Welcome back to school and the start of an exciting 2012.

On Monday I had the pleasure of presenting this year’s student leaders with their official badges. They are a delightful group of young people and I look forward to working with them through the year. They are:

**School Captains** - Lachy and Zoe:

**School Leaders** – Emily, Sophie A, Sophie S, Lawson, Yosl and Rohan:

**House Captains** –
- Cashmere/blue - Alex,
- Delhi/red - Jesse,
- Mangalore/green – Ella,
- Mooltan/yellow - David,

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

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by Tuesday, 14th February 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

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.

Early Leavers Book – if you need to take your child from school before 3.30pm the Early Leavers Book must be signed at the Office.

Chess Club

Commences next Tuesday, 14th February.
Forms are available outside the office.

Visitors Badges

All visitors, including parents, need to pick up and wear a badge when visiting the school at any time. If parents are helping in classrooms or attending meetings please call at the Office first.

For Sale

3/4 size Stentor 1 cello for sale - $550 In soft case.
In excellent condition.
Phone Jenny or Steve 9376 4707 or 0408 798 447.

2012 Education Maintenance Allowance

FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT YET LODGED THEIR EMA APPLICATIONS, PLEASE NOTE THEY MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 2012

No late applications can be accepted

If you applied for the 2012 EMA at the end of 2011 you DO NOT need to reapply.

If you are a holder of a Health Care Card and wish to apply for the EMA, please come by the office, sign a form and we will photocopy your Health Care Card for you.

In Touch Emails

Every InTouch is available on the school website and an alert will be emailed to you advising when it is available. One week a hard copy is sent home with the youngest child and the other week it will only be on the website. A few hardcopies of the newsletter will be available from the office for you to collect. If you have not already done so, you can be added to the email distribution list by either going direct to the schools website www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au click on notices on the left hand side and then click on subscribe to mailing list then click on enter your details here and follow prompts or by completing the attached form.

In Touch Email Request

Your name:
____________________________________________

Email address:
____________________________________________

Youngest child’s name:
____________________________________________

Youngest child’s class:
____________________________________________
Assistant Principal's Corner
Sandra McOrist

Sun smart

Welcome back to the new school year, it’s that time of the year when all children need to be wearing a broad brimmed hat whenever they are outside.

No hat No play - We are a sun smart school.
I am thrilled to see that all children have hats and they are clearly labelled. If you do need to write your child’s name on their hat please ask for a permanent marker from the office to do so.

If any child comes to school without a hat they will be asked to spend their play and lunch times in the covered area outside the prep learning neighbourhood. They will also be asked to sit in the shade during sport time.

Grounds

Welcome back to everyone. Lesley and I have had an extremely busy time over the last few weeks. All the portables are now in place and we are now just waiting for the walkway to be reinstated. It is fabulous to be able to see the oval again from the main building. The large green light on the oval has been reconnected and we have more lighting throughout the evening. One noticeable item must be the concrete footpath replacing the gravel one to the bollards, we have also extended the main footpath to go around the back of the hall to the asphalt. It will be fabulous when it rains, it may even stop my need for gumboots!

We have changed the play areas with the grade 3-6 now the only children around at the amphitheatre, we hope to have their play equipment installed very soon. The prep -2 children also have their own space of the sand pit and adjacent equipment, with no grade 3-6 children allowed there. The oval is available for all grades 1-6. The asphalt is a play area for all children.

I anticipate that as soon as the walkway is back in place we will set a date for a working bee, it is certainly needed.

The arborist is booked to come and prune the trees now that all of the workers are no longer on site.

Drop off area at 8:45am

Each morning there is a teacher or parent manning the drop off area at the end of the car park at the lane way. The person will ensure that your child enters the school grounds safely.

Before and After School Supervision

A teacher is on yard duty in the main court yard from 8:45-9:00am every morning. We encourage families to have their children at school at this time. Before school care is available if you need to bring your child earlier.

Two teachers are on duty in the afternoon, one at the bollards at Flemington Street the other in the main court yard from 3:30-3:45pm. After school care is available if you need to collect your child later. If you are unable to collect your child after school for any reason please contact the school in order to make arrangements.

Pickups at the Flemington Street Bollards.....

This pickup area on some afternoons can only be described as a complete nightmare for the yard duty teachers, Leonie Isaacs and myself. It would really be appreciated if parents held their child’s hand when crossing the road and actually walked with them.

Double parking is an issue here as well, once again we ask parents to take care and park in the allocated zones. We will be contacting the council and police again if this does not improve. Please take care especially when you have the most precious possession with you, your child.

Getting to school on time

The first bell goes at 8:55am and this is when we would like all children to be lined up. The second morning bell will go at 9:00am when the classes will be heading to class. Please endeavour to get your children to school by 8:45am to stop any last minute panic.

For Sale

We have a number of student chairs and tables that need a good home, they are currently outside near the science room. A gold coin donation at the office for any furniture will be much appreciated. I do have some other pieces of furniture in rooms. If you are particularly interested in anything please come and see me.
Sandra

Allergies

We have several children who may suffer severe life-threatening reactions to some foods. As part of our management of these student’s allergies we are requesting the co-operation of all parents in providing a safe environment at our school. We are requesting NUT PRODUCTS, including peanuts, peanut butter and all tree nuts such as cashews are not part of any child’s lunch. In previous years we have had fantastic support by all the school community and we are very appreciative of the co-operation of all families in caring for the well being of others.
**eLearning News**

**Bruce Ziebell**

The introduction of iPads to the grades five and six curriculum has commenced positively. Eighty one iPads have been configured to our network and there are another five to be added by the end of the week, an excellent response. Students have started their iPad journey reviewing their knowledge of cyber safety and establishing shared understandings. Further information is available at [http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au/](http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au/).

One aspect of this is student use of Facebook. In the past we have had experience of grade six students using the medium to slander teachers, spread rumours, use inappropriate/suggestive language and excluding/belittling fellow students. Children need to be aged thirteen to establish a Facebook page but by falsifying their age on the sign up page an underage child can establish a page. It is strongly recommended that parents are aware if their child is accessing Facebook and share with their child appropriate use. Facebook provides the school with the ability to report an underage child ([http://www.facebook.com/help/contact.php?show_form=underage](http://www.facebook.com/help/contact.php?show_form=underage)) and the school will not tolerate any form of cyber bullying.

Students in Grades ¾ will be introduced to Super Clubs Plus as an educational social media site which is supported by DEECD and monitored 24/7. This site provides a protected, online social learning community where kids meet friends, have fun and learn. [www.superclubsplus.com.au](http://www.superclubsplus.com.au)

Teachers in grades 1 – 6 have investigated using the express page of the Ulntranet to record each student’s Learning Goals and parents should be able to access this information through their Ulntranet login by the end of the month.

**OSHC News**

Camp Australia now manage the Before & After School Care program. All bookings, absences and payments need to be made through the Camp Australia website.

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**Instrumental Music News**

**Vern O’Hara**

Instrumental Music teachers have started their program this week apart from Anna and Per who commence next Monday. Timetables are on display on the music noticeboard and are also on the school website at [www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au/text/instrumental_music_information_axw7.htm](http://www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au/text/instrumental_music_information_axw7.htm)

Welcome to Lily Parker, the voice teacher who has started this week. Feedback after the first lessons has been very positive and classes are filling quickly.

**PE & Sports News**

**Brendan Newman**

Welcome back to a new and exciting year at Flemington Primary.

As I write this we are already preparing for the District Swimming Sports. The Carnival will be held at Queens Park Swimming Pool on Friday 9th March and students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 turning nine THIS YEAR or older will be eligible to try out for the events. All events are 50 metres, comprising of Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly.

This opportunity is for children who are competent swimmers and would like to represent Flemington Primary School at the swimming sports. Event lists will be circulated during their PE lesson and students are welcomed to try out for ALL events in their age group. We will be holding trials at the Travencore Pool at 7:45 am on Wednesdays 15th, 22nd & 29th February. Parents will need to drop children off at this time (Sharp – events begin the moment the doors open). There will be a charge of $2.00 per child to cover the cost of hiring the pool. All necessary notices will be forwarded on to you at the appropriate time.
Community News

ACE FUN TENNIS SCHOOL

Programs for all ages and standards
Adults and Children
Get fit for summer
Classes start from $10 per class
Singles and Doubles Competition available

Free tryout every Friday during February
1300 ACE FUN or 1300 223 386
www.acefuntennisschool.com

FREE TRIAL DRAMA CLASS
With Jennifer Monk
Thursday 9th February
Kensington Primary School Hall
Mcmricken Street, Kensington
Prep to Yr 2 3:45 to 4:45 pm
Yrs 3 to 6 4:45 to 5:45 pm

We give Children Confidence through Drama...
We offer a FUN program with the focus on developing children’s confidence through performing as well as developing their imagination and creativity.
We cater for all levels and no experience is needed. It helps children develop confidence in speaking in front of a group and for those who love performing it gives an opportunity to channel their talents.
Older students will learn improvising where they develop quick thinking and also build skills for performing and public speaking.
Register your child for a free trial class on our website www.kidsupfront.com.au

phone 1300 821 828

HARVEST YOGA
Balance and Harmony

YOGA FOR CHILDREN
New in 2012

Children dance before they learn there is anything that isn’t music.
Tuesdays at 11am for 5-5 year olds and Wednesdays at 4:30pm 5-9 year olds
TERM 1 2012 - 6 weeks
starting Tuesday 14 February 11am 5-5 year olds
& Wednesday 15 February 4.30pm 5-9 year olds
Cost $44

HARVEST YOGA offers classes at all levels - Beginners, General, Meditation, Holiday Programs, Workshop, Intensives, Yoga for Children, Yoga for Over 50s, Early Morning Yoga, Daytime Yoga, Ashtanga Yoga Basics

nk@harvestyoga.com.au www.harvestyoga.com.au M 0431 163130 P 9375 3773
76 McGregor Street, Kensington, upstairs behind Chiefshurch, through the Playground

DAN DONNELLY TENNIS COACHING PROGRAMS
Royal Park T.C. (cnr Park St & The Avenue, Parkville/Brunswick)

Dear Parents,
Bookings for 2 School Holiday Clinics and 1st Term Tennis Coaching are now available.

CLINIC 1: CHRISTMAS TENNIS/GOLF CLINIC
Dec 23 - 24 4th school term finishes Thursday December 22. Parents this clinic is the perfect post school/pre christmas activity. Please note, no fees are payable until December 23, and golf equipment is supplied. The clinic is available for all ages and playing standards. The two formats available are:
Format 1 9am - 12.30pm (Friday & Saturday) 100
Format 2 9am - 3pm (Friday & Saturday) 140

CLINIC 2: JANUARY PRE SCHOOL TENNIS CLINIC
Jan 24 - 27 Tuesday - Friday (School commences Feb 1)
Parents, clarify these dates for an activity post the break!
Four days of fun tennis catering for all ages. Racquets supplied if required.
Format 9am - 12.30pm (Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri) 190
8.30 am drop-off available for both clinics.

Bookings for 2012 Coaching Programs being taken
(Pee Wee Tennis/Junior Coaching/Adult Coaching)

For all bookings, call 9347 3604

Wishing all families a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Dan Donnelly. Club Coach Royal Park T.C.
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