

# In Touch Newsletter

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## DIARY DATES

### MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Parents Association Special Meeting  
7pm in the Staff Room

### TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Grade 3/4 Information evening

### WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY

District Swimming Carnival

### SUNDAY 2 MARCH

**WORKING BEE 9.00**

### TUESDAY 4 MARCH

2007 Grade 6 students return to school

### MONDAY 10 MARCH

Labour Day Public Holiday –

**NO SCHOOL**

### TUESDAY 11 MARCH

Preps attend full time

### WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH

Ride to School Day

### FRIDAY, 20 MARCH

**End of Term 1 –**

**Early dismissal 2.30pm**

Easter 21/3/08 to 24/3/08

### MONDAY, 7 APRIL

Term 2 begins

### SATURDAY, 19 APRIL

SCHOOL FETE 2.00-7.00pm

## Principal's Report - Lesley McCarthy

It was a great pleasure to welcome the *Prep* students to assembly this week. Their arrival was greeted with applause as they join our other students for the first time. This was also the first presentation of Pupil of the Week certificates to the Preps.

This week also included the announcement of our *Student Leaders* for 2008.

I was very proud to acknowledge these young people who have proven their leadership abilities in many ways, not least of all the preparation and presentation of their election speeches over the last two weeks.

Congratulations to School Leaders - James Boyce, Flora Anderson Cleary, Maddie Smith and Peter Wright and our Sports Captains - Max Hunt, Lillie Thomas, Nick Vizard and Chloe Walker.



The year level Information evenings have continued this week and have proven to be a positive, informative and well attended process of meeting teachers, parents and communicating plans for the year. Parents who need to speak individually with their class teacher are invited to ring or write for an appointment.

The final session for this term is the Grade 3/4 evening next Tuesday.

Parents are reminded that the special **Parents Association** meeting will be held next Monday evening, 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

**School Council Election** materials will be distributed today and all parents are encouraged to participate in the election process. With 9 nominations and 5 vacancies, this is the opportunity to elect a Council for the next generation of Flemington PS students; to assist us in planning and guiding directions for the future, commence the development of the new School Strategic Plan and continue the work on the proposed school hall. It is very pleasing to see nominations from parents of children in Prep-2 who will be with us for several years. Every parent is entitled to place a vote, the double envelope process is to ensure confidentiality and a roll of voters is kept for accountability only. Any parents needing assistance with interpreting should contact the school.

Voting closes at 4pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.

## WEBSITE NEWS

All notices sent home with children are now uploaded to the school website daily. The link is on the "What's New" page which has a link on the Index page.

The Specialist Timetable for Term One has been uploaded onto the "What's New" page.

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**Pupil Of The Week 18/2/08**

**5/6ZN:** for her "getting along skills" and taking responsibility for her actions. *Lillie T.*  
**5/6S:** for an all-round improvement in his organization and getting along skills. *Harry S.*  
**5/6F:** for her confident start to Flemington Primary. Well done! *Alma C.*  
**5/6C:** for her positive attitude to all areas of her school environment. *Eloise M.*  
**3/4T:** for persisting with all of her schoolwork and always trying her best. *Maddie A.*  
**3/4L:** for persisting in her maths tasks and her positive attitude to learning. *Mariam G.*  
**3/4I:** for his excellent organization and his positive attitude at school. *Steve T.*  
**3/4D:** for *G.*  
**1/2M:** for getting along with others in the playground and showing resilience when faced with a challenge. *Matthew W.*  
**1/2K:** for a positive approach and his work on our multi-cultural topic *Yaser A.*  
**1/2J:** for persisting in his report writing. *Rhys D.*  
**1/2I/R:** for being organized and always trying his best. *Flynn S.*  
**1/2D:** for an excellent start to school. *Dara O.*  
**PS:** for the confidence he shows in helping his peers. *Liam C.*  
**PP:** for trying hard and having a go. *Ahmed S.*  
**PN:** for persisting with writing her letter sounds when recording sentences. *Sima G.*  
**Principal's Award:** *Ethan S. (PP)* for an excellent start to school and a positive approach to his learning.  
**Assistant Principal's Award:** *James G. (5/6S)* for showing maturity and responsibility

**FROM THE SUGGESTION BOX**

Thanks for all the info on Multiple Intelligences in the most recent newsletter Mrs McCarthy - absolutely fascinating... and I love Gab's new column, especially since raising healthy kids is so very much a partnership between home and school.

*Response: We appreciate your positive feedback on the information we put into the newsletter. Thankyou.*

I would find it really helpful if there was a handout at the Parent Info night indicating class timetable/specialists etc.

*Response: A copy of the specialist timetable has been put in this newsletter and is also contained on the website. Please be aware that this timetable changes each term.*

**Office News****TERM 1 BENDIGO BANK DATES**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup> Mar and 14<sup>th</sup> Mar.**

If you would like to open an account for your child please collect forms from the office. If you already have an account please send monies and passbook to the office by the dates stated above.

**EMA APPLICATIONS**

If you have a current health care card and you have not applied for EMA this year, all applications need to be made to the office by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February. You will need to bring you health care card with you. No late applications can be accepted. Thankyou.

**Traffic Management :****- A.M.**

- Stop to drop children off in the laneway only at the main building area.
- Park briefly and drop off in the 5 min. bays.
- Park in surrounding streets and walk back with children.
- Drive carefully in the streets surrounding the school.

**- P.M.**

- No stopping in the laneway.
- Parents to park in surrounding streets and walk to meet children.
- Drive carefully in the streets surrounding the school.
- **At no time can parents park in the driveway off Flemington St this is far too dangerous as children wait there every day as it is drop off/pick up zone.**

Parents are reminded that dogs are not permitted on school property during school hours.

## Assistant Principal's Corner

Sandra McOrist

### WORKING BEE - SUNDAY March 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am – 12.00

Working Bees are held on a regular basis. Each term a year level is targeted but all families are welcome to attend. Students are particularly welcome as it is their school. The Buildings & Grounds Committee appreciates everyone's assistance in the continued upkeep of our school grounds. For information call Glenn Dietze on 9629 4844, Tim Pegler 0412 485 146 or see me at school. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution to our building fund please visit the office to arrange payment.

**We wish to bring to your attention a type of bullying behaviour related to internet and mobile phone use. Children use MSN Messenger and other email/chat functions to carry out these actions. This action is known as Cyberbullying.**

**Parents who need assistance in this area may find useful materials at the following websites:**

<http://www.netalert.net.au>

<http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/internet/safety.htm>

**You may also choose to discuss the following article from Sofweb with your children.**

**If you wouldn't do it in real life, don't do it in cyberspace. This is called Netiquette or netics, or ethics on the net. Don't think that just because you are in cyberspace all bets are off. If it's inappropriate or illegal in real life, it's inappropriate or illegal in cyberspace. No exceptions. It might seem that your chances of being caught behaving unethically on the net are less than they are in real life, however this doesn't provide an excuse for lowering your standards of behaviour, and I wouldn't be too sure that you won't get caught.**

**Some of the laws on the net, particularly in regards to electronic publishing and electronic copyright are still being argued out in the courts, but by assuming that the laws stand as they do in the print media (see SOFWeb's Copyright Statement) and by behaving as ethically as you would in real life, you can protect yourself and your school.**

**Let's all work together to keep our children safe.**

## Curriculum Corner

### THE SPELLING CENTRE – THE FIRST 200 WORDS

This spelling software is based on sound educational principles and emphasizes how words are constructed, shows correct word images and rewards students for their efforts. We have 4 copies of this software available for purchase from the school office at a cost \$25 each. Sales will be on a first in first serve basis. You can also play the demo version on line at [www.spellingcentre.com](http://www.spellingcentre.com) (requires broadband).

### YOGA CAN HELP!

**Want to help your kids feel healthier, stronger, calmer and more focused?**

Physically, yoga enhances and balances flexibility and strength, which can prevent some injuries during other sports activities. It also improves coordination and balance and promotes cardio and circulatory health. Mentally, it teaches children how to quiet their minds, so they can better focus their energy, and it encourages kids to accept themselves and care for themselves.

And, because yoga is non-competitive, yet provides some challenge, it is appropriate for both athletic kids and those who may feel uncomfortable trying competitive sports.

#### **What can yoga offer my child?**

##### ***The ability to control stress***

Children are sometime under a great deal of stress. Yoga can help your child learn how to relax. Through yoga, your child learns how to breathe correctly, taking longer, slower breaths, and relaxing his body through breath. He can then apply this to his world when he encounters challenging situations.

##### ***A healthier body***

Yoga is a powerful technique for children to begin moving their bodies in ways that feel good, as well as learning to take care of and respect their bodies. Yoga can also help your child become stronger, and gain endurance and flexibility. If your child is involved in another sport, a regular yoga practice is a great cross training activity and can help reduce the risk of injuries. Yoga also promotes good posture, as well as improved stability and balance.

##### ***Increased self-esteem***

Kids? yoga is a non-competitive activity there's no winning or losing. Yet it does offer your child the ability to master challenging poses (especially as she gets older). Your child can feel good about her increasing ability without having to worry about how she compares to everyone else. This experience of success can help your child feel more confident in her ability to be successful in other things too.

##### ***Greater concentration***

Yoga helps kids develop more focus. In yoga, kids learn how to focus on what they are doing in the moment and let go of distractions and worries. The breathing and inward focus that is a main component of any yoga practice can help your child learn to focus his mind more effectively. A number of studies have shown that many children who practice yoga, especially those with problems such as ADHD, are able to concentrate for longer periods of time.

**GABRIELLE NILSSON**

**HEALTH AND PE COORDINATOR**

## G.A.T.E.WAYS

As the G.A.T.E.WAYS coordinator, after discussion with the team we have decided this year to change the procedure of enrolling students into the G.A.T.E.WAYS.

Last year it was difficult to organise placements before the due-date, I was sent notices late and then I was constantly chasing students to get the forms back in on time.

Talented students have the opportunity to be involved in one-off workshops each term at a venue away from school. Children participate in challenging and interrelated workshops. These workshops have been specifically created and presented by a talented team.

The workshops usually cost around \$72 and students need to commit to the day. There is usually a program for grades 1, 2 & 3 and a separate one for grades 4, 5 & 6.

Therefore instead of handing out notices and waiting for responses, I will ask you as parents to commit your child to the program and cost, by checking up the G.A.T.E.WAYS website and automatically enrolling your child yourselves. I shall advertise the programs and the website in IN-TOUCH regularly.

Grace Nunez

This term's program

What's The Big Idea?

Fitzroy Primary School Napier St. Building Fitzroy 8.45 am - 3.10 pm

Years 1-3 Mon 17/03/08 & Years 4-6 Tues 18/03/08

[www.gateways.edu.au](http://www.gateways.edu.au)

## Instrumental Music News

*Vern O'Hara – Music Coordinator – 0403 777 050*

### Would you like to be a keyboard player in a rock band?

The schools rock band is looking for a keyboard player. You will need to be able to play chords and be at least at approximately grade two AMEB standard. The rock band rehearses on Thursdays at lunchtime and you need to be able to attend rehearsals every week. If you are interested in joining the group as a keyboard player, see Mr O'Hara.

### Protocol for concerns regarding lessons

If you have any concerns/complaints regarding your child's lessons, please speak to your child's instrumental teacher first. If you are not happy with the response/explanation, then see Mr O'Hara who will follow up the matter with the teacher concerned. Any issues/concerns with invoicing and payment of fees should be directed to Mr O'Hara.

### Term One Invoices

Term one invoices will be sent out early next week. Please check the invoices carefully to see that they are accurate. If you have any concerns/questions regarding the invoice, please see Mr O'Hara at school or call him on his mobile 0403 777 050.

### Instrumental Music Committee Meeting

The first instrumental music committee meeting for 2008 will be held on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.00 pm in the music room. We have two vacancies for this committee. If you would like to join the committee and help support the music program at Flemington Primary School, please see Mr O'Hara. Please note that the choir students are invoiced for the entire year not just Term 1.

### Westside Arts Concert

I have nominated the school orchestra, which consists of students in the senior band and senior strings, to perform at the Westside Arts Concert at Hamer Hall on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The students will be auditioned towards the end of this term. The students will need to be of a reasonably high standard to be selected to perform at the concert. Could I ask parents of students in these ensembles to remind their child to practice the music at home. They are playing the theme from 'Star Wars' and 'Walking in The Air'. The rehearsals are very short and the teachers don't have time to be teaching the children their parts during the rehearsal.

### Ensembles

The following students were left off the ensemble lists in last week's In Touch. Please note that the junior and Senior strings has swapped days. Senior Strings will rehearse on Tuesdays and Junior Strings on Thursdays as of next week.

Senior Strings  
Phoebe Allan  
Alice Sandner  
Eleni Coates  
Loren Pugh

Senior Band  
Lily Kenchington-Evans  
Catherine Ward  
Emilia Wilson  
James Boyce

## OSHC News

*Kaye Evans – OSHC Coordinator – 0412 250 131*

- Fee notices have been distributed to all families this week.
- Parents are urged to advise OSHC if their child will not be attending OSHC for any reason.
- Former student, Sam Templeton, is working Monday afternoons completing 15 hours of Community Service with us.
- Attendance numbers are high for all after school sessions this year. Parents are advised to book their children into the program as soon as possible due to the need to roster sufficient staff to manage numbers.
- The Holiday Care Program will again operate at the Easter Holidays. At \$35 a day it is great value and fun for all. The program has been planned and will include:
  - Reptile incursion
  - Games day including Chess Challenge, Scrabble Strategy, Trivial Pursuit and more
  - Sport clinics – with Karl & Joe
  - Science Day – experiments with Elise

## School Council News

*Lisa Frazer*

I am thrilled to see such an enthusiastic response to the School Council elections with nine nominations for the five positions. I urge all parents to consider the candidates material and vote. After five busy years, the past President of SC, Marian Lieschke, has decided not to renominate for another term on SC. Marian has been a very dedicated and hard working member of SC and her passion, vision, leadership and wisdom will be greatly missed. She has taken particular interest in and been an active supporter of many things, including the instrumental music program, OSHC and the proposed new building. Marian's commitment to the school has been extraordinary, with many years as PA President and other roles prior to joining SC. I know the whole school community will join with me in thanking Marian for her enormous contribution to the school over these many years.

### PACE BISCUITS DEVELOPMENT

I'd appreciate any advice from any one who may be able to offer some advice regarding the appeal to VCAT on Monday 25/2 by the developers of the PACE Biscuit factory site. The developers are appealing MVCC's decision not to approve the development. The school lodged an objection to the MVCC and we are now a part of the appeal. Please call me on 93763754 ASAP if you can help.

## Parents Association News

### Parents Association Special Meeting

**MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 7.00pm  
in the Staff Room.**

We are seeking at least 5 parents willing to nominate to form a Committee. The model this Committee will take is that of coordination and seeking assistance from others to organize and administer the many activities held at the school such as Mothers & Fathers Day stalls, Special Lunch days, Family & Friends Day etc.

### Classroom Coordinators

We are still seeking parents to act as Classroom Coordinators for the following grades. Can you help? Prep Puglia, Prep Sutton, 1/ 2D, 1/ 2K, 1/ 2J, 1/ 2IR, 3/ 4L, 3/ 4I, 3/ 4T, 5/ 6ZN.

Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered for this role: Prep N – Freia Carlton & Lisa Madden, 1/2M Karin Moore, 3/4D Gabrielle Noonan, 5/6F Rhonda Volling, 5/6C Louise Wylie.

### ICYPOLE DUTY

Thank you to Rosie Hayes for organizing and distributing the roster. Any parents able to assist on a Tuesday morning from 10.45-11.30 are invited to contact Rosie on 9326 0339

### FETE '08

The countdown continues ---- there are just 8 weeks to go until **Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>**.

Planning is well underway. Please collect plants, books, craft items, jams and preserves for the stalls. To donate items, register for a stall or to assist with food stalls or activities, please send a note to the office with your child or speak with Lisa Frazer.

*April 19th Around the world from 2pm-dark.....*

Please make sure you read the regular fete newsletters printed in blue paper. We're still seeking a few coordinators for stalls, and soon we'll start asking for volunteers for throughout the event.

There are lots of ways to help, just read the blue fete newsletters and use the contact details to arrange to lend a hand. Don't forget, this is a great opportunity to bring along friends and family and make it a big social outing. The more money we raise, the more funds available to improve the educational experience for our children.

Lisa Frazer

[lfrazer@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lfrazer@bigpond.net.au)

### UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open from:

**Mondays 9.10am to 9.30am**

**Thursdays 3.15pm to 3.45pm**

Drop in to the uniform shop (near the office) on Monday mornings straight after Assembly or before school finishes on Thursdays.

And a reminder to all parents that your SPARTAN SCHOOL BAG came with a 3-year warranty, so if there are any faults with your child's bag NOT caused by your child, please bring it in.

Remember you can order NEW uniform items from the Office anytime by leaving an order form (you will be advised when goods are filled) as well as drop off clean second-hand items, which your children may have grown out of.

*Meredith*

**STOP SINGING IN THE SHOWER AND SING WITH US!**

**JOIN THE FLEMINGTON PARENTS' & FRIENDS' CHOIR**

**(ALIAS "VOCE DI VINO ROSSO")**

Voce di Vino Rosso have been singing together since 2001 and we are welcoming any new members who would like to join our choir. We meet on Monday nights in the music portable at 7:50pm for an hour and sing a range of 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. There are no auditions and no experience is necessary.

Our first performance for the year will be at the school fete in April. Come and share your passion for singing and meet some more locals. To express your interest, call Gill Gurtler (our choir leader) on 9376 1092 or just turn up on Monday night. See you there!

## Community News

### WALKING BUS DEPARTURE TIME Now 8.35AM from Tunbridge and Kent

After some confusion we have decided to have the Kent Street Walking Bus resume a departure time of 8.35am from the corner of Tunbridge and Kent. This means drivers and walkers will need to arrive at this stop at 8.30am to be sure of departing on time. Those departing opposite Ayr St should arrive at 8.40am for 8.45am. If anyone needs another stop (eg corner of Brixton and Kent) then please let me know. Don't forget, we still need more volunteers so please feel free to give me a call.

Mark Ellis

[markcellis@westnet.com.au](mailto:markcellis@westnet.com.au)

9376 2870

### WALKING SCHOOL BUS VOLUNTEER SESSION MONDAY 3 MARCH 2008 - 10AM CIVIC CENTRE - QUEENS PARK VIEW ROOM

If you are interested please rsvp to

[LBagnati@mvcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:LBagnati@mvcc.vic.gov.au).

**Lisa Bagnati**

**Walking School Bus Project Officer**

### **GIRLS' SOCCER - New Club, 2008**

**COME AND TRY DAY & REGISTRATION**  
**SUNDAY 24th Feb. 2008 10am - noon**  
**Holland Park, Kensington Rd, Kensington.**

KFJSC is starting up a girls' soccer club. We hope to enter two teams (e.g. U12 and U16) in the winter competition of the Football Federation, Victoria Juniors League.

Come along and register (fees \$150, \$90 concession card holders).

There will be plenty of fun and skills activities to have a go on the day, run by people from Vic Football Federation, Melbourne Uni. Women's Soccer Club and Flemington Goalkick. So bring your sports gear and have a try.

For further info:

**Greg Maloney** 9376 1306 **Peter O'Donoghue** 0411 329 165

**Paul Devereux** 0401 941 132 **Fiona Brookes** 9376 1870



### **JOB VACANCY**

Paul Longfield, a parent at FPS owns a software company and is looking for a part-time person to help him out.

The ideal person is someone who is able to work 15-16 hours per week over 2-3 days that wants to work from home. The role includes answering phones and eventually helping our clients with problems they may be experiencing using our software.

For further details please contact Paul Longfield at Easy Brokerage™ on

Work Phone: 1300 730 749

Home Phone: 9376 2426

Mobile: 0407 352 749

Fax: 1300 655 973

[paul@easybrokerage.com.au](mailto:paul@easybrokerage.com.au)

<http://www.easybrokerage.com.au>

## Community News

### Collingwood Toy Library – Annual Pre-Loved Toys and Clothing Fair

This event will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March between 9am – 1pm in Darling Gardens, Clifton Hill (Cnr Hoddle St and South Terrace).

Entry is free and there will be clothing, toys and furniture stalls, face painting, jumping castle, animal nursery, performances and food. If you wish to book a stall the cost is \$35 with all enquiries to Wendy Diamond on 9489 8420.

### TRANSITION NEWS

#### BRUNSWICK SECONDARY COLLEGE

School Tours: Every Tuesday and Wednesday 9.45am -10.30am

Yr 7 2009 Information Evening: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm -8.30pm

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program:

Closing Date - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Test Date – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Interviews - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Applications – From school and contact Marilyn Hardy on 9387 6133

For further information and bookings for tours and information evening please call the school on 9387 6133.

### Join in on Clean Up Australia Day to Create a Clean Creek Community!

Sunday March 2nd

Flemington Community Centre.

10am to 12pm

Last year over 700 bags of litter were collected from the Moonee Ponds Creek, its' tributaries and adjoining reserves. This year join the Moonee Ponds Creek Co-ordination Committee and your local community at one of the following sites. Bring along your friends, family and neighbours to create a cleaner, healthier place to live.

All participants are welcome at a celebratory lunch at the Flemington Community Centre (Melways 29 B12) from 1pm to 2pm.

The lunch will include some delicious traditional African food prepared by the local African Community.

It will be a great chance to share some food and a chat about the day's events with fellow volunteers from different sites!

Don't forget your hat, gloves and long pants.

Please register on arrival.

### MOONEE VALLEY FESTIVAL AT QUEENS PARK

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> 10-5.30

Community breakfast - 10-11

10-12.30 Essendon FC

Music with Vanessa Amorosi, Ganga Girl and Symbiosis.

Dancing, Calisthenics, amusements, school bands, choirs and youth entertainment. <http://www.mvcc.vic.gov.au/>

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2008 - ballot materials distributed today!

### Glenn Dietze



I am a restaurateur with a Business degree, and a keen cyclist. Meg and I have Henry in Prep N and Maddie in 3/4D. During my 2007 term as a school councillor I convened the Buildings and Grounds subcommittee and together with Sandra McOrist and Tim Pegler helped to implement the amphitheatre improvements, new 3-6 playground, new shade-sails, and attended numerous working bees. If re-elected as a school councillor I will:

- \* help towards further enhancing our school's stimulating, enriching and caring environment aimed at maximising the learning outcomes of all students
- \* aim to further enhance the amenities of the school – both inside and outside the work towards increasing the teaching resources and IT technology available in all the classrooms and specialist areas
- \* lobby the education department and minister for further grants and funding
- \* have an open door policy to any parents with queries, concerns or ideas

### Rosie Hayes



As both a teacher and school administrator I am astutely aware of the vital partnership between the school and its community. Parents, staff and students must have united values; a common vision and together develop a culture that is "our school". All parties are interdependent; effectiveness relies on clarity of goals and mutual respect between all parties; from this ultimately stems a strong sense of pride, unity and cohesiveness.

Administering schools is a complex role, juggling visionary leadership with efficient management. The leadership team and council has the crucial responsibility of developing and communicating protocols and strategies to address and implement the school's articulated goals. This year Flemington Primary will develop a new Strategic Plan. It is timely that we re-visit our values, reassess and re-define our vision and work together to re-shape a philosophy that embodies our school. I am committed to transparent processes, broad communication and comprehensive liaison.

### Tim Pegler



I'm dad to Lawson (1/2J) and Rose (3yo) and partner to Kristin. I'm a website editor, author and wanna-be cyclist.

I've served one year on School Council, working closely with Sandra McOrist and Glenn Dietze on Buildings & Grounds, and convening the Communications sub-committee. I'm proud to have helped with:

- \* Repairing the amphitheatre (a four-working-bee task supported by many families, thank you);
- \* New playground equipment;
- \* Co-writing grant applications for additional sports facilities (results pending);
- \* Editing the Prep Information Handbook;
- \* Personally lobbying the state government for roof and electrical repairs.

I see my role on Council as supporting teachers and staff by maintaining an environment in which students can achieve their personal best in all areas of learning and social development. If re-elected, I'm keen to pursue extra IT resources and kick off a grounds beautification project. Please feel free to contact me: [tyto@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tyto@bigpond.net.au)

### Ben Rimmer



My name is Ben– I'm Thea's dad from Prep N.

Our family has just joined the school community. We feel privileged to be part of such a fantastic school - everything we've experienced from the first day we walked through the gates has made us excited about the education our children will receive. Although new to the school, I have something to offer:

- \* I understand the role of the School Council, and the importance of working in a supportive way with Lesley and the leadership group;
- \* I understand how government works, thrive on working in teams and love solving problems; and I believe that Flemington can provide outstanding education for all, both in the basics of literacy and numeracy and in broader experiences inside and outside the classroom such as sport and music. I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming months and years.

**Paul Longfield**

Paul and wife Lisa are the parents of Charlie in Prep N and a toddler. They live in Shields Street. Paul owns a software company.

**Anthony Gallagher**

I have been actively involved in Flemington Primary School over the last 9 years, with two boys still attending. Since 2002 I've been an active member of School Council, subcommittees for OSHC & Curriculum and in 2007 as Vice-President. Along with this I have attended camps, solar boat challenges and many activities including fetes, concerts, working bees, etc.

I am a medical practitioner with training in both paediatrics and child psychiatry. I'm committed to ensuring that all children have both best access to high quality education and, through a strong partnership between parents and teachers, the opportunity to be acknowledged, supported and encouraged in all their individual areas (whether talent or special need). I am always happy to be approached and will strive to accurately represent your concerns and opinions as I believe that as a school community working together collaboratively, we can enhance the outcomes for all children.

**David Langsam**

With three children at Flemington PS, it's time I made a contribution to the community. We have inherited an excellent school and it is important that we think of the school not just for our own children, but for future generations. The school hall proposal needs a rethink. The present design is too small for the whole school, has glass north-facing windows without verandah protection and is overly-expensive. If elected to School Council, I will work to retain the heritage character of the school as well as consider the environmental impact of all Council decisions. The Council needs to be far more transparent and better communicate its decisions to families and staff. I will continue to work for a closer, stronger relationship with Debney Park SC. Primarily a journalist, I am also a qualified teacher with experience at secondary and tertiary levels, including course design and curriculum development. Tel: 9372 2990

**Jenn Kilby**

Flemington Primary School has a reputation for excellence. An understanding that it is not about meeting *Victorian Essential Learning Standards* (VELS) but exceeding them to the best of the staff and communities ability. This has been assisted through a broad range of areas including music, art, science, language and a variety of extra curricula activities. It has provided opportunities for children with different skills and interests. For this to be maintained into the future it is fundamental to have a strong, collaborative School Council to provide both assistance and leadership in maintaining the schools special qualities.

I believe that my skills as an architect and my longstanding involvement in a variety of school activities including the Building & Grounds Committee, assisting and previously coordinating a school fete, and helping with mother and fathers day stalls will allow me to be a valuable contributor to School Council and the School Community.

**Mark Ellis**

This is my seventh year of involvement in FPS through my children Noah (5/6S) and Imogen (3/4D). Through Classroom Helpers, Walking Bus, the parent's choir and PA activities I have developed a working familiarity with the whole school community. With a background in music teaching I believe the FPS Music Program to be the school's most valued asset and indeed consider support for all specialist staff to be of utmost importance. I feel strongly the necessity for preserving and enhancing the school environment through fostering a sense of ownership within the whole school community for any projects which affect this precious heritage and educational space. Through constructive support for all staff I feel the school council can contribute to an integrated curriculum development relevant to future decades. The high calibre of staff, students

and parents has given us an extraordinary school and I want to ensure it stays that way.

		9.00	10.00		11.30	12.30		2.30
Monday	Art	APT	3 / 4 I	11.00 Recess	3 / 4 L	3 / 4 D	1.30 Lunch break	3 / 4 T
	Music	APT	5 / 6 ZN		1 / 2 M	1 / 2 K		5 / 6 F
	PE	APT	1 / 2 M		1 / 2 D	1 / 2 J		1 / 2 K
	ICT(music*)	VOID	3 / 4 L		1 / 2* M	1 / 2* K		5 / 6 ZN
Tuesday	Art	APT	Prep S		Prep N	Prep P		1 / 2 J
	Music	5 / 6 S	5 / 6 C		1 / 2 IR	1 / 2 J		1 / 2 D
	PE	5 / 6 ZN	5 / 6 F		5 / 6 S	5 / 6 C		Assisting 5 / 6
	LOTE	APT	3 / 4 L		3 / 4 D	3 / 4 T		3 / 4 I
	ICT(music*)	3 / 4 T	3 / 4 I		1 / 2 *IR	1 / 2* J		1 / 2* D
Wed	Art	1 / 2 K	1 / 2 M		1 / 2 IR	1 / 2 D		APT
	LOTE	5 / 6 F	5 / 6 C		APT	5 / 6 ZN		5 / 6 S
	Library	APT	1 / 2 IR		1 / 2 K	1 / 2 J		1 / 2 M
	PE	3 / 4 D	3 / 4 T		3 / 4 I	3 / 4 L		APT
	ICT	5 / 6 C	5 / 6 S	1 / 2 D	5 / 6 F	5 / 6 ZN		
Thurs	Science	5 / 6 ZN	5 / 6 F	ICT Admin	5 / 6 S	5 / 6 C		
	Music	APT	Prep N	APT	Prep S	Prep P		
	Library	Prep S	Prep P	1 / 2 D	Prep N	APT (RE)		
	PE	Release for EYL		PMP	1 / 2 IR	Assisting 3 / 4		
	ICT	1 / 2 K	1 / 2 IR	1 / 2 M	1 / 2 J	Prep N		
Friday	Science	3 / 4 I	3 / 4 T	3 / 4 L	3 / 4 D	ICT Admin		
	PE	APT	APT	Prep N	Prep S	Prep P		
	ICT		3 / 4 D	Prep S	Prep P			
Swimming	Grade 5 / 6							

3 / 4 1<sup>st</sup> half year ART, 5 / 6 1<sup>st</sup> half year Music, LOTE 3-6, PE P-6, Library P-2, Science 3-6



# Flemington Primary School Building Co-operative Limited

## Application for Membership and Shares

1. I hereby apply to be admitted as a member of the Flemington Primary School Building Co-operative and to be allocated 5 \$300 shares therein.

**Name:** .....

**Address:** (to which notices are to be sent).....

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**Address:** .....

**Occupation:** .....

**Telephone:** (h) ..... (w) ..... (m) .....

**Email:** .....

2. In respect of this application I undertake to lodge in accordance with the rules the sum of \$1500 which will be required if the Flemington Primary School Building Co-operative Limited is unable to meet its financial obligations with regard to the loan.

3. \*I am over the age of 18 years  
\*I am under the age of 18 years having been born on .....

4. If this application is approved and the shares as foresaid allotted to me, I agree to pay outstanding share capital in accordance with Section 76 of the Co-operatives Act 1996 and I agree to be bound by the rules of the co-operative and by any alterations thereof registered in accordance with abovementioned Act. Pursuant to Section 75 (1) of the Act, no rights of membership shall be exercised until the member has made such payment or acquired such share interest as specified in the rules in that behalf.

Dated: .....

Signed: .....

Witnessed: .....

*\*Strikeout the words which are inapplicable*

**There are no membership fees for the Flemington Primary School Building Co-operative**