20th February 2012

Congratulations to this year’s Student Representative Councillors:

2R Hugo I & Rose
3N Nicola & Will
4D Ryan & Lily
56T Wendy & Tim
56M Harry & Lena

2S Marcus & Olivia
3S Jess & Luke I
4J Oliver & Claudia
56 C/T Audrey & Remy
56F Billy & Banisha

6th February 2012

Student Leaders for 2012 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
Official opening of the Flexible Learning Neighbourhood

Friday 2nd December, Flemington Primary School's birthday, saw the opening of the new classrooms building, funded by DEECD and the Victorian Government. In front of an audience including Hon. Bronwyn Pike, Member for Melbourne, Mayor Jim Cusack, Moonee Valley Council, and many DEECD representatives Mr Craig Ondarche, MLC Northern Metropolitan Region cut the ribbon to formally celebrate the new building.
In brilliant sunshine, the school band played the National Anthem and "Memory", School Council President Brett Hoogenbosch was full of praise for the building and very grateful to Member, Bronwyn Pike for her support.

Designed by Peter Maddison of Maddison Architects, built by Contact Control Services and project managed by Nicole Kenedy and Paul Hilton, this state of the art building now houses students in Prep and Years 5/6.
Tennis Hot Shots
On Wednesday 23rd November students in Grades 3 & 4 at Flemington Primary School were thrilled to be involved in a tennis coaching activity arranged through The Huddle at North Melbourne Club, a program students in Grades 3-6 participate in every year.

North Melbourne player Liam Anthony organised the program and was joined by his team mates, Scott Thompson, Jamie Macmillan and Ayden Kennedy. Students, teachers and the Principal, Lesley McCarthy were thrilled to meet tennis legend John Fitzgerald.

A number of players from Tennis Victoria supported the players and joined students in skills clinks and rallies.

A story on the North Melbourne website shares the excitement felt by students at the opportunity. All students received a “goodie bag” and Ma'ab won a racquet.
Anthony gives a serve
Liam Anthony has revisited an old pastime during his week off from training by stepping onto a tennis court for the Tennis Australia Hot Shots clinic. The midfielder has been completing a work placement with the organisation as part of the AFL’s Sports Ready program.

"I grew up playing tennis so I thought it would be great to get involved with Tennis Australia," he told kangoos.com.au.

"I’m from Geraldton in Western Australia so I played a lot of country tennis when I was younger. I wasn’t much good but I love the sport and enjoy having a hit."

Joined by team-mates Scott Thompson, Jamie Macmillan and Ayden Kennedy along with tennis legend John Fitzgerald, Anthony was quick to get into the swing of things with students from Flemington Primary School.

“It's been a bit different having a few football players here to teach some tennis skills but we've really enjoyed the day. Scott, Ayden and Jamie have been a huge help and the kids seem to have had a lot of fun today. John Fitzgerald is here to help out with the clinic which has been fantastic.

"I've been working a lot with the Hot Shots program which is the tennis equivalent to AFL Auskick. It's been great to get involved with another organisation and learn how they go about their work and community programs."

Divisional and Zone Athletics Sports - Aberfeldie Park

On Wednesday 19th October, 7 students competed in events at Aberfeldie Park in Maribyrnong. These students had all achieved success at the district sports with 1st, 2nd or 3rd placings in their events.

Oscar B. and Thao P in Grade 4, Molly F., Calvin S., Lauren T., Issy B., and Begonet A. were all successful and Molly, Calvin, Lauren and Issy then competed at the higher level as well.

Calvin and Oscar have now qualified to compete at the State Championships on November 7th, a significant achievement.

Results were:

Oscar 9/10yo Hurdles 3rd, Thao 9/10yo Triple Jump 2nd., Begonet 12/13yo 800 metres 2nd, Lauren 11yo 800 metres 2nd
Molly 12/13yo Hurdles 1st and then 5th at Regional competition
Lauren 11yo Triple Jump 1st then 4th at regional
Issy 12/13yo Triple Jump 1st then 5th at regional
Dylan 11yo boys, High Jump 1st Division then 3rd Regional
Amy F 9/10 girls, 100m, 1st Division then 3rd Regional
Shafici 11yo boys, 100m, 3rd Divisional
Oscar B. 9/10yo boys 100m, 1st Divisional then 3rd Regional
Oscar B., Oscar S., Jay and Thao 9/10yo boys relay, 1st Divisional then 3rd Regional
David, Curtis, Shafici and Yosl, 11yo boys relay 2nd Divisional
Oscar B. 10yo boys Long Jump, 1st Divisional then 2nd Regional and will jow compete at the State Championships
Calvin 12/13yo hurdles 1st, then 1st at regional and onto State Championships

Congratulations to all competitors and good luck to Calvin and Oscar.
Instrumental Music Concert Thursday June 23rd

This was the first event held in our new facility and what an introduction it was. A full house audience clapped and cheered as the students performed their pieces - individually, pairs, groups, all were outstanding. The sound system was excellent with acoustic treatments working effectively and the sound quality as good at the back of the hall as at the front. The lighting desk was operated by two grade 5 students who did a wonderful job.

But the stars of the evening were our instrumental and vocal performers. Led by Vern O'Hara and Elise Turner; and with Instrumental Music teachers Gavin Lang, Per Forsberg, Robert Ekselman, Chris Duffy, Leonie Khoury and Rosie Vizard, the students were the stars.

These images, taken by parent Phillip Smith tell part of the story:

Phoebe
Phillip

Zac and Jack
Luca with Ms Turner
Lachy and Ella with Vern

Sophie
Oscar
Our Music Maestro Vern

Senior strings
Junior Choir
Strings
Brass group
Orchestra

Parents' Choir
16th May Education week resources

Maths tips Birth to Grade 2
Maths resources Grades 3-6

Literacy tips birth to Grade 2
Literacy resources Grade 3 - 6

100 most used words

Websites

Education Department FUSE activities

Study Ladder - online literacy and numeracy
Grammar Ninja
Penguin Maths
Maths Dictionary for children
Virtual Keyboard
National Geographic Atlas puzzles

Nicola Dziadkiewicz, one of our Prep teachers, has been awarded an EarthWatch Science scholarship to travel to outback Western Australia and participate in a science dig.
The project, funded by DEECD, enables her to participate in a real life science exploration of the flora and fauna of the Charles Darwin Reserve, 5 hours north east of Perth.

She will be working in a group under the leadership of Dr. Rob Davis, Conservation Biologist at Edith Cowan University and Dr. Jim Radford, Science and Monitoring Manager, Bush Heritage.

Nicola is currently studying towards a Masters Degree in Science Education at the University of Melbourne has been an integral part of the science team including the Solar Boat and Recumbent Bike programs since joining the staff at Flemington PS.

While in Western Australia, Nicola will communicate with students and parents via a science blog which can be accessed at:


Find out about Charles Darwin Reserve:

http://www.bushheritage.org.au/our_reserves/state_westernaustralia/reserves_charles_darwin Find out more about the research we will be conducting:


http://www.earthwatch.org/australia/expeditions/
SHAVE FOR A CURE

A number of Flemington Primary School students have shaved their heads in order to raise funds for the Leukemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave OR Be Brave & Shave Campaign. [http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/]

Several students also sprayed their hair with coloured hairspray for the cause. Student Leaders have taken on this challenge and are fundraising for all students, so come on FPS community, help us out with a donation towards the Leukemia Foundation. Donate at the school office. We have raised over $600 so far.

Congratulations to Regan, Eugene, Remy, Harry, Mackenzie, Riley, Yosl, Will and Dylan.
HALL UPDATES
On Friday 1st July, our Hall and Performance Centre was officially opened by senator Gavin Marshall. In front of a large audience of invited guests and dignitaries, students, teachers, parents, past pupils and our builders, Senator Marshall praised the architect, Tony Di Mase, the building company, Haddara Constructions and all those
involved with the project. He commented on the extraordinary structure and the superb feature which will make Flemington Primary School the envy of other schools. He praised the commitment of the School Council and parent body for their fundraising efforts and the magnificent facility achieved by the contributions of the school.


Senior Choir and orchestra performing the National Anthem.
Senator Gavin Marshall addressing the audience
Adam Bandt, MP, Sen. Marshall, Mrs Lesley McCarthy, Principal and Hon. Justin Madden
Radwan Haddara, Justin Madden, Lesley McCarthy, Gavin Marshall, Adam Bandt, Mohammed Haddara. Tony Di Mase in front of the commemorative plaque

Adam Bandt with student leaders
Students and teachers at the sound and lighting desks
April 2011

Completion date is now just 5 weeks away.
1st November

Despite the rain, work has continued with pumps being used to drain the hundreds of litres of water in the recessed hall floor.

Timber framing is now complete on the south side with the kitchen, toilets and foyer now framed. Bricks have been ordered and the bricklayer and roofer will commence work in the next week or so depending on weather.
Looking towards the main building from the end of the hall.

Timber framing on the south side of the building.
Timber wall between hall and foyer showing large window opening for viewing.

Colours for the external building materials were presented to us by the architect this week and have been agreed on.
The architect's impression using the colour palette as shown above.

21st October

Erection of the internal timber framing for walls has commenced and it is now possible to see where the kitchen and toilet facilities will be. These areas are on the south side of the building and very soon, our community will have a clearer idea of how the building will be when finished. A materials colour board will be available next week showing the materials and colours which will be used in the building. The walls are a mix of brick, cement sheet, wood and metal cladding and in shades of browns.

14th October

The structure of our new building is now clearly evident with 90% of the steel in place and timber now being placed to form internal walls. The building is now visible from Mt Alexander Road and the materials and colour designs are being finalised. Galvanised steel poles are externally visible while the rusty brown are part of the internal structure.
The stage element has now been formed and the lighting bar rack hanging from the ceiling is in place. Our AV technical experts have met with the architect and builders and equipment is now being ordered.
20th September

Great excitement today, especially for those students attending the Holiday Program, who were able to watch as the first steel girders were lifted into position by a very large crane. Students now know the whistle signals used by the crane operators and steel construction workers.
13th September

The final concrete pour occurred today with the pouring of approx 70 cubic metres of concrete to form what will be the Music wing of the centre. This wing closest to the car park will hold the Classroom Music room as well as 3 Music Practice rooms and a storeroom. This wing is at a higher level than the hall, due to the slope of the land. It is however, on the same level as the stage allowing for easy access during performances.
30th August

Builders worked on Saturday to install the metal retaining wall along what will be the Instrumental Music wing. Another pour of concrete will take place on Wednesday. Galvanised steel for the structure is almost ready and will be delivered very soon.

23rd August

More cold wet weather has delayed the building but progress has been made. Pipes for toilet facilities have now been installed and all rubbish removed from the site.

18th August

![Image of construction site]

The second pour of concrete this week, another 130 cubic metres, has set the outline and foundation for 75% of the building footprint.
Yet to be poured are the foundations for the Music classroom, 3 Instrumental Music practice rooms and store, foyer, toilets and kitchen.

Retaining walls alongside the stage and music complex will be the next tasks and then the steel will be delivered and structure commenced.
11th August

Despite the onset of some real Melbourne Winter weather - wet, windy and cold, our builders continue their work preparing for the first major concrete pour of the slab which is now to commence tomorrow, Friday August 11th beginning at 7.30am!

Children have watched fascinated as steel rods are inserted into polystyrene foam square to hold the concrete pillars; as large sheets of mesh are laid over the plastic covered foundations and as trenches are filled with pipes, tubing, wires and strips of plastic warning signs. The arrival of each truck containing gravel, wood, steel or other materials is a constant source of wonder. The many builders and workmen on site have been happy to answer technical questions from girls and boys, young and old as well as parents and teachers too.

2nd August

The first concrete pour today was cause for great excitement. Prep children came out to watch as they ate their lunch and were fascinated by the technical details of getting the concrete from the truck through the pipe to the ground. The hose and beam were very long and wide and swung across the full distance of the trenches. The
reinforcement and plastic will be laid this week with the major concrete pour next week.
12th July

During the school holidays excavation commenced. Over 1000 square metres in area and to a depth of one metre has been removed from the site. Unfortunately there have been delays due to the positioning of water pipes and optic fibre cable which was unexpected. The Surveyors have completed their work and gridlines marked for the building. Dependant on weather, it is anticipated that the concrete slab will commence pour next week.
21st June 2010

Flemington Primary School is pleased to announce that the tender process for the BER Hall - Performance Centre has finally been completed. Thanks to the support and hard work of many people including the architect Tony Di Mase, School Councillors especially Tim Pegler, Brett Hoogenbosch and Scott D'Arcy; Bruce Ziebell and Sandra McOrist, our DEECD Project Manager Nicole Kennedy and with the assistance of DEECD facilities personnel and our local members of parliament, this project has been ratified with all our requests.

The building comprises a hall/sports court measuring 31.3 x 15.8 metres, just under 500 square metres with the stage at the courtyard end having wide doors opening to the courtyard; a music classroom, 3 Instrumental Music rooms and a music storeroom to the north west; a music cum stage wings to the south east side; a large sports equipment store opening to the oval, a chair store and staff office. a large foyer with a servery and male and female toilet facilities. The building abuts the current footpath and staff carpark fence line. Construction is scheduled to commence this month.

The contract has been awarded to Haddara Constructions, a Werribee based company who have constructed many buildings for education in the past.

READ MORE ABOUT OUR BUILDING PROJECTS
1st February 2011

Over the summer holidays, progress on our two building projects has been substantial. Despite the unexpected rain, work resumed on January 10th and has been interrupted only once since.

The Performance Centre/Hall building is close to lock up. Internal walls, external brickwork, windows, doors and roof are almost completed and final placement of power, data and lights confirmed.

The external stage doors will be installed next week along with external walls and the verandahs.

This view shows the Classroom Music room from the courtyard.

This view shows the opening where the stage doors are located at the courtyard end of the building.
The 2 storey classroom project has had some issues, especially with water. The lift well, 3 metres deep and 2 metres square was dug on January 5th and has filled with water twice now. Despite interruptions, construction is progressing although the timeline is now delayed by about 6 weeks. Students are eagerly watching all works and were particularly excited by the large crane which lifted steel to the first floor last week.
Grade 6 Graduation

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2010 who celebrated the completion of their primary school years on Tuesday evening at the Flemington Community Centre.

6D – Jack, Joseph, Khalid, Lily K., Alex, Kurtis, Sienna, Jonathan, Jake, Hannah, Raeshell and Kalin

6M – Kayla, Max, Bianca H., Gemma, Lily KE, Savannah, Mohamed, My Tinh and Isabella St.

6N – Abby, Abdullahi, Abdirahman, Tim, Daithi, Byron, Najma, Mitchell, Isabella Sp, Vicky and Charlotte

6S – Jasmine, Isaac, Antonio, Ruby, Charles, Leo, Shirlla, Muhammad, Charlotte K., Nick, Llewellyn and Andre
School Council Academic Awards were presented to:

- Andre S for English
- Antonio C and Kurtis L for Mathematics

Rotary Club of Flemington Civics & Citizenship Awards were presented to:

- Kayla A, Najma S and Raeshell S.
Specialist Teachers presented awards to:

- Art – Jasmine A
- Music – Mitchell S
- PE - Khalid I and Hannah S
- Italian - Shirla H
14th December

Instrumental Music Concert

On Wednesday December 8th, students and families from Flemington Primary School congregated at the Victoria University campus at Footscray for the end of year concert.

The audience were treated to performances by Junior and Senior Choirs, strings, orchestra and band as well as many solo items. The Garage Band ended the concert with many of these students performing for the last time.
A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the inaugural Lieschke Encouragement Award, a Perpetual Shield donated by the Lieschke Family, long time supporters of the music program. This award went to Andre Sasalu who then performed with four fellow students in a self composed song and dance routine with Maddie Dietze, Issy Bales, Emily Boyce and Jemma Sbeghen.

Awards were presented to the following students for their achievements this year:

- **Piano Achievement**: Lachlan MacLaren, India Anderson and Caitlin Grant,
- **Piano Encouragement**: Ella Dingle, Zoe Koublanis and Regan May
- **Violin Achievement**: Camille Gerrard
- **Violin Encouragement**: Emily Douglas
- **Cello Achievement**: Phoebe Kinrade
- **Cello Encouragement**: Lewis Mason
- **Woodwind Achievement**: Benjamin Grant
- **Woodwind Encouragement**: Philip Kartalis
- **Brass Encouragement**: Flynn Seward
- **Brass Achievement**: Oskar Moore
- **Guitar Achievement**: Jack D’Arcy
- **Drums Achievement**: Byron McConville

Sincere thanks to Vern O’Hara, Elise Turner, Robert Ekselman, Per Forsberg, Rob Gennari, Leonie Khoury, Anna Robinson and Rosie Vizard for their work with these students.

**Grade 5/6 Trip to Canberra**

The grade 5/6 students from Flemington Primary School recently went on a 4 day educational camp of the national capital. During camp, they participated in a variety of educational programmes focusing on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

- Students visited the Royal Australian Mint, National Capital Planning Display, the Australian War Memorial, and The Australian Institute of Sport on Tuesday,
- Questacon (the National Science and Technology Centre) followed by the High Court of Australia, the Electoral Education Centre and the National Museum with a visit to Telstra Tower on the Wednesday and;
- the Australian National Gallery and a tour of Australia’s Parliament House, including a Parliamentary Education session on Thursday before flying back to Melbourne.
The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist our families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution was paid directly to the school and ensured that we were able to attend extra activities on camp and kept the individual costs from exceeding $500. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

The 5/6 team would also like to thank the school community including the 3/4 team for the proceeds from the term 3 mini-market. With the money raised, the costs were kept to below $500, we subsidised 4 students as well as the Australian Institute of Sport swim night for all students attending camp. This would not have been possible without the fundraising efforts of our parent community and the Hub.
14th September

A great deal of work will occur over the next two weeks as we prepare for the demolition of the Multi Purpose room and Prep classrooms to make way for the construction.

All fixtures, furniture and fittings will be removed from the building, often referred to as the LTC (Light Timber Construction). Most furniture will be reused in the two relocatable buildings brought onsite as temporary housing for the duration of the construction period. Other items will be stored in the shipping containers, obtained as temporary storage.

During the school holidays, the LTC will be demolished. Obviously this task cannot be done while students are in attendance due to the complexity and length of the job. The Vacation Care Program will be located in the Main Building during these holidays with access to the Art room and Computer Lab as well as making good use of the Outdoor Learning Area and Amphitheatre spaces. On days where weather permits, they will be accessing Caldwell Park for offsite activities. Should specific works be required necessitating students vacating the site, a Movie Day will be arranged at no additional cost to parents.

Works on our Hall/Performance Centre will continue and we expect that the steel structure will be in place when Term four resumes. The new electrical substation and pillar, gas main and switchboards will also be progressed with trenching taking place through the asphalt between the Admin car park and the building.
20th August - Burke & Wills Day

Students worked in their CARE groups participating in a range of activities around the theme of the Burke & Wills Expedition.

Christine Laskowski from the Essendon Historical Society was our guest speaker and had much to tell us about Burke & Wills and the life in the 1860s. She also brought many interesting and historical items to show.
Scientific drawings of plants and animals seen on the expedition.
An old bone fan and a wooden fork.
August 10th - Heritage Replica gates

In 2009, the Commonwealth Government allocated $200,000 to Flemington Primary School for expenditure through the National Schools Pride program.

School Council agreed to spend these funds on 3 discrete projects, one of which was restoration of the heritage cast iron front gates rescued from the Travancore Estate.

In a commemoration ceremony on Tuesday August 10th, the Hon. Lindsay Tanner, Member for Melbourne and Federal Minister for Finance, officially opened the gates and unveiled the plaque.
A Commemorative plaque was prepared and has been installed on the side pillar.
This plaque was created by Rhino Signmakers based on a design researched and prepared by two of our parents, Christie Gulbis and Tony Gilevski who consulted with a number of researchers in the area for accurate information.
These gates were restored, replicated and rehung by Alan Davies of the Victorian Cast Iron Company based in Kensington.
26th July

The Ultranet is here!!

Flemington Primary School teachers will access the Ultranet on Monday July 26th. The Ultranet has been a long time coming but it is finally here and has been implemented in 561 schools. There are 1041 schools still to be linked to this new online system that will take Victorian government schools into the learning environment of the future.

Ultranet is a secure, closed website. It is a state-wide, secure site that students, parents and teachers can access via the internet. As a totally secure site, a logon and password system will protect students and parents will only be able to access their own child's spaces.

Students and teachers will use the Ultranet for online learning activities: students will be able to create a learning portfolio and use online communication tools such as wikis, blogs and discussion boards. They will be able to collaborate, communicate and create with students from within their school and across Victorian government schools. Teachers will have easy access to learning tools, resources and student information in one place: they will be able to collaborate with colleagues within and across schools, share professional practice, design student learning activities and plan curriculum, set up learning spaces with groups of students within and across classes and schools, a Learner Profile for every student they teach showing learning progress, attendance, timetable, tasks/submissions and teacher feedback and learning activities where they can plan, deliver and assess learning activities.

Parent access will be gradually rolled out as from Term 4. Parents will have better access to information so they can monitor and support their child’s learning. They will be able to access the Ultranet at their own convenience – at home or at work, anywhere or anytime with a secure logon and password facility. They can check their child’s learning progress, including at home or in-school tasks and teacher feedback; discuss learning or schooling issues with their child as they arise and work more closely with teachers to support their child at school

19th July

**Auskick Award for Flemington PS**

**Grade 3/4 Mini Market advertisements**

**Term 3 Planner and Specialist Timetable have been uploaded to Notices.**

May 2010 - Replica Heritage Gates installed
The replica heritage cast iron gates have been installed this week, funded through the Federal Government National Schools Pride grant announced last year. The gates were manufactured locally by Victorian Cast Iron Restoration Company and, as a work of art, have taken over 6 months to design, construct and install. While the smaller side gate was installed early this year, the large centre gates have been constructed in sections and due to their weight, required a very large crane to lift them into place, a job that was completed last Wednesday to great celebrations.

Bruce Ziebell has been overseeing the works due to his heritage background and has worked with the company to ensure accuracy of design, inclusion of the deer antler decoration and accuracy of paint colour. Through investigations, it was discovered that the old gates have had 18 different coats of paint in colours ranging from grey, to green to red as well as the original black. A memorial plaque will be installed on the pillar nearest the entry gate very soon, followed by a formal commemoration ceremony.

23rd June 2010 - Instrumental Music Concert

The mid term Instrumental Music Concert will be held on Wednesday 22nd June at the Victoria University amphitheatre, Ballarat Road, Footscray.

Read more...