Congratulations to Peter Pickering, Martin Irwin and Jake Dingle who have been re-elected to School Council. As the number of nominations received was less than the number of vacancies, an election is not needed. Thank you also to the re-elected Staff Representative Grace Mittas. The next meeting of School Council is on Monday 26th March at 7.00pm.

DEECD have advised of two name changes which will affect communications in the school. These are consistent with the nomenclature used in the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (2008) and the Australian Curriculum. ‘Languages other than English’ (LOTE) has been changed to ‘Languages’ and ‘English as a second language’ will now known as ‘English as an additional language or dialect’ (EAL or EAL/D).

This morning I had the honour of being one of the guest speakers at the Moonee Valley Council International Women’s Day breakfast. This was an excellent event for local women and girls, partly sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Flemington, Essendon and East Keilor who supported the involvement of senior students from our local secondary colleges. The theme: Connecting girls, Inspiring Futures and Empowering Women is of course one of the major efforts for us as educators and parents of tomorrow’s women. I was grateful for the support of some of my staff, Sandra, Nujum, Adrienne, Camille, Joanne and Erna who accompanied me. The other guest speakers were two amazing young women, Melissa Barbieri, captain of the Matildas women’s soccer team and Erin Young of Real Girl Productions. The stories of their challenges, dreams and successes were inspirational.

Thank you to the amazing parents within The HUB for their outstanding work in recent weeks. As well as selling icy poles 3 afternoons a week, organising and preparing for the FETE in Term 2, a number of them have also been working at school, covering the dictionaries purchased with icy pole money last year. This is a mammoth and time consuming task and we are very grateful for their help.

Good luck to the members of our Swimming team who are competing tomorrow.

## Pupil of the Week
### Week beginning 5 March 2012

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<th>Student</th>
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<td>Imogen L</td>
<td>For showing excellent organisation skills to help her learn her Golden words.</td>
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<td>PP</td>
<td>Rishika G</td>
<td>For showing confidence when listening to sounds in words.</td>
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<td>Alana C</td>
<td>For her confidence in reading and for identifying a sentence pattern in guided reading. Great job!</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Jack S</td>
<td>For his fantastic efforts during reading groups and producing high quality work. Well done!</td>
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<td>1L</td>
<td>Thomas N</td>
<td>For his outstanding effort in completing all set tasks. Brilliant!</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Fiona T</td>
<td>For her fantastic start at her new school. Well done 😊</td>
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<td>2R</td>
<td>Rose P</td>
<td>For being a fantastic role model for the class. Congratulations on a great start to the year!</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Nasra A</td>
<td>For showing confidence when working through maths tasks. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Cristian F</td>
<td>For his hardworking approach to completing all set tasks. Fantastic work!</td>
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<td>Leo Z</td>
<td>For always striving for accuracy when completing maths tasks.</td>
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<td>Mustafa A</td>
<td>For confidently sharing his written pieces with the grade.</td>
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<td>Sifaf A</td>
<td>For applying his past knowledge when starting the Place Vale topic!</td>
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<td>4D</td>
<td>Chanel M</td>
<td>For being a responsible buddy by supporting and looking out for the Preps.</td>
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<td>4J</td>
<td>Salwa A</td>
<td>For listening with understanding and empathy and setting a great example for her peers with her respectful attitude.</td>
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<td>Kate W</td>
<td>For thinking and communicating with clarity and precision about Frida Kahlo (artist)</td>
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<td>56C</td>
<td>Sophie S</td>
<td>For putting 100% effort into everything she does and willingly helping others.</td>
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<td>56F</td>
<td>Sidrak D</td>
<td>For having a positive questioning attitude and participating confidently in classroom discussions.</td>
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<td>56M</td>
<td>Sarah C</td>
<td>For her hardworking positive approach to all class tasks and setting a great example for her peers.</td>
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<td>56T</td>
<td>Tim D</td>
<td>For thinking and communicating with clarity and precision, especially when discussing his learning goals.</td>
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## Office News
### Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

**Office News**

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.

**No Change**

When making a cash payment at the office, we cannot guarantee that there will be change available if required. Unfortunately we do not have the same facility as a bank as all monies are banked up at the end of each day. Hence, correct money would be appreciated.

**Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 2 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by **Tuesday, 13th March 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

**Lost**

Last Friday afternoon a parent lost her necklace. A large brass key with Thai writing on a leather string. It holds great sentimental value to the parent who is missing it very much. If found please ring mobile 0432 500 536 or see the ladies in the office.
Assistant Principal’s Corner
Sandra McOrist

Parking in Flemington Street.

Last Thursday the council sent an inspector on one of their random visits. He fined a number of our families for parking across a driveway at $122 and parking in a permit zone outside the kinder at $75.

I cannot stress strongly enough the need for people parking in Flemington Street to read all signage and park legally.

We have since had a number of complaints from residents and people trying to drive down Flemington Street who have been stopped by people double parking, driving on the wrong side of the road and parents walking down the road instead of along the footpath with their children.

The school is not responsible for the parking regulations in the street and can only remind our community members to park in the surrounding streets and walk to collect children.

Green Travel Plan news

Friday 23rd March is Ride To School Day.
It’s a great opportunity to try out riding, walking or scooting to school.
In preparation for Ride to School Day we are running a bike, helmet and scooter check after school next Thursday, 15th March from 3.30-4.30pm.

We’ll also be talking to parents and children about the Green Travel Plan – the new bike parking, plans for walking school buses and how else we can help more people walk, ride and scooter to school.
• Have your bike’s gears stopped working?
• Only one brake work?
• Chain squeaking?
• Want your tyres pumped up?
• Scooter handlebar loose?
• Helmet bothering you?

If so then bring your bike or scooter to school next Thursday and we’ll check it out for you and help you get it fixed.
See you after school next Thursday.

Bart Sbeghen (Ellie’s Dad)
M 0418 231 686
E macbart@bigpond.com

Optometry students from the Department of Optometry & Vision Sciences at The University of Melbourne will be visiting Flemington Primary School from 19th March 2012 to conduct a comprehensive vision screening on students in Prep, Grades 1 & 2. Permission forms were distributed this week.

The vision screening will involve standard optometric tests of vision, eye mobility and co-ordination and an ocular health check. The students will be supervised by a qualified, experienced paediatric optometrist at all times.

The screening will take approximately 10 minutes and the tests will be conducted during normal school hours in a specially designed mobile eye care van. Your child’s vision screening results will be forwarded to you.

Flemington Primary School is strongly supportive of our project, as last time this was undertaken, over 25% of students tested were found to have vision concerns.

Please ensure you return the permission form no later than 16th March.

SRC News
Katia Scicluna

Have you been to the children’s hospital recently? If you have you would know how valuable the Royal Children’s Hospital is for any children’s emergency or health issue and how close we are to receiving its services.

That’s why we have sent home a Good Friday Appeal envelope to each family for your donation. Please return any donations to the office by Monday 26th March 2012.

Thank you for your valuable support
Curriculum News

2012 Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge

The 2012 Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge is for all Victorian students in Prep to Year 9.

The aim of the Challenge is to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge for each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Challenge has begun and officially ends on 10th September 2012. Students in Years 3 to 6 must read 15 books during this period (10 must be from the challenge list). Students in Prep to Year 2 need to read or experience 30 books during this period.

Flemington Primary school aims to have all children registered for the Challenge. Every child received a pink reading challenge permission slip during this week. Last year a number of children did not return their permission forms so missed out on certificates and having their names published.

Please note all signed consent forms were due Wednesday 29th February 2012. If your child has not returned their form please return by Tuesday 13th March so that we can register them as soon as possible. To date we have a number of consents outstanding.

The school will maintain the reading list for Grades Prep to 2 but for all students in grades 3-6, please login to the website and update your reading weekly.

Help our school win $350-$1000 of sports gear!

The Premiers Active Families Challenge is on again, and our school has the chance to win up to $1000 of sports gear and sports clinics with high profile sporting personalities. All you have to do is get active and have fun with your family! Take the challenge and do 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days between 19 March – 30 April. The more students who register from our school, the more chances we have to win. Just by registering you and your family will receive special offers, including:

- 15% off at Rebel Sport
- 20 free YMCA passes
- One free child pass to National Sport Museum
- One free child pass to Melbourne Aquarium.
- Plus go in the draw to win Rebel Vouchers and iPads!

Anyone can register, so get your friends and family to take the Challenge too.

Get more active more often, spend quality time together and have fun. It’s free, it’s easy, and there are plenty of chances to win!

Register online at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge or call 1800 463 684, and remember to include our school’s name when you register.

Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp

From the 15th to the 19th of October in Term 4 students from Grade 5/6 are invited to attend the Canberra – The Heart of the Nation tour for 5 days and 4 nights accommodation. Provided through G.E.T Educational Tours students will be taking a coach up on the Monday and flying back on the Friday.

During Term 4, students will be studying a unit on politics and democracy, “Who has the Power?” This unit focuses on the VELS areas of history, politics, civics & citizenship as well as developing an understanding of Australian society. This tour supports these studies through visits to major facilities and buildings in Canberra and through a broad range of exciting and fun activities.

Situated on the south side of Canberra and only minutes away from all major attractions the Sundown Motel is conveniently located within easy reach of the National Gallery of Australia, Questacon and Old Parliament House.

LOCATION: Sundown Motel, Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrahbundah ACT, 2609.


The overall cost of the tour will be distributed once numbers are confirmed and we can officially book programs. The cost will also be reduced by fundraising activities such as the sale of icy poles at the canteen.

Payment Plan booklets will be available from the beginning of Term two and parents are encouraged to make fortnightly deposits to minimise expense in Term 4.
1/2 Healthy Living Morning

On Thursday the 1st of March, the entire grade 1/2s gathered around to do some healthy living activities. With Richard and Miss Wakeling, we did some yoga. Our group did the tree pose and the mountain pose. I was good at it because I have good balance. Next we went to Miss Mollie and Miss Zoe’s room classroom. We sorted healthy foods and unhealthy foods into groups, then we got to our last group with Mrs Sheldon and Miss Amy. We got to play a sleeping bunny game which was to do with exercise and sleep. I liked that the most. Last of all we gathered round in Miss Mollie and Miss Zoe’s room to have our play lunch. I had a wonderful morning.

Olivia 2S

Today I went to Miss Mollie and Miss Zoe’s room and I learnt about healthy and unhealthy food and after that I went to Richards room. We did yoga and we did mountain pose and tree pose. It was so much fun.

Khadija 2R

This morning, all of the grade 1/2 students went into some activities about healthy living which is our topic. The first activity I went to was the relaxation one and we had to do yoga poses like mountain pose and tree pose. The second one was food, they had a sort of food pyramid on the interactive whiteboard then we had to spate unhealthy food from healthy food. The last activity we did we slept for 15 seconds and then she woke us up and we did exercise. Then finally we had the grade 1/2 picnic. It was a very nice morning.

Will 2W

Today all of the grade 1/2 grades and the teachers swapped grades and we played games. We did breathing and we played with with toys while learning about our diet and we did breathing with Richard. We went back to our grade.

Gebrem 2S

Today we went to Miss Mollie and Miss Zoe’s classroom to do unhealthy and healthy foods then we went to Mrs Sheldon. Amy read The Very Hungry Caterpillar and then we played a game. Next we went to Richard’s room and did yoga practice. Next we had our recess.

Fatuma 2R

On Thursday I went into Richards class. We did tree pose and mountain pose. I am good at mountain pose. Next we went to Miss Zoe and Miss Mollie’s room for healthy food, there was two groups, I was doing it with Miss Mollie. We were sorting food into groups. Last we went to Mrs Sheldon’s room to learn about sleeping and exercise.

Hugo 2W

HELP NEEDED!

Thanks to the HUB, our school now has brand new dictionaries!
Before we place them into the classrooms we require parent helpers to come in to school and help us put protective contact on them, so they remain in good condition.

If you are able to come in and help next Tuesday (13th) and Wednesday (14th) from 9.00am, please sign in at the office and see Miss Zoe in room 18.

Thanks so much for your support,
The Literacy Team

Science News
Bruce Ziebell

Students in grades 3 & 4 have had the opportunity to be involved in a science lesson at Mt Alexander Secondary College’s science laboratories. This term’s focus is electricity as an introduction to our topic covered later in the year. The lesson started with static electricity and to watch our students interact with a van de Graaff generator; listen to the crack of a spark or watch their hair stand on end, to witness the astonishment and wonder in their expression is a joy.
The secondary teacher, Graham provides our students with the chance to be involved in a secondary school setting.

PE & Sport News
Brendan Newman

The District Swimming Carnival is on Friday March 9th at Queens Park pool, and should your child be successful in winning their event, they will be required to swim in the Regional heats on Monday 12th March, however, successful swimmers will not be notified until late on Friday 9th.

Regional Heats
We will be catching a tram to the pool at 8.45am with Brendan and Katia for any parents who would like to come on the tram with us (or of course, you can make your own way there). The event will start at 9.30am and hopefully finish at around 12.30pm. Therefore we should return to school by about lunch time.

All parents are welcome; we would love your support. Entry into the pool is free for parents and other family members.

It will be a great day and we would love to see you there.

By Ella D and Jesse D L
A Conversation with Alan Davis, Principal of Mount Alexander College (MAC)

When: Tuesday 20 March, 7.30 pm
Where: Kensington Primary School Library (McCracken St, Kensington)

Mount Alexander College, formerly known as Debney Park Secondary College, has been undergoing some big changes in the last year. If you are interested in hearing about new developments, and would like an opportunity to ask some questions of the principal and some current parents and students at the school, come along to this gathering in Kensington.

The event has been organised by Alice Garner, a member of the Mount Alexander College Parents and Friends Association and parent at Kensington Primary School.

If you need more information about the 20 March gathering please email Alice on amogarner@gmail.com

For more information about Mount Alexander College, check out the school's new website:

http://www.mountalexandercollege.vic.edu.au

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Secondary School Information

GILMORE COLLEGE FOR GIRLS is now a candidate school for the INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE – Middle Years Programme

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ESSENDON KEilor COLLEGE
Junior Campus

2012 OPEN DAYS

Come along to the Junior Campus Open Days and learn more about our excellent and innovative programs that are focused on the specific learning needs of students.

NIDDRIE CAMPUS
Peters Street, Aldinga
Wednesday 14th March
Tour times: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Information Session: 6:00 pm
in the Open Learning Space

EAST KEilor CAMPUS
Gelora Bung Karno
Thursday 29th March
Tour times: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Information Session: 6:00 pm
in the Campus Library

Alternatively School tours are available
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 am. Prior booking essential
Phone 9475 0900
E-mail Keilor@skc.edu.au

For further information
Melanie Derrick
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or www.skc.edu.au

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The Hub News
Karin.moore@iinet.net.au
Community News

"Come and try Karate. Here in the School gym on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4.00pm for beginners. 2 free sessions and a FREE Karate uniform on joining!! Learn self defence, increase your personal confidence and have fun all at the same time! Call Amelia on 0407320333 or visit www.artofdefence.com.au"

Parkside: Footy by the River

Auskick Registration has Opened

We cater for all kids from Kinder to Grade 6 and already have a number of families from your school. No experience required, the main objective is to provide healthy fun activities. Auskick sessions are every Friday from 5 to 6pm from April to August. We will also have a few social events, some half time games during the Parkside senior games, and a half time game at Elwood/MCC for the more senior kids. You can register online at the Auskick website (see below) or call Gary (details below) for more details.

We will also have junior footy teams in under 9 and under 10. Call Ray (details below) for more information.

Vennas Mar V Hughes Oval
Flemington Recreation & Sporting Grounds
Or get in touch with us at:
Gary Marshall 0409 394 342
or Ray Barber 0411 093 920

DO YOU LIKE SINGING & SOCIALISING?

JOIN VOCE DI VINO ROSSO

THE FLEMINGTON PARENTS & FRIENDS’ CHOIR

We are currently seeking new adult members to join our choir. We meet at 7.30pm for an hour every Monday night and sing a range of song styles.

The warm up always commences with a glass of wine (or water!) and a chat followed by singing, occasional hilarity, and yes, more singing. No experience or auditions required as we learn as we go. We perform at school and community events throughout the year.

Come and share your passion for singing and meet some more locals. To express your interest, call Gill Gutteridge (our choir leader) on 0448 580 924. We look forward to hearing from you.

CALL GILL
0448 580 924
Prep for Parents is an email subscription specifically for parents whose child is starting primary school.

If your child attended an early years service such as kindergarten or child care before starting school, their educator will have completed a Transition Learning and Development Statement. With this knowledge, your child’s teacher will have been able to consider your child’s learning profile and to build on your child's strengths, abilities and interests. So, no matter whether your child was able to write their name before they started school, their Prep class is designed to make learning fun and challenging.

As your child’s first, and most important, teacher there is a lot you can do at home that will support your child’s learning through everyday experiences. Here are some tips on things you can try at home:

- Have problems they can help solve, like a jigsaw puzzle or helping you sort the laundry (especially the socks!). These are great ways to tap into their natural problem solving abilities.
- Do things that interest them – like an existing hobby or activity they love. For example, if your child likes helping you cook you can introduce maths by getting them to measure the ingredients; science by observing and discussing how the different ingredients mix together; English through reading the recipe steps out loud; health by discussing how healthy the different ingredients are; and safety by allowing them to chop ingredients (with your help of course). All that learning can be achieved while you cook together.
- Enjoying spontaneous activities in response to your child’s questions can go a long way to encouraging their curiosity.
- Help them find answers or solutions to problems themselves. Show your child how to look things up in a book, in an encyclopaedia or on the computer, and let them find the answers themselves.
- When talking to your child, ask reflective questions like 'how' 'why' or 'what if...' as this helps them to think deeply about their responses.
- Repeat things. Most of us can’t do something perfectly the first time we try them. We get better with practice, and understand what we’re doing the more we do it. Children are exactly the same.
- Remember, your child needs some downtime just like you do. Giving them time to just be themselves is as important as giving them good food and lots of love.

Discuss with your child’s teacher any concerns that you have about your child’s learning and how it can be supported. If there are concerns, discussing this together with your child’s teacher will help.