DIARY DATES

THURS, 18 DECEMBER
SCHOOL FINISHES FOR 2014

MON, 5 JANUARY
Camp Australia Holiday Program begins at FPS

FRI, 30 JANUARY 2015
First day Grades 1-6

MON, 2 FEBRUARY 2015
First day Prep students

WED, 4 FEBRUARY
Prep students do not attend

WED, 11 FEBRUARY
Prep students do not attend

TUES, 17 FEBRUARY 2015
Grade Prep Photos

WED, 18 FEBRUARY
Prep students do not attend

WED, 25 FEBRUARY
Prep students do not attend

Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

Monday’s Carols in the Amphitheatre was another of our Flemington PS traditions celebrating the end of year and the Festive Season ahead. Our thanks as always to Vern O’Hara for his organisation, rehearsals with the students and production of our songbook.

Our sincere thanks and congratulations to Mark Catterson and the Grade 5/6 team on a superb Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony last night. True resilience was shown by all, especially the Student Leaders giving their reflections on 7 years at FPS when power was lost to the neighbourhood. As Mark said, “The Show Must Go On!” and so it did.

The students appeared so confident and mature in their party dresses and shirts and as articulated by School Council President Peter Pickering, were a positive role model for the other students. The reflective speeches by this year’s Student Leaders brought laughter to the audience as well as memories and smiles. My thanks to the staff who attended to support the students and families in this major transition point, and to past teachers Christina Laught, Nicola Dziadkiewicz and Tom Halbert who congratulated and reminisced with students. See page 4 and the school website for some photos.

To all our families, we wish you a joyous festive season and a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

On behalf of School Council staff, parents and students, I offer our condolences to Bruce Ziebell and family after the sudden passing of Meredith’s mother yesterday. Our thoughts are with Meredith, Bruce, Finn, Owen and Esther and the extended family at this very difficult time.

Today we farewell several members of staff: Brendan Newman and Katia Scicluna are taking a year of Leave Without Pay to pursue other interests. We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing them back in 2016. Jessica Levett is pursuing other interests as well and we wish her well.
Chloe Jungwirth has been offered a position at Brunswick East PS and Claire MacDonough has accepted a position at Ascot Vale Special School. We thank them for their time with us and wish them all the best for the future.

There are a large number of students farewelling Flemington Primary School today whose families are moving house or who are moving onto Private schools. We wish them every success for the future and thank them for their time with us at FPS.
Assistant Principal’s Report  
Sandra McOrist

Geoff Collins and Amanda who works in our garden will be checking on the sprinkler system throughout the holidays to ensure our oval stays wonderfully green.

As we have had some vandalism in the past please don’t hesitate to ring the Flemington Police 9371 6100 if you are concerned about anything suspicious in the school.

Remember that you are part of the Flemington community and welcome to use the school grounds at any time.

Emergency Lunches

We have had a rise in the number of emergency lunches being given out at the office. Emergency lunches are exactly that for that odd occasion when a child finds no lunch in their bag. The school actually pays for the food and does ask for a $3 donation to ensure the stocks are kept up. We are finding that less than 50% of students are actually paying for this service. **If the school is to continue to provide this service we would appreciate payment promptly and that any outstanding amounts could be paid for early next year.**

Have a great break and see you all in the New Year.

Office News

Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

**OFFICE CLOSURE**

The office will be closed on Friday 19th December to enable staff time to finalise end of year procedures.

Scholastic is offering parents a huge 50% OFF ALL BOOKS* during the summer holidays.


Offer available from 12 December 2014 to 28 January 2015.

*Offer excludes sale items*

About the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge

Did you know that when students don’t read over the long summer break they are likely to fall behind when they return to school in the New Year?

Make it a priority to keep your child’s mind sharp and active by encouraging them to register for the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. Plus, they can win great weekly prizes throughout the challenge for themselves and their school.

Carols in the amphi
GRADE 6 GRADUATION

School Council Academic Awards for DUX of Year 6
Maia Amor and Daniel Tran with School Council President Peter Pickering

Academic Awards:
English: Monique Iser Smith & Jack Sampson
Maths: Katja Curtin & Lochie Steinmeyer
eLearning: Sarah Boyce

Rotary Club of Flemington Civics & Citizenship Awards: Marwa Izaz and Perry Tsironis

Specialist Teacher Awards:
Art: Sophia Jiang and Josh Tobata:
Chinese: Bella Taranto Mifsud and Moaz Yacoub
Music: Miranda Gurtler and William Marshall:
PE: Amy Filopovic, Tamsin Crook, Tom Filopovic
VU Sports Scholarship: Mahad Ibrahim
Victoria State Schools Sports Medal: Angelina Lam
Science: Sima Geme and Riley Mizis

Highly Commended Awards:
Tomas Bushby
Ella Kinrade
Ryan Kramer
Charlie Longfield
CURRICULUM

The 1:1 iPad program will operate from Grade 4 to Grade 6 in 2015.

There are many organisation currently selling iPads on special for as little as $300. What a wonderful Christmas gift for your child with so many opportunities for learning anytime, anywhere and at a pace which suits them.

Please see the documents available on the school website to support the program.

Our school technician Danh Ho will be supporting students in Grades 4 and 5 with the initialisation, setup, connection to the school network and security settings during the first week of school.

eLearning Coordinator James Thomas will also arrange some parent information sessions early in February to assist with the setup and access.

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| TOTAL           |      | $74.07| Please note that this amount will be minus the cost of the now free Apple apps.  

Grade 4 Free Apps - 2015

- Motion HD
- Find my iPhone
- Reading Eggs (Student)
- Quicker
- School A to Z
- Adobe
- Arizona
- Books
- Virtual Manipulatives
- Doodle Math
- Snapguide
- OzWide
- Mathletics (Student)
- Flashcards
- Notebook (student)  

Apps for parents or students to assist with learning and referencing.

- School planners
- Chinese Writer
- Chinese Language and Script Fun setting
- Learn Chinese (Mandarin)
Music News
Vern O’Hara 0403 777 050

FPS End of Year Music Concert 2014 - DVD

Purchase

With thanks to parent Peter Hormann (Thomas 1S), we are fortunate to have a digital video recording of Wednesday night’s End of Year Music Concert. For anyone interested, the video will be edited for previewing on the admin office video.

The cost of the DVD will be $12 including postage. All proceeds after costs will be donated to the 2015 FPS music programme. If anyone would like to order a DVD, please send an email to peter.hormann@bigpond.com with the relevant details before Wed 24-Dec; payment will be via a PayPal secure credit card payment request. Delivery of the DVD can be expected early in the New Year. Mid-year Music Concert DVDs are also available for the same price.

We also have a CD recording of the concert available at the office for $5.00.

FPS End of Year Music Concert 2014 - Photos

Photos of last night’s End of Year Instrumental Concert are available free of charge from the link below. Many thanks to Philip Smith for taking the photos. http://s44.photobucket.com/user/PhotosmithFPS/library/Photobucket%20Desktop%20-%20Philip%20Smiths%20iMac/Flemington%20Primary%20School%20Concert

Password: fpsconcert

Library News
Vanessa Griffin

What a year!

The 2014 Stocktake is complete and the Library is all in order ready for a busy year of reading in 2015. A big thank you to parents for all your support this year: helping your children to read and look after their library books as well as searching for lost Library books when overdue notices come home. Next year we will be putting more focus on the issue of overdue books. It will be great if as a school we can improve in the area of on time returning.

There were 735 new books added to the Library collection this year, many of which have been purchased from parent donations to the Library fund. 85 books were purchased from the Adrian Pereira Memorial fund, and some fabulous colourful new furniture was purchased with the $800 made at the book fair. Thanks also to parents who have donated books at various times to the Library throughout the year—every contribution is very much appreciated.

We have some exciting new books on our wish list for next year that I’m sure will delight the students. Parental and student suggestions in regards to new books are always welcome.

Borrowing Champions

The records have been checked and the following students borrowed the most books for their respective year level.

Congratulations to:
Prep - Zaya C
Grade 1 - Amy Y
Grade 2 - Eve Z
Grade 3 - Jakob H
Grade 4 - Mia A
Grade 5 - Tiffany L
Grade 6 - Miranda G

These students have great borrowing and returning habits and have enjoyed reading a wide range of books this year. They were awarded a certificate on Monday and are highly commended for their obvious love of reading. Well done to all our borrowers, this year over 12,000 loans were processed. (A record!)

Holiday reading

There are lots of options for holiday reading so don’t forget to encourage your children to check out the local library, read newspapers and magazines and books you already have at home.

Have a safe and happy summer holiday – happy reading and relaxing!
Hub News (FPS Parent’s Association)
Rochelle Carland (HUB President)
carlandr@bigpond.net.au - 0416 177 219

Christmas Stall at Flemington Farmers' Market

Last Sunday, The HUB ran a Christmas Stall at the Flemington Farmers Market. We sold our remaining Christmas cakes made by the parents and friends of the HUB and raffled a beautiful gingerbread house and decorated Xmas cake. We received many generous donations of baked goods from the FPS community to sell on the day. Many thanks to those who baked and made items for us to sell and to parents who helped set-up, pack-up and sell on the day. A special mention to our FPS ‘buskers’ who added a festive atmosphere to our stall with their Xmas carols. Thanks again to Carrie Bloomfield for co-ordinating the stall.

Last Day of School - Champers in the Park

As the final of day of school for 2014 draws near, we would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and welcome you all to the break-up BBQ and Champers in the Park after final assembly today at 3:30pm at Caldwell Park on the corner of Mangalore St and Cashmere St.

Prep 2015 First Day of School Morning Tea

The first day of Prep 2015 Morning Tea will be held on Monday 2 February 2015 in the hall foyer. Prep 2014 parents are being asked to assist with this event with:
- donations of baked goods (biscuits, muffins, cakes, brownies etc. - with ingredients listed)
- helping on the day to ‘meet & greet’ & serve coffee/tea/champagne/TISSUES!

Annette Williams has kindly offered to co-ordinate this, so please direct queries to Annette or advise her of any assistance you can offer. You can contact Annette by email on annette_andrew@hotmail.com or mobile 0409 357 668.

On a final, note, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of the HUB members for their dedication, commitment and generosity of spirit during the year. We’ve achieved a lot this year (both fund raising and socially) and it’s been a lot of fun as well! Thanks also to all the parents and friends who helped by baking, making, setting up, packing up, volunteering and generously supporting HUB events. Wishing you safe and happy holidays – we look forward to starting all over again in 2015!
STAYING SAFE & HEALTHY OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Travelling safely in regional Victoria

• Check the Fire Danger Rating for your destination before you go and when you arrive, and listen to local radio for warnings and advice while you’re on the road.
• Download the FireReady app, bookmark emergency.vic.gov.au, and save the Victorian Bushfire Information Line number – 1800 240 667 – into your mobile phone. Make sure your mobile phone has a fully charged battery.
• Monitor weather conditions while you’re away by listening to local or ABC radio and talking to locals when you arrive about the fire risk.
• On Extreme or Severe Fire Danger Rating days, it’s safer to travel to cities and towns. Never travel into a high-risk area where a Code Red has been forecast.
• Be aware of grassfires. Grassfire can move at speeds of up to 25 km/hr and jump highways.
• Check weather conditions and your fire risk before leaving home because you may not get phone reception across regional Victoria.

Staying safe on our waterways
Families are encouraged to get out and enjoy our beautiful waterways this summer, but to do so safely.

• Check the weather conditions and monitor them while you are out on the water.
• Read safety signs located at the beach and ensure you understand the local hazards and dangers.
• Assess yours and your child’s abilities and whether your activities are appropriate for the conditions.
• Always swim at a patrolled beach between the red and yellow flags where lifesavers can look out for you.
• Actively supervise children at all times. Ensure children under five are within arm’s reach, and children under 10 are within your sight.
• Never swim alone. Too many drowning deaths occur when no one else is around to help.
• Think before jumping or diving from piers and jetties to minimise the risk of spinal cord injury.
OSHC News

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

Do not leave messages on the school answering machine.

Parents please note that there will not be any care offered tomorrow Friday 19th December.
Community News

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Prices as at October 2014

Opening times
Monday - 3.15pm - 3.45pm & Friday – 8.45am - 09.15am

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