our students are left around the school grounds.

Remember that if people are using the school grounds inappropriately we encourage families to ring the police so they can move them on.

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.

Green Travel Plan

Cr Nicole Marshall met us (Jutta and I) on Monday to listen to our concerns about Kent St and Wellington St.

A traffic management plan is being prepared by council for the whole of Flemington Hill which may bring some improvements as it aims to reduce the amount of “rat running” through the neighbourhood.

I encourage you to get involved in the plan when released and let council know of your concerns, especially with walking or riding to school.

Keep riding, walking and scootering!

Bart Sbeghen
E macbart@bigpond.com M 0418 231 686
Curriculum News

Recumbent Bike: Grade 6 Elective Program

I’d personally like to congratulate each of the 25 students who represented Flemington Primary School in the 22nd RACV Energy Breakthrough event in Maryborough last weekend.

The meticulous research, gruelling physical training, in depth mechanical knowledge and community liaisons from over 3 terms culminated last weekend in the spectacular event. It is always so fulfilling to observe the teamwork, co-dependency and autonomy of our students at this event and this year was certainly no exception.

I’ll let the students’ recounts below do all the talking, however it would be remiss of me to not thank all the people who assisted along the way to make this extra-curricular event possible. To all these people, thank you for your generous time, effort, headaches, resilience and great humour, this was a program thoroughly enjoyed by all!

- Sandra - Bruce - Nicola
- Fiona - Cullen/Doyle Family - Davies Family
- Amor Family - Bello Family - Clark Family
- Dingle Family - Gagnani Family - Harrold Family
- Mizis Family - Paschalidi Family - Sampson Family
- Simpson Family - Anderson-Cleary Family - Comande Family
- Douglas Family - Filipovic Family - Langsam Family
- Lowe Family - McLaren Family - Spano Family
- Volling Family - Holden Mentor Program
- Barry Cox & CTD Racing
- Happy Apple Ascot Vale - Bart Sbeghan (Bicycle Vic)

All the official results for our HPV Primary category can be found by downloading the pdf from the link below, look for our two teams Pocket Rockets & Just Another Team.
http://www.racenergybreakthrough.net/results/2012-results/

Bring on 2013!
Dave Meyer

Education for Sustainable Development

Per-Olov Ottosson is a Swedish inspector in the European schools which are schools in Europe for children of employees in the EU. He is also a member of the Board of Inspectors in Brussels; is responsible for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and the Swedish award offered by the Agency called “Schools working for a sustainable development” and the Swedish schools abroad and for teaching Swedish abroad supported by the Swedish Government. Per-Olov takes an active part in the work with ESD in UNESCO the UN program, he is on the board of the “Keep Sweden Tidy Foundation” (sister organisation with Keep Australia Beautiful).

He was also involved introducing the Eco School-program in Sweden and offering Environmental Education for schools and the business sector.
**Instrumental Music Program**

**Vern O’Hara - 0403 777 050**

**2013 Expression Of Interest & Survey**

The 2013 Expression of Interest forms were sent home recently and were due back 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 to Mr O’Hara urgently.

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 preceeding 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 Mizis.

**SOIREEs**

- 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)

**Cello for Sale**

1/4 size European (1/2-size Suzuki)
60cm body length or 1m overall. Great condition, with a couple of scratches to wood finish. This instrument has a terrific tone. Includes padded soft case and bow. $450 ono. Call Sophie 0400 888 441

**Viola for sale**

14-inch Rafel viola in velvet-lined hard case complete with bow and chin rest. Excellent condition and well looked after. Wonderful-sounding student instrument. $280 ono. Call Sophie 0400 888 441
DEC / JAN SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS!

DEC : Mon 17th – Wed 19th 2012
JAN : Mon 21st – Wed 23rd 2013

Little Joey (4 – 6 years) 9.30am to 11am
Mon Tue Wed Cost 3 days $60 or daily $22
Hot Shots (7 – 17 years) 9.30am to 12.30pm
Mon Tue Wed Cost 3 days $110 or daily $40
Hot Shots (7 – 17 years) 9.30am to 3pm
Mon Tue Wed Cost 3 days $180 or daily $65

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– Kensington Banks Tennis Club

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Free Sports Fitness Session

Do your kids love playing sport?
Does your child want to be the best they can be at their favourite sport?
Do you want your child to be active and healthy and still have a lot of fun?

Fit Family is providing a free Kids Sports Fitness Sessions to support children in their preferred sport.

Whether it’s an individual or team-based sport, these sessions will provide children with the fundamentals to improve their balance, reaction times, and fitness while focussing on safety.

We’re helping local kids be the best they can be.
The first Free Sports Fitness Sessions will be held at the following times and locations:

Saturday December 8th
8am Strathmore Primary School
10am Flemington Primary School

Simply call 1300 799 663 or email fitfamily@fitfamily.com.au to book in!

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Dan Donnelly, Club Coach Royal Park T.C.
Robynmore Calisthenics College
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.

Takes & Sub-Juniors (ages 3-9 years): 8:00am-10:30am
Cost: $15

Juniors & Intermediates (ages 10-16): 10:30am-12:30pm
Cost: $20

Hope to see you there!
For any enquiries, contact Robyn on 0403 382 905 or email: robynmorecalisthenics@gmail.com

Visit our website: www.robynmore.com

Flemington Communities
Online launch

Flemington Communities Online is a place where you can connect with the community around you. The website offers information on topics including:

- Employment
- Education
- Sports
- Health
- Legal Advice
- and many other services.

This information will help you get to know the people and services in the local community.

We hope that you can contribute to the success of the website by adding to it, sharing it with others, and using the information to empower your ties within the Flemington Community.

Please join us for the launch of Flemington Communities Online at Flemington Community Centre (12am Wednesday the 5th December 2013)

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We have only made a limited number of cakes and these are available for pre-ordering via this form. All cakes will be gift-wrapped and will be ready for collection on 16th December 2012 (more details to follow).

The cakes are valued at $35 each.

**** All proceeds will go directly towards Prep – Year 2 Readers ****

Flemington Primary School

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Note: Eftpos / Credit Card payments can also be made at the Office after 8.16am.
**Recumbent Bike Recounts**

Hi I’m Audrey as you know some of the year 6’s have been training hard since term 2 for an extra-curricular activity called Recumbent Trike, RACV Energy Breakthrough.

Recumbent Trike was the best experience I have had in Primary School! We arrived at school on Thursday morning at 8:15 to take the roll call and organise the trikes. Then we took off to Maryborough. The ride was two hours and everyone was extremely excited.

When we got to Princes Park Oval everyone set up camp. All you could see was tents, tents and more tents! It took about two hours to set up camp and then we started the presentations. The riders for the two trikes, 'Just Another Team' and 'Pocket Rockets' did an oral presentation about RACV Energy Breakthrough, which both went fantastically. Then we all went to scrutineering. Just Another Team passed with no trouble but sadly my trike 'Pocket Rockets' had a few minor issues that were easy to fix but still cost us points.

We then started the practice rides to determine where we started, Sophie and I were up first. I was extremely excited so was everyone else. The very first lap we did I rolled over and hurt my knee, it was awesome! Everyone did rotations. We had two crashes at the end of the day, Yosl had also rolled over.

After the practice rounds we found out where we were going to start the next day in the real race. We were starting 19th in Pocket Rockets and 49th in Just Another Team, out of 79 trikes! We thought of this as a great achievement.

The next day everyone woke early even though the riding started at 12:00 that day. When we started, Sophie and I were starting first again. We were extremely nervous. The temperature reached 30 degrees, it was so hot in between the races we had to go to the local pool to cool down, which was also very fun.

The race started off to a great start with everyone riding fantastically. We had three crashes with David, Jack and Curtis! Pocket Rockets was coming 20th that day but, sadly moved backwards to 32nd due to flat tyres, but the pit crew went to work and pumped them back up. Just Another Team also doing well coming in 33rd.

The next and sadly last morning half of us who were riding first up had to wake at 5:00am! They went to the pits and set up. The race started off wonderfully, pit crew all working hard. The end of the race was amazing with Ella and Claudia being the last riders. They came in a big line of all the 79 trikes and then we all lifted up the trikes and carried them back to the campsite. This was one of my highlights of going to Recumbent Trike which was all packed up thanks to the group two riders and teachers and parents.

We all sadly left the camp site that Saturday. Everyone that went thought this was the most fantastic experience that they have had in Year 6.

Thank you so much to the teachers and parents for making this possible and thank you for all the yummy food.

By Audrey H

At 8:15 am on Thursday the 22 of November the whole of the Flemington Primary 2012 Recumbent Trike Team started to depart to Maryborough. When we arrived we had to set up tents. Once they were set up we had to perform the presentation with "Just Another Team" going first. They did very well. Then it was my bike’s go "Pocket Rockets". We tried our best but did not score amazingly. Pocket Rockets came 42 with Just Another Team coming 37. We all tried and we did well.

By David C and Yosl L

What I enjoyed at The RACV Energy Breakthrough was the fact that all the training we did back at school all paid off!

By Curtis S
Where do I start? Recumbent Bike was a fantastic experience that I would definitely recommend to everyone in the school. Our school has two bikes, 'Pocket Rocket' and 'Just Another Team'. We had a team of 26 go up to Maryborough but by day three we were down to 24. We had eight girl riders and eight boy riders.


We had nine pit crew to start with and ended up with seven. Pocket Rockets pit crew were Harry, Olivia, Sarah and Sam. In Just Another Team the pit crew were, Sophie, Banisha, Eugene, Jessie and Sequoia.

Six people crashed out of our school with Audrey starting us off on the practice run. Ella and Claudia finished us of at the race and leaving us with a placement of 32nd for Just Another Team and Pocket Rockets coming 42nd. We all did a great job and want to thank Shelly, David, Fiona, Bruce, Nicola and also to all the parents.

I think that everyone should try and get involved with this project as it is a great experience and the best thing that I have ever done.

For the past three terms a group of twenty-five kids have been a part of the recumbent trike elective preparing for the RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge. We practiced our fitness skills and were put to the test with 2 beep tests and riding time trials (some other kids and I choose to be pit crew not knowing what we were getting into) all to choose the 16 riders.

The riders trained and researched while the pit crew were fixing and replacing parts of the bike in our weekly session and eventually on the 22nd of November, we all travelled to Maryborough to compete in the RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge. It was great fun and was very tiring.

The first day for the pit crew was putting tents up, registering and then sitting in the sun waiting for the riders to finish their presentations and scrutineering. While the second day was an early start and straight off to the track, while all the pit crew changed numerous tubes, put signs up and fixed flats, the riders rode like the wind then relaxed in our homemade foot spa (cold tubs of water and a spray bottle.) after a slight snooze we were back up to do another half a day at the track.

Each person in our team did seven hours at the track. In the end the pocket rockets came 42nd and just another team came 32nd. It was a great weekend and I’d like to say a massive thank you to all of the teachers and parents who helped out.

Just Another Team were:

Pocket Rocket team were:
Emily M, Claudia B, Audrey H, Victoria P, Yosl L, Lachy M, Jack F, David C

And the pit-crew:
Harry L, Jesse D-L, Olivia H, Eugene T, Sarah C, Sam V, Sophie A, Sequoia S, Banisha G

By Wendy D

By Harry L
Hi I’m Emily and Recumbent Trike was the best experience in my whole primary school years! I loved every moment and I wish I could go back and do it all again! We have been preparing for over two terms and our hard work really paid off at the presentations. We had to study and know every answer to the questions the judges asked us (believe me, they asked a LOT of questions!). We started off with a two hour drive on the 22nd of November, but my drive was more like two and a half hours because I was in the truck...

When we got to Princes Park Oval it looked like a tent department store. A strip of the oval was marked out for us to put our tents in, and we took around two hours setting our tents up. Then we looked at our friends tents after lunch. We were due to start presentations at 2:30 but Just Another Team were at 1:30. The Pocket Rocket Team were so nervous that we would stuff up our lines but in the end we aced it.

Scrutineering was next and our trike was the lightest out of all of the other trikes 23.1 kgs. After a few adjustments to our trikes we were ready to ride. At six o clock we did a practise with the other 79 trikes that were competing to determine our starting place. I was second to ride and I was so nervous, but as soon as I got into the trike I felt awesome. We finished at eight o clock and then literally fell into sleep after dinner.

The next day, I had a nice 6:30 wake up call (Not!!!) and had breakfast with everyone else. We were due to start riding at 12:00 but before then we had to entertain ourselves. The waiting was the worst part of recumbent trike because I was so jittery and kept jumping up and down. When the riding finally started we were 19th thanks to yesterday. We kept riding for two hours before handing it over to the other group. It was so hot and we all jumped straight into the freezing cold pool and then jumped out because it was too cold. All too soon we were back in the trike and riding again and trying to move up on the ladder.

After dinner and switching with the other group again we had our final night ride for the day from eight o’clock to nine o’clock. I was the last rider and when we finished everyone in the team was holding glow sticks and cheering for our trikes. Unfortunately I didn’t get a glow stick.

The next day I woke up at the same time as the other day and we rode until 11:00. We finished carrying the trikes above our heads back to the campsite, really proud of ourselves. We finished 42nd out of 79 and Just Another Team finished 37th. We got delayed in the morning though because we had to change so many tyres but we are extremely proud of our efforts and results.