**Principal's Report**
*Lesley McCarthy*

Congratulations to the boys Soccer team on their outstanding performance last week at the regional soccer finals. They played two outstanding games to make the final and were gallant in defeat to Overnewton College. This was a true team effort with multiple goal scorers again and strong defense. Unfortunately, tired legs and the cold weather proved too much for us. Well done on a fantastic effort.

On Monday, 54 athletes competed against the Zone schools in the athletics carnival held at the Newport Athletics venue. Once again, our students achieved some outstanding feats with personal best times and efforts on the day. Due to the late finish the final results were not announced but we know that our students once again were strong. Well done to those students who won ribbons and congratulations to everyone on their effort and persistence.

As many parents will realize, The Australian Education Union is taking industrial action in support of new enterprise agreements for teachers, principals, and support staff.

One of the industrial actions is a ban on taking additional students from other grades when a teacher is absent from their class for any reason.

Teachers have not taken this action lightly. They do many tasks every day, working beyond their timetabled hours preparing lessons, supervising activities and assessing student work, to ensure that their students get the best possible education.

The ban highlights how much our school relies on the cooperation of teachers and their preparedness to undertake work in excess of their normal teaching load.

I thank you for your understanding, and urge you to show your support for the dedicated and hardworking staff at our school by writing to your local state MP, urging the Government to reconsider the current offer.
Assistant Principal’s Corner
Sandra McOrist

Whole School Working Bee  9:30-11:30
Sunday 19th August

Jobs to be completed

AS YOU CAN SEE THERE ARE A FEW

- We need families with whipper snippers, loppers, gloves, anyone with an electric sander (for the blue tables), secateurs, rakes, and items need to be labelled
- Amphi - weeding, pruning, sweeping of bricks, raking sand in gaga pit, feeding plants in pots, general cleaning.
- Courtyard - cleaning of drinking troughs, sweeping, weeding behind the science room.
- Learning Neighbourhood - sweep decking at the back of prep area, weeding the veggie beds next to the portables.
- Portables - sweeping and raking around the sand pit, remove grate and remove sand from drain next to sand pit, cover grate with shade cloth. Sweep concrete path along side portables, rake soft fall from extremities of play ground and under equipment. Clean up around the grade 4 rooms and weed outside SSSO room.
- Weed around shrubs behind SSSO portable and alongside the concrete path.
- Whipper snip around the shrubs behind the grade 4 rooms, prune shrubs along the path going to Flemington St. whipper snip grass and around tree on nature-strip at Flemington St.
- Long jump pit - rake sand back into pit, tidy up area.
- Whipper snip around the trees at the Flemington St end of the school and around trees along lane way.
- Sand, replace slats and repaint the rest of the blue seats.

During and after all of the work we will have coffee, tea and cordial.

As I said in last week’s InTouch if you are unable to make it but have some other time available feel free to see me about doing any specific job prior to the day.

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

School Photos – Tuesday 4th September

School Photo envelopes went out earlier this week and need to be returned to the office by Friday, 31 August. Should you require any extra envelopes or a family photo envelope please collect these from the office.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

When your card is complete please submit it in the collection box located near the office. All completed cards must be sent to the office no later than close of business on Friday 24th August (last week of Term 3).

Enjoy collecting – Total to date is 30,450 points.

Parents please note that there have been cases of both Conjunctivitis and Ringworm at the school.

Conjunctivitis is an eye infection caused by a bacteria or virus. Symptoms include eye redness, a discharge and swollen lids. Conjunctivitis is treated with antibacterial eye drops or ointment. Children must not attend school or child care if they have conjunctivitis.

Ringworm is an infection caused by a fungus which can affect the skin on the body, scalp, groin area, or feet. Ringworm usually begins as a small red bump or papule that spreads outward, so that each affected area takes on the appearance of a red, scaly outer ring with a clear central area. The lesions are frequently itchy, and can become infected if scratched. The incubation period varies from 4 to 14 days. Transmission is usually by direct contact with a human.
Curriculum News

Term 3 Maths: ‘2 Big Events at FPS’

The maths committee invites all parents to come along and join us for a series of engaging and hands-on parent information sessions to assist and support their children in Mathematics.

Session 1) Mathematics Association of Victoria (MAV) Students and Families Night: Maths that you can use at home

In conjunction with the Mathematics Association of Victoria (MAV), Flemington Primary School is pleased to host a night of interactive maths activities for all (P-6) families and friends. This celebration, during National Literacy & Numeracy Week, will provide an insight into how your child learns at school, and importantly, how you can assist them with their maths at home.

Date: Tuesday 28th August
Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Venue: 5/6 Learning Neighbourhood Building

Session 2) Rob Vingerhoets
Parents & Staff Information Night: Helping your child with the 4 operations

An information session for parents and staff will be held this term focusing on “Helping your child with the 4 operations”. Additionally, we will explore questions such as:
- How do children best learn mathematics?
- How can parents promote quality thinking and learning?
- How can I help my child in mathematics?

The presenter, Rob Vingerhoets, is an experienced and highly effective educator. He has written a number of best-selling maths resources books that teachers at Flemington Primary School use in daily lessons. Rob’s workshops are popular among staff at FPS.

Date: Tuesday 11th September
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Venue: 5/6 Learning Neighbourhood Building

Library News

Tuesday August 14th to Friday August 17th in the Hall Foyer. Parents will be able to purchase books from 3.00-4.30 Tuesday-Thursday

National Literacy and Numeracy Week

National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) represents a collaborative approach by all Governments and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people.

The week aims to recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills. During NLNW we will be getting involved in a range of literacy and numeracy activities including:

- FAMPA maths night for families
- Presentation from the engaging mathematician presenter and author Rob Vingerhoets
- Family and Friends book donation sale each afternoon in the prep rooms
- Visiting Authors
- All students will complete Reach for the Stars numeracy and literacy activities in class

Family and Friends Book Donations
27th-31st August at 3.45pm - 4.15pm

During National Literacy and Numeracy Week (27th-31st August) we are hosting a Family and Friends book donation sale each day from 3.45pm-4.15pm in the Prep rooms.

Parents and students are invited to purchase needed books and donate them to the school. This year we have recognized the need to upgrade our 3/4 classroom libraries and fill up our prep-2 take home readers. The books on sale will go directly to these areas.

Once you purchase a book you will receive a donation sticker. The person who is donating the book will have their name stuck inside the cover of the book. Of course you can purchase as many books as you like. They could be donated by different members of the family!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR @ FLEMINGTON PRIMARY

Opening Monday 13th August
Closing Friday 17th August
Open for Sales 3.00pm - 3.30pm
Daily
In the School Hall Foyer

CELEBRATE READING!
2012 is the National Year of Reading and a time to embrace the joys that reading brings!

Books are an essential pasture that everyone, old and young, enjoy. Reading and being read to introduces children to language, builds their literary skills and unlocks their story telling imagination.

So come on, get into the joy of reading in 2012 by coming along to the school’s annual Book Fair.

There will be loads of lovely new books to choose from! Fabulous Fiction Story books, exciting Fiction and up to the minute Non-Fiction titles, bursting with information, will all be available.

Great things about the Book Fair:
- There will be hundreds of books priced from $5 to $20
- There will also be a range of fun prizes and enter for sale between $1 and $5
- All purchases benefit our library (we make between 20-30% commission on sales)

This is the Library’s major fundraising activity to please come along and support our wonderful school Library! The Book Fair is a fabulous opportunity for parents, grandparents and other extended family members to purchase quality titles for their youngsters.

This year the Fair will be open for sales between 3pm – 4.30pm from Monday 13th to Friday 17th August. This means parents and students, can browse the fair before classes are released at the end of the day. The Fair will be located in the Hall Foyer.

We accept cash, cheques and EFTPOS.
SRC News
Katia Scicluna

**PJ Day**

Thank you to everyone that got involved in Pyjama Day on Tuesday. We raised $351.70; this money will go towards educational supplies, healthcare, food and much more. There will be photos put up on the SRC board from the day.

Sport & PE News
Brendan Newman

**Western Metropolitan Soccer Finals**

On Thursday 2nd August our boys soccer team competed in the WMR soccer finals at Keilor Park reserve. To date they had already won the district tournament, beating Wembley 4-0 and West Footscray 10-0.

Our first game at the WMR final was against St Mary’s from Williamstown. The boys came out ready to play and won convincingly 6-0. The second game was against Al-Taqwa College. This was an imposing game as their students were substantially taller and stronger, combined with exceptional ball skills. This didn’t intimidate our boys as they put overwhelming pressure on their opponents, running in numbers and supporting one another in an amazing team effort. They pulled off an exhausting but inspiring victory 2-1. This game put them into the WMR grand final though it was obvious that the boys were physically and emotionally spent.

The grand final was against Over Newton and although they put in their best effort they lost 0-3. The boys need to be extremely proud of their effort as they dedicated a great deal of their free time training and reaching such a high level of sporting achievement.

**District Athletics Carnival**

On Monday 6th August the Flemington PS students participated in the District Athletics Carnival at Newport Athletics Track. Our first time at this venue, we quickly settled in and prepared ourselves for the field events. We were very successful with a large portion of our students finishing in a top 3 position. This led to the track events and we were once again successful. Jason and Angelina won the hurdles; Amy, Luca and Jason won the 100m sprint; Amy, Luca and Sequoia won the 200m sprint; and Audrey won the 800m.

In the relays our 9/10 girls blitzed the field convincingly coming first; the 11 and 12/13 boys both came second; and our little shuttle relay team also came second.

Overall it was a fantastic day hampered only by occasional bursts of rain.

*FLASH NEWS* - The overall results have just been emailed...

With 10 competing schools Flemington has finished 2nd in the overall standings. Congratulations to all students involved!

Instrumental Music Program
Vern O’Hara

Term 3 invoices were mailed out last week. Payment is due by tomorrow, Friday 10th August. Please try to pay your fees by the due date. If you anticipate difficulty paying by the due date, please contact Erna in the office.
Art
Karen Leopold

We would love to put in a school application for an “Artist in School Grant” for 2013. The grants pay an artist up to $10,000 to work on a defined project within the school.

The project can be in any medium, but we need an interested ‘practicing artist’ to help plan an application, define the project and commit to completing it during 2013, if we are successful.

There is a tight timeframe for applications. They are due on the 28th September. If you are interested, or know someone who may be, could you contact the office with details or let me know (in the art room).

This is a great opportunity. It would be wonderful to be involved.

Premiers Reading Challenge

The challenge is drawing to a close with all books read needing to be recorded by 10th September.
Enrolment and Transition

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 runs in Term 3, on Thursdays after school in the Art Room
Time: 3:45 - 5:00
Cost: $85 ($10 pw)
Please call Senait (Marley’s mum) on 0477881275

OSHC NEWS
Natural Disasters

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Community News

Moonee Valley Legal Service

FREE LEGAL WORKSHOPS

16th Aug
-Wills & Power of Attorney
30th Aug
- Divorce & Separation
13th Sept
- Contracts (energy, mobile, etc)
20th Sept
- Motor Vehicle Accidents

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Essendon Baseball Club

Would like to invite you to our:
T-Ball and Junior Baseball Come and Try Day
Come and Try Day: Sunday August 26, 10am - 12pm.
Test your hitting, catching and base running skills
See how fast the speed gun says you can pitch

Senior coaches in attendance
All equipment provided.

Where: Essendon Baseball Club
Booing Reserve - Boxing Rd
Strathmore
Melway Ref 16 C5

For more information contact Joseph Reese on 0409 503 331 or see
www.essendon.baseball.com.au

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Essendon Baseball Club

Proxity
Junior Baseball Come and Try Day
Sunday August 26, 10am - 12pm

How hard can you hit the ball facing the pitching machine
Catch a high fly ball
See how fast the speed gun says you can pitch and throw
Senior coaches in attendance
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PLAY CRICKET

Princes Hill Secondary College

SHOWCASE CONCERT
DAREBIN ARTS CENTRE
AUGUST 30TH, 7 PM

TICKET PRICES
ADULTS $20 / CONCESSION $15 / FAMILY $45
BOOKINGS PH. DAREBIN ARTS CENTRE ON 8476 8280

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COMMUNITY SCIENCE EVENING

TUESDAY 14TH AUGUST 2012
6.30-8.00PM
@
MOUNT ALEXANDER COLLEGE
167-175 MT ALEXANDER RD, FLEMINGTON

The schools theme for 2012 is “energy evolution”, based on the UN’s International year of Sustainable Energy for All.

Program includes:
• Energy evolution demonstrations
• ‘Mission to Mars’ snapshot and talk
  • Science room tours
  • Displays
  • DVD presentations
• Light refreshments provided

For more information contact Geoff Savage – Science Learning Area Team Leader – 9376 1622 or email at mount.alexander.712@edumail.vic.gov.au
Attention Parents of Grade 1 Students

Could you please return your Memory Maestros forms, if you have not already returned them, as The Royal Children’s Hospital will be in tomorrow for testing.

Memory Maestros study
Parent Baseline survey

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Please fill out this questionnaire and return it within 7 working days to your child’s teacher.
2. Most of the questions are about your child’s learning, general development and health. We also ask questions about you and your family. The questionnaire is private, and your answers are confidential.
3. Some questions may look alike but each one is different. Please answer every question, even if they ask about problems your child does not have. If you’re not sure how to answer a question, please give the best answer that you can.
4. If you prefer, we can read the questions to you over the phone.
5. If possible we would like the primary care giver of the child to complete this survey.
6. Please print in the spaces provided or fill the circles that apply.
7. It will take about 15-20 minutes to fill out.

When you have finished, please return the survey in the supplied envelope.

[Logo of Murdoch Childrens Research Institute, University of Melbourne, and The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne]