DIARY DATES

**FRI, 12 DECEMBER**
Student’s reports go home today
Parent Helper Morning Tea
Vern O’Hara Piano Soiree
5.30-6.30pm

**MON, 15 DECEMBER**
Carols in Amphitheatre
2.30pm to 3.30pm

**TUES, 16 DECEMBER**
YEAR 6 GRADUATION

**WED, 17 DECEMBER**
Grade 6 Big Day Out

**THURS, 18 DECEMBER**
SCHOOL FINISHES FOR 2014

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**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 grades prep

**WED, 4 FEBRUARY**
Prep students do not attend

**TUES, 17 FEBRUARY 2015**
Grade Prep Photos

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**Principal’s Report**
*Lesley McCarthy*

On Monday we were pleased to welcome Mary Farah, Principal and Pauline Maisano, Head of Teaching and Learning at St. Aloysius College to assembly. St Aloysius has generously provided scholarships to some of our Year 5 girls based on merit and decided on by the Year 5 teachers.

Congratulations to: Amelia B, Skyla M-R, Nicola P, , Nimrah S, Amelie M and Carla B,

The whole school transition process was finalised on Tuesday with our new preps completing their 7th transition event and meeting their teachers for 2015. The depth of our transition program ensures a smooth and familiar beginning to school.

Students in Grades 1-5 also moved into their new classes and were able to meet their teachers. As I am sure you are aware, compiling groups and matching children with teachers is a complex process which takes teachers, specialists and the leadership team a great deal of time and consideration. I am confident that the 2015 teaching team will provide a string and caring educational program for every child and look forward to the new year.

I was very disappointed to miss last night’s Instrumental Music Concert. These concerts are a highlight of the December timetable with our students performing for the whole school. This year’s concert was even more special as it was the final performance for so many of our outstanding musicians, not just the Year 6s who are graduating, but also a number of students moving to private schools. The strength of our music program under Vern O’Hara’s leadership is such that our students are very well regarded by other schools.

Congratulations to all the students who performed last night and as always, our sincere thanks to the IM teachers: Peter Crummins, Chris Duffy, Susan Hull, Leonie Khourey, Gavin Lang and Rosie Visard.

A reminder that school finishes next Thursday at 3.30pm after a whole school assembly at 3.00pm
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

As you will all be aware, the council inspectors were around on Tuesday and Wednesday reminding parents of the correct parking areas. As from today there will be no more reminders and they will start booking repeat offenders.

School finishes on Thursday 18th December for 2014. There will be an assembly at 3.00pm with the students being dismissed at 3.30pm. There is no school on Friday 19th December.

School will commence on Friday 30th January 2015 at 8.50am for Grades 1 to 6.

The Giving Tree

It’s that time of year again. The giving tree is starting up and we would like to give gifts to families that are less fortunate than us.

Presents can be given to any age (please do not bring in any perishable food items). Gifts need to be wrapped, with a label stating age and gender of the gift. Every classroom will have a box to put the gifts into.

Please, please, please bring in gifts.

Thanks SRC

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

**Last extension for 2015 Fees**

Parents, payments for the fees, levies and book packs are now well overdue. All book packs, grade 6 jumpers and polos MUST be paid for by tomorrow 12th December (this is the last extension we can offer). If you do not pay by tomorrow your child will not have a book pack to start the new year with. Also note that many of these items are hard to come by so will be difficult to purchase outside of school.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please be advised that the office will not be taking any payments after the close of business on Tuesday 16th December. As such, please ensure any monies owing are made by this date. The office will also be closed from 11am Thursday 18th December to allow for banking to be finalised and end of year procedures to be completed before the close of the 2014 school year. Thanking you in advance for observing this request as it will allow the office staff to complete these processes undisturbed and within the required timeframe.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break and see you again in 2015.

iPad for sale
iPad 2 Wi Fi and Cellular (3G), 16GB, Black
Red Stand Case-Belkin Brand
Pink Apple Smart Cover
iPad Sleeve (for travelling)
Original Box with Instructions
Original Apple Charger
Excellent Condition
Never dropped or damaged
$300 ONO
Please see Kimberley Phair
**SRC News**

**SRC 2014**

Well done to all the SRC's of 2014. You have all done an amazing job at organizing events throughout the school year!!

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**Curriculum News**

All parents of students in Grades 3 and 4 would have received information regarding the extension of the 1:1 iPad program for 2015. All students in Grades 4, 5 & 6 require an iPad for learning every day. This is a personal device, and is not shared with others. A number of documents were distributed on the recent Information evening and these are also available at the office and on the school website.

Our requirement is for an iPad with a camera and minimum 16gb. This may be a mini or a standard size and while the current model is preferred it is not mandatory. The device will be connected to the school network and set to our wifi. A SIM card is not required.

A number of stores currently have specials on iPads.
**Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp**

**Camp To Canberra:**
On Tuesday November 25th, most 5/6s went on board a bus and headed to Canberra. It was a long journey but everyone survived and came out fresh and healthy when we arrived. After 10 hours and some pit stops, we finally arrived in Canberra. Once we were settled into our rooms we then packed our bags and went swimming at the CIAC. Swimming was fun and all teachers got involved with students and had fun. Wednesday was a bright and early start with breakfast in the morning then heading off to Parliament House. While at Parliament we saw Adam Bandt and had a talk with him, he told us about his job and about where he goes for walks with his dogs (Moonee Ponds Creek) and his opinion on Tony Abbott (not a fan). After Parliament House we then left our voices behind and headed towards the Australian War Memorial. Then at night we made our way to the top of the Telstra Tower to see a wonderful view of Canberra. Thursday was another early start with everyone getting ready to go and see wonderful things at the National Museum of Australia. After that we then visited the High Court of Australia, not the most fun, but Questacon, which was what we went to next, was the most fun off all. Friday was our last day of camp. We went to the AIS for a guided tour around the building later we then went to have lunch. After lunch we split into 2 groups and did two different activities. At 2:30 we then had to get on the bus and drive to Sydney airport to get on a plane and come home.

By Haniyah and Edel

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**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 screen by Monday next week (the last week of term).

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 complete the following form and make payment at the school office by Tuesday 16-Dec. as the office will not be accepting any money from Wednesday 17th. Alternatively, 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.

**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
Christmas Cakes

Congratulations to Carrie Bloomfield and her team of merry helpers who have produced another year of beautiful Christmas Cakes. These cakes are not only a fun event to get involved in but are another fundraising source for FPS. To make this happen, we require the project management super powers of Carrie as well as teams to:

- weigh, package and distribute the ingredients
- bake the scrumptious cakes
- beautifully decorate the cakes (they look truly impressive – as you can see in attached photo!)

This is such a great team effort – congrats to all involved!

If you have ordered a cake, make sure you come to the Flemington Farmers Market this Sunday 14th December to pick up your cake (alternative arrangements can be made if you are unable to pick them up from here).

Christmas Stall at Flemington Farmers’ Market
Sunday 14 December 8am to 1pm

A reminder to come along this Sunday to the Flemington Farmers Market where FPS have a Stall selling any remaining Christmas cakes and lots of other goodies! We have a beautiful gingerbread house and cake to raffle which will be drawn at 12.30 at the market. Raffle tickets can also be bought at the office $2 each or 3 for $5.

Please help us by baking/making Christmas food goods such as gingerbread cookies, shortbread, rum balls to sell on the day. Items should be pre-packaged for sale, with ingredients listed. Based on last years stall, items that could be given as gifts were very popular!

Items can be brought to the market on the day, or left at the school office the Friday before. We look forward to seeing you there for some Christmas cheer!

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 at 3:30pm on Thursday 18th December 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.

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.

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

The Vacation Care program will commence on Monday 5th January. See page 6 for the Holiday Program
FPS Bicycle Recycle – Thank you!

A Very BIG THANK-YOU to all the parents, students and community supporters for your efforts to make our inaugural 2014 Bicycle Recycle programme a great success. As of this week, we have received, fixed and re-gifted 101 bikes! This includes 92 bikes given to predominantly students, a few parents and some siblings (outside of FPS); and 9 bikes given to the Redcross for Refugees.

While I will be around after school this Friday, there is little further effort required to wrap up the year. No doubt there will be some lucky children receiving new bikes over the Christmas holiday period. If you, your neighbours or friends have any old bikes looking for a new home, please keep them (out of the rain) until we restart the programme in the new year.

Thank you in particular to Phat Milk Café and Flemington Cycles for their support in 2014.

Phat Milk Café has been a generous financial supporter of the FPS Bicycle Recycle program. Phat Milk wishes everyone all the best for the holiday season and the new year. Sean would like to remind students to “Always wear your helmet and to ride safely”.

208 Mt Alexander Rd (just outside the main school gate).

Flemington Cycles is a proud supporter of the FPS Bicycle Recycle program. Damien, Karri and the rest of the team wish everyone warm Season’s Greetings & a great 2015. If anyone needs bike advice or repairs over the school holidays, Flemington Cycles would be pleased to help.

450 Racecourse Road, Flemington – ph: 9376 9933

I wish everyone all the best for their holidays and hope you enjoy riding your bikes for fun, fitness and adventure!

Peter Hormann, mob: 0408 773 837, peter.hormann@bigpond.com
Community News

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Teacher: Robyn Richardson

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**Post School / Pre Xmas Tennis Clinic**

Monday 22, Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 December

Parents school breaks up Friday 19 December. This is a fun activity prior to Xmas for all juniors and it gives you time to deal with the Xmas rush!!!

Three days 9am – 12.30pm $150
Two days 9am – 12.30pm $100
8.30am drop-off available

All enquiries/bookings call 0408 991 700

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