There was great excitement in the school this morning as Student Leader voting was conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission.

The candidates have been running their election campaigns, have produced posters, flyers and given speeches to their electorate. Students in years 4 & 5, SRC representatives and staff have all voted for the School Captains, Student Leaders and House Captains for 2013.

The results will be announced at the end of year assembly and students will be presented with their badges of office in 2013.

Congratulations to all candidates on their nomination and their campaign speeches.

Good luck to all!

Bruce Ziebell and Nicola Dziadkiewicz were invited to attend last weekend’s AARE-APERA conference in Sydney. The research project with which they have been involved through Deakin University was one of the presentations. Also at the conference were many noted educational researchers and an interesting perspective on performance pay for teachers.

Student reports will be sent home on Friday 14th December. Parents are reminded that due to ongoing and unresolved enterprise bargaining lasting almost two years, teachers who are members of the AEU are not providing written comments on reports.

Yesterday I attended a workshop to hear from the DEECD Secretary, Richard Bolt, about the new directions for education “Towards Victoria as a Learning Community”. This is the Government’s broad vision for school education reform, with a focus on autonomy, professional trust and partnerships and reforms which include new expectations for professional practice, increased autonomy for schools, rigorous accountability arrangements, enhanced support for schools, and a commitment to strengthening partnerships. Consultation on the new Compact is being sought now.

Pupil of the Week
Week beginning 3 December 2012

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<td>Phoenix H C</td>
<td>For being persistent when making an amazing rocket for our prep toy exhibition</td>
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<td>PP</td>
<td>Benjamin L</td>
<td>For staying focused and showing leadership skills in all classes</td>
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<td>PT</td>
<td>Josh P</td>
<td>For finishing his Magic 100 Words. Great work Josh!</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Fadumo J</td>
<td>For her fantastic work on KWL when reading a class book about volcanoes and earthquakes</td>
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<td>Ana M</td>
<td>For her fantastic boat design in our capacity lesson. Well done!</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Ahmed Y</td>
<td>For trying his best in reading groups. Well done!</td>
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<td>2R</td>
<td>Hao T</td>
<td>For her confidence and cheerful personality during our grade 2 camp. Well done Hao!</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Olivia A</td>
<td>For her hardworking approach and always challenging herself when completing set tasks</td>
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<td>Hugo G</td>
<td>For participating with enthusiasm and confidence during camp activities</td>
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<td>Yahaya A</td>
<td>For his keen observations when measuring the area of the down ball court</td>
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<td>Garnet B</td>
<td>For his excellent co-operation with his advertising campaign team</td>
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<td>Amelie P D</td>
<td>For her interesting and creative story about 3 cucumbers</td>
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<td>Nasteha H</td>
<td>For great teamwork when focused on her passion project</td>
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<td>4J</td>
<td>Kiet N L</td>
<td>For her positive attitude and cheerful demeanour in all her learning. Keep on smiling!</td>
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<td>Henry D</td>
<td>For being open to continuous learning with his maths and iPad tasks</td>
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<td>56C</td>
<td>S Francis</td>
<td>For his flexibility in thinking when creating his passion project on a journey through space</td>
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<td>56F</td>
<td>Banisha G</td>
<td>For being open to continuous learning by approaching all tasks with enthusiasm and attention to detail</td>
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<td>56M</td>
<td>Seth M</td>
<td>His outstanding self-motivation and striving for accuracy when building his terrarium – a real life oasis for his pet blue tongue lizard</td>
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<td>56T</td>
<td>Yosl L</td>
<td>For managing impulsivity by showing improved concentration and application during class discussions and tasks</td>
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Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

DESERATELY SEEKING SUSAN OR …………….- UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEER
Our current volunteer parent Pam will be leaving our school after many years of service. As such a vacancy exists to help in our uniform shop. You would need to volunteer around 2 hours per week over a morning and afternoon on 2 different days.

Currently, the shop is open Monday morning and Thursday afternoon but we are flexible with days. Duties include helping with uniform fittings, filling orders, collecting money and advising the office when stocks needs ordering. In appreciation for your time and service, some expenses are waived for one child. If you are interested in finding out more about this position please see the office staff or feel free to meet with Pam when the uniform shop is open. A Working With Children Check is mandatory.

The Office Staff

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

2013 Organisation
We now have 430 students enrolled for 2013. Grade structure and student/class placements are now organised and all staff in place.

All school funding is based on student numbers on Census Day 25th February. Students who have not returned to school by this date are not funded for the year.

It is therefore vital that any families intending to travel overseas return before this date. Children who will 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.
Assistant Principal’s Corner

Sandra McOrist

Clothing and Scooters
Just a reminder that it is important that all items of school clothing and scooters be named.
Mrs McCarthy washed over 30 jumpers and bomber jackets 2 weeks ago from lost property and only a small proportion were named. We realise that these items are expensive and would like to ensure that they are returned to their owners.
The same reasoning applies to scooters, they are left in the bike racks or moved and without being clearly labelled it can be difficult to prove ownership.
Permanent markers usually do the job.
When labelling items please ensure that your child’s whole name is written down as we have a number of children with the same first name.

CASEA
Our school has invited the CAMHS and schools: Early Action Program (CASEA) to be part of the community for 2 terms.
http://www.rch.org.au/mhs/services/Services_CASEA/
The CASEA Program is an Early Intervention service for young children (Prep to Grade 3) who present with challenging behaviours. CASEA is a program developed by The Royal Children’s Hospital Integrated Mental Health Program and funded by the Mental Health Branch of the Department of Human Services.
The program offers:
- A universal behavioural screen for all children in Grades prep-3
- Professional development seminars for all teachers and school staff
- Classroom behavioural activities for all children through our CARE program
- Group programs for selected children and parents

Parents of the children aged Prep to Grade 3 can expect additional information, a permission form, and a questionnaire to be sent home with their child the first week back next year.
Further information contact Sandra

Playground Equipment
We have also had a number of injuries recently from children using playground equipment inappropriately.
All equipment is regulated according to Australian Standards for age level and soft fall mulch laid to the required depth. Signage indicates which equipment is suitable for a child’s age.

Some students are playing chasing games, trying to swing or jump across bars and jumping from the very top of monkey bars and climbing equipment.
Please discuss these issues with your child.

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

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 Expression of Interest is now closed and Mr O’Hara is in the process of allocating instrumental lessons for next year. A confirmation of offer will be sent home with the children next week. Please ensure you sign and return the form to the office asap.

**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 Mizis.

**SOIREES**

- Chris – Drums & Guitar Thursday & Friday 6th & 7th December in the Music room at 6.00pm
- 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

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**The Giving Tree**

Flemington Primary School is fundraising for the Anglicare Food and Toy Appeal. Please give toys and food for those who need it. You can buy for any age! Please write the age and gender on your present.

You simply place your gift in the box in your classroom. On Monday 17th December at our carols, the presents will be presented to a representative from Anglicare. Help us make another life happier!

Thank you
*Lily Z and the SRC team!*

The gifts will be presented to a representative from Anglicare at the School Carols Ceremony on Monday 17th December.

Parents are welcome to attend the Carol’s Ceremony commencing at 2.30pm in the hall.

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**Hub News**

*Karin.moore@iinet.net.au*

**CHRISTMAS CAKE ORDERS**

Parents and friends of The Hub have been busy baking Traditional Christmas Cakes for you to enjoy. We have only made a limited number of cakes and these are available for preordering via the form attached to the newsletter.

All cakes will be gift-wrapped and will be ready for collection on 16th December 2012 at the Flemington Farmer’s Market, or from the tuck shop during icy pole sales on 17 December.

The cakes are valued at $35 each.

*All proceeds will go directly towards Prep – Year 2 home readers.*

*Get your order in fast!*
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

North Park Tennis Club – Gladstone Park Tennis Club
PUTTING THE FUN BACK INTO FUNDAMENTALS

FOR PROGRAM ENQUIRIES CALL 0418 178 328 OR ttpt@optusnet.com.au
Men's Shed
Flemington Come and Try Session.

Council, in conjunction with Flemington Neighbourhood Renewal, is holding a free Men's Shed 'come and try' session in Flemington.

Date:       Saturday, 8 December, 10am-1pm
Venue:     'The Shed'
          126 Racecourse Road, Flemington Estate

Everyone is welcome to come along to take part in woodworking activities and to find out what happens at the Moonee Valley Men's Shed in Moonee Ponds. A light BBQ lunch will also be provided.

The come and try session is being held to gauge community interest in the development of a permanent Men's Shed next to Flemington Community Centre.

For more information contact Nino Piscitelli on 9243 8888.
What the program offers

- A behavioural assessment of all children in grades Prep to Year Three to identify possible candidates for the group program.
- Professional training for teachers to support children with challenging behaviours.
- Classroom activities which promote prosocial behaviour for all children in grades Prep to Year Three.
- A group program for children with challenging behaviours.
- A parent program to help integrate new behavioural strategies in home life.
- Individual support at school for children with severe behavioural problems.

Assessment and reporting

One of the strengths of the CASEA program is the comprehensive child assessment, conducted by mental health professionals from The Royal Children’s Hospital. The assessment explores the thinking, feelings and behaviour of each unique child, to help them make the most of their opportunity in the CASEA program.

If your child is selected to participate in the CASEA group program, this assessment will take place at the beginning and end of the program. Parents, teachers and your child will be involved to ensure we have a strong understanding of each child, and help us continue to improve the program into the future. More information will be provided when we seek parents’ consent prior to the program.

What is CASEA?

Challenging or disruptive behaviour is common in child development, however when this behaviour occurs regularly it can impact on a child’s progress at school and their social-emotional development. Research has found that if these behaviours are not corrected in early development these individuals are more likely to have ongoing problems in their personal and work lives. These may include problems with alcohol, drugs and the law.

Working with parents and schools the CASEA program aims to help these children improve their behaviours early in life and make the most of their opportunities in the future.

CASEA has been developed by The Royal Children’s Hospital, with funding from the Mental Health Branch of the Victorian Government and support of Victorian state schools and community organisations.

This program will be run through Public, Catholic, and Private schools in the Western and North Western suburbs of Melbourne. It is offered over two terms of the school calendar for all children in grades Prep to Year Three.

Program aims:

- For children to display less challenging behaviours.
- For parents and teachers to have an improved understanding of challenging behaviours and better management strategies.
- For the whole school community to have a better understanding of challenging behaviours, and respond more effectively to the needs of children with severe behavioural problems.
- For families, schools and services like The Royal Children’s Hospital to develop strong partnerships, and work together to improve health and well-being outcomes for young children with challenging behaviours.
Parents and friends of The Hub have been busy baking Traditional Christmas Cakes for you to enjoy.

Using the same recipe and quality ingredients, these Traditional Rich Fruit Cakes would make a great gift or simply be a fabulous and time-honoured addition to your Christmas table.

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).

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Note: Eftpos / Credit Card payments can also be made at the Office after 9.16am.