**DIARY DATES**

**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

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**Principal’s Report**  
Lesley McCarthy

The Hall and Performance Centre is now 12 months old and we are in the process of finalizing the few issues which have arisen during the defect period. It is amazing what a difference the building has made to our students, school and community.

The Instrumental Music program is growing, Vern and the music teachers are very happy with their new spaces and children are reveling in the opportunities.

Brendan has extended the PE program with the hall and our students are able to enjoy sport and exercise indoors when the weather is poor, as well as enjoying dance, gymnastics and indoor ball sports.

In addition, assemblies, music concerts and incursions have appropriate spaces and we are gaining much needed funds through facilities hire, which also adds valuable opportunities for students after school. What an amazing facility for our school!

This term, students across the school are learning about our environment with varying focuses including sustainability and global warming, recycling and pollution, water, living things, habitat and minibeasts. The overarching question or throughline for these investigations is - *Taking responsibility shows respect for our environment (focusing on the value of Respect)*

In this newsletter, there are some letters and articles written by students about their studies.

Congratulations to Bruce on an outstanding celebration of Science and community yesterday with our focus on the Transit of Venus. Thanks to the Deakin University Science team for their assistance with the big telescope.

There are many exciting activities coming up in the last 3 weeks of school, culminating in Parent Teacher interviews. Please return your request for an appointment as soon as possible as these are on a first come, first in basis.

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**VALE**

Alan Edward Mason Canning, Principal of Flemington Primary School 1985 – 1991. Alan commenced on 4th February 1985 with school enrolment of 234 students. He was also a teacher at FPS and is fondly remembered by his students and fellow teachers.
**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.

**Chinese School Term 3**

Chinese school will recommence in term 3 on Friday 20th July.

Coles has launched their 2011 Sports for Schools program and we are excited to announce that we will be participating and collecting vouchers for much needed sports equipment.

Vouchers are available in all Coles stores from 13 June to 14 August and we ask that you get involved to help collect vouchers for our school. We are appealing to parents and guardians to collect as many vouchers as you can. By donating and encouraging friends and family to do the same, you are helping to provide a healthy and active education for our children.

Please visit coles.com.au/sportsforschools for more information about the program and you can also browse the sporting gear available to see what equipment we are aiming for.

A collection box will be located at the front of reception so please feel free to drop the vouchers in the box or give them to your children to hand into class. Enjoy collecting.

**SHADES FOR AIDS**

Our school raised $105.35 for this cause. Thanks to everyone who participated.
Assistant Principal’s Corner
Sandra McOrist

Today I will be attending the funeral of Alan Canning, Alan was the principal of Flemington Primary School from late 1980’s until the of 1991. He was an extremely kind and sensitive Principal who took much pride in the school and the children under his care.

Parent teacher interviews

Parent teacher interview notices went home this week, please remember that the forms must be returned to the classroom teacher by next Friday, first in first served. Interviews are on Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th of June. If you did not get a parent teacher notice please contact your child’s teacher for another copy, they are not at the office.

School Uniform

With the change to cooler weather, parents are reminded of the school uniform policy. **Uniform is compulsory** and does not include jackets or pants which do not reflect our school colours of Navy, white and teal green.

A number of students have been wearing multicoloured windcheaters and jackets lately which is not allowed. Children should also have a warm coat on days of forecast wet weather.

Science
Bruce Ziebell

Transit of Venus

Yesterday with the help of a group of keen parents led by James Harrold students had the opportunity to view the Transit of Venus here at school.

Through the use of a webcam and the school’s network students could view this event in their classrooms. Others chose to view this rare cosmological event using specially filtered glasses. This was our last opportunity for more than 105 years. The next transit will not happen until 2117.

It was great to see so many interested parents and students involved.
5/6 Raising community awareness

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to inform everyone in the Australian community of how we, as a nation, can reduce our greenhouse gas emissions at home. We all know that everyone’s childhood dream was or is to be a superhero. Well, today is your lucky day.

In 2010, at the U.N. Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen, Australia firmly established its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 5% by 2020. If this act were to succeed, it would return our emission levels back to where they were in the year 2000.

From this, we can verify the fact that we must support our nation’s endeavour to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and eventually stop climate change altogether. There is only one little problem, how can we help? The answer is change.

To find out how we can change for the better, we must first establish what we are doing wrong. The average Australian household emits greenhouse gases by:

- Cars
- Lawn Mower
- Gas hot water service
- Gas heating
- Gas fireplace
- Electricity (lights, tumble dryer, fridge, washing machine, TV)
- Cooking

So, now that we know where we are going wrong, we can make a difference. There are so many easy ways of reducing greenhouse gas emissions at home. Something as simple as changing a regular light bulb to an energy efficient model can make all the difference in the world. Or even easier, turn the light off when you walk out of your bedroom. But the best part of all is........a lot of the time it’s cheaper to be sustainable!

Here are a few simple alterations you can make to reduce your greenhouse gas emissions at home:

- Drive hybrid cars that run off electricity.
- Use a reel lawn mower instead of the standard petrol powered one.
- Use a solar hot water system or a heat pump.
- Apply a fireplace that burns methylated spirits as a fuel. It is cheap and clean to burn and does not affect the atmosphere in a negative way.
- Stop using the tumble dryer and use the washing line.
- Use energy efficient light bulbs.
- Turn the TV off at the power point.

In conclusion, you must try these uncomplicated, straightforward, effortless activities around the house. So come on, be a superhero, save the world by reducing your greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely yours,
Lachy M

Hi my name is Lifi, I’m in grade 6 from 5/6M. Today I would like to share my information about “GREEN HOUSE GASES” that I’ve been research.

In a proposal in 2010, at U.N climate changes summit in Copenhagen, Australia confirmed its commitment of reducing green house gas emissions by5% by 2020. This would return our emissions level back in the year 2000. Australian households generate a lot of greenhouse gases – mainly from transport, heating and cooling, appliances and wastes (in landfill). Most families, however, can lower their greenhouse gas emissions and save money by reducing their energy bills. We can also save money and energy choosing carefully what we buy, for example, heavily packaged products require more energy to manufacture and transport.

Buying second hand is very popular, makes good financial sense and gives products a second life. A useful guide is the four Rs – refuse, reduce, re-use and recycle. Australian households generate at least one-fifth of Australia’s greenhouse gases – more than 18 tonnes per household each year. Averages provide only part of the picture because households can vary greatly in the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. Depending on where you live and your lifestyle, annual greenhouse gas emissions can vary from as low as 3 tonnes up to 30 tonnes or more. (1)

In Australia, electricity generation is the largest source of greenhouse gas pollution because we burn coal to produce electricity.

You can reduce your greenhouse gas impact by purchasing some or all of your energy from accredited Green Power. Other things you can do is:

- Switch off the light when you leave a room,
- Switch appliances completely off
- Don’t leave the TV, computer, microwave or DVD on standby,
- When purchasing new appliances, choose the one with the highest Energy Star rating,
- Use a fan, not an air-conditioner
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. They provide just as much light and use 80% less power
- For best results, choose bulbs which are labelled ‘warm white’ or 3500K,
- Use the clothesline to dry your washing and wash your laundry in cold water,
- If the hot water thermostat is adjustable, turn it down to 55°C,
- Invest in a solar hot water service or instantaneous gas water heater,
- Only use the washing machine and dishwasher when there is a full load,
- Only switch on the drinks fridge for parties,

Reconsider that backyard pool - as well as being lots of work, they cost $250 per year in electricity, generating 2.2 tonnes of CO2! (2)

Thank you for reading, I hope you enjoyed very well

By. Lifi H. (5/6M)
Dear Flemington Community,

Do you want to find out how to save on greenhouse gases in your home?

Some of our household greenhouse gas consumers are: the washing machine, the tumble dryer, our fans, lights, heaters, air conditioners, TV’s, computers, phones, cars, and dish washers.

But basically, the information about saving on greenhouse gases is already there, on the internet, but it’s just so time consuming to sift through all the garbage that’s mixed up in there as well, why not just read this article and find out all you need to know? Simple, done!

A big consumer of greenhouse gas is the TV. Most of our communities TV’s chew through 700 kWh every year! There is a cheap, very worthwhile device going around enabling you to keep track of the time the TV is turned on. It simply flashes a green light to remind you, and if you’re not there to press a button on the remote, it assumes you’re not there, and it turns off automatically! It’s such a worthwhile gadget, you can find out more at www.embertec.com

There are also numerous brands of energy efficient light globes that are FAR better for your household’s bills than normal light globes, but really, the energy efficient globes are no different to maintain than any other globes so there really isn’t any effort on your end to own these bill life savers.

And as with dish washers, tumble dryers, fridges and washing machines, their companies have already made it easy to get the greenhouse gas friendly by putting a rating out of 5 stars! The higher the star, the better it is for the environment AND you. As for ovens, use a gas oven! Do you really need two cars? And if you absolutely do, why not make sure its diesel? Is the computer really the best way to do something? And, (if you didn’t know) Why not stock up on kangaroo for a change! Kangaroos produce MUCH less methane than other meats and don’t have hoofs so don’t make as much environmental damage! And don’t worry; they are in NO danger of extinction!

So, it’s been a long overdue for a change, let’s change our washing machine, the tumble dryer, our fans, lights, heaters, air conditioners, TV’s, computers, phones, cars, and dish washers etc.

Larissa C.

Dear members of the Flemington community

I am Akira and I am writing this letter to inform you about the greenhouse gases that you are emitting every day. You probably don’t know how much greenhouse gas you are emitting, or the ways you are increasingly producing greenhouse gases.

Let me tell you a little bit about greenhouse gases. The most common ones are CO2, (carbon dioxide) CH4, (methane), N2O (nitrous oxide) and fluorinated gases. Greenhouse gas traps heat inside the atmosphere, which makes the world hotter. This is called the greenhouse effect. If the world becomes too hot, there may be big consequences.

People create greenhouse gases. There are many ways we produce greenhouse gases, as well as many ways we can reduce them. For example using less paper, or even recycling it, will reduce the number of trees we cut down. So this leaves more trees to absorb CO2. Making brick or concrete houses instead of timber will also help.

As you can see above the biggest emitter is electricity, followed by transportation.

You can reduce emissions from electricity by using less electricity, or using alternative energies like solar, hydro, wind, or geothermal. For traveling you can use public transport, use hybrid or electric cars, and maybe also take a bike or walk.

The best ways to reduce CH4 emissions are to produce less rubbish for landfill and eat less meat because cows and other farm animals produce lots of CH4 through waste. (Poo)

I’m also doing things to reduce my emissions like produce my own vegetables, recycling and walking to school.

So, will you join me saving the earth? If we all reduce our emissions the world will be healthier.

http://epa.gov/climatechange/kids/basics/today/greenhouse-gases.html

Your Sincerely Akira A. ☺
Dear members of the Flemington community,

Something has happened to the happy balance of gases in our atmosphere. This imbalance is causing problems.

The world's climate is becoming warmer causing massive amounts of melting at the ice caps resulting in small but damaging rises in sea levels. Our ozone layer is damaged and many scientists fear catastrophic events in the future.

Since the industrial revolution the massive burning of fossil fuels has contributed to the increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere from 280 per million (ppm) to 390ppm. The delicate balance of oxygen, methane, ozone and carbon dioxide has been upset by our use of fuels like wood, coal and oil as well as natural gas.

There have been several meetings in the last decade, including those in Copenhagen and kyoto where the leaders of the world's biggest manufacturing companies have met to solve the problem but those who do the most damage will not commit to a good program.

Here is the good news. Our government has promised to reduce our pollution by 5% to make our carbon dioxide output as it was in 2000. In July of this year Australia's largest 500 manufacturers will have to pay a lot of money for the carbon dioxide that their processes spill into the atmosphere. This will force them to find cleaner ways to produce their goods.

We can also help the atmosphere by changing the way we do things in our houses. Think about all the things in your house that can use electricity and therefore cause greenhouse gases. I have started to make a list of things that you might have in your house that contribute to CO2 emissions.

So how can you help?
. Do not leave lights on when they are not needed
. Choose a quick cycle on your dishwasher.
. Don't leave the TV or the computer on standby overnight
. Think about installing solar panels for your house
. Use a shorter cycle for the washing machine.

Make sure discuss with your family how you can add to the list of appliances and activities that can help us save our planet.

Regards,
Alexander G

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**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.

*Please note that there will be a cake stall to raise funds at the concert. If you can help us by baking some of your amazing cakes, slices, cupcakes or biscuits, please call Jutta on 0407 841 267.*

*Thanks for your help,*

*Jutta and the Music Committee*

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**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 16-17 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
**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.

**Essendon Keilor College : Year 7 Scholarships 2013**

Four scholarships supporting excellence will be awarded to academically talented Grade 6 students who can demonstrate outstanding abilities in one or more of the following categories:
- Leadership
- Sport
- or the Performing Arts.

4 opportunities exist across the Niddrie and East Keilor Campuses.

Each scholarship will cover school fees, the first year of the student’s books and the basic uniform to the maximum value of $1000.00

Application forms are available at each campus office and must be submitted by Friday, 15th June, 2012. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday, August 3rd, 2012.

Please contact the College on 8331 0100 if you any enquiries.

"Sacraments at Holy Rosary Parish, Kensington: parents who wish their child/ren to make his/her First Eucharist (First Communion) need to register immediately at the Parish Office, 35 Gower St, by reading then filling in a letter & form. Please note that you need to live in Kensington and your child needs to have already made his/her First Reconciliation; or call the parish on 9376 6148 to arrange registration. The first meeting is during and after 9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 17th June.

Welcome & Many Thanks,
Carmel Powell, Sacrament Co-ordinator."

**Tuning in to Teens - Emotional Intelligent Parenting**

**Education for Chinese parents**

Would you like to learn how to:
- have supportive conversations with your teenager?
- understand your teenagers’ issues?
- give your teenager skills to manage their emotions?
- deal with conflict?

"Tuning in to Teens" shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence.

Young people with higher emotional intelligence:
- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer illnesses

Date: 6 Fridays, 27 July to 31 August 2012
Time: 10am-12pm
Venue: Flemington Community Centre – 25 Mt Alexander Road Flemington (Mel Ref, 2A01)
Targets: Chinese parents with 12-18 years old young people.
Community News

OSHCG TIMES

School Name: Flemington P.S.

OSHCG phone: 0403704181 Coordinator: Daniella + Karl

REMININDERS

How to get started: Before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

Save on Care: You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebates. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 106 343 Monday to Friday.

OSHCG NEWS

Theme: In the kitchen. Cooking Marathon!!

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK

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Reminder: Parents please note the service closes at 6pm. A late fee will apply if children are picked up after this time.

Thank you

OSHCG Team

www.campaustralia.com.au
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 baby sitter.

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

T: 1300 799 663
E: fitfamily@fitfamily.com.au
W: www.fitfamily.com.au
F: www.facebook.com/FitFamilyAus

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”
Vision2Grow Brings you VISION ART

VISION ART is a positive art program for children aged 7 and up, helping them to explore who they are and what they enjoy in life.

The activities take place in a creative, friendly, and fun learning environment in which they feel confident to express themselves verbally and artistically and make discoveries, while building friendships with other kids.

The art masterpieces they create will be priceless, as they are pieces for them to use to help them remain focused on their goals.

The program will be run in Term 3, on Thursdays after school in the Art Room and will run for 8 weeks, starting 26th July.

Time: 3:45 - 5:00
Cost: TBC

Please call Senait (Marley’s mum) on 0477881275
Bookings must be made before the end of the term.