Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

This week the Swimming Program commenced for students in Grades 3-6. While there have been some teething issues with a new venue and changed program, overall this has been successful. Teachers and children have commented positively on the pool, the swim teachers and the experience.

Students in Grades 2-6 are very excited at the moment as they work through the Leaning to Learn program and prepare their speeches for Student Representative Council voting. SRC meets fortnightly and under the leadership of Alex Taylor, students organise many events for students during the year including fundraising for charity. The successful candidates will be presented with their badges at assembly on February 26th.

Following the Grade 3/4 iPad Information evening on Tuesday, a number of Frequently Asked Questions have been collected and will be available on the school website today. Also, following requests a School Council TAB will hold Agenda and Minutes précis documents as well as contact details.

Next Tuesday evening we are holding a whole school Cyber Safety Information evening in the school hall. This session will be presented by experts from eSmart through the Alannah & Madeline Foundation.

All parents are invited to attend.

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Australian research (2014) shows that 78% of children are most likely to turn to a parent as their main source of information when they have an issue relating to online safety, however 75% of parents feel uninformed to respond appropriately.

This workshop invites parents/carers in your school community to come together and be informed about how their child/ren interact and are involved in the digital world.

Tips and strategies will be discussed about how to best educate our children to be savvy online users and consumers. Parents/carers will be provided with the latest research and trends towards protecting children, and how to empower children to use safe, smart and responsible behaviours in the digital space.
### Pupil of the Week
**Week beginning 8 February 2016**

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<th>Grade</th>
<th>Student</th>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Rayan Ai</td>
<td>Returning classroom equipment to where it belongs.</td>
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<td>1K</td>
<td>Jessica Q</td>
<td>Displaying whole body listening in class. She always listens to others. Great job Jessica.</td>
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<td>Lily M</td>
<td>Always showing whole body listening. Well done Lily!</td>
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<td>1R</td>
<td>Felix F-R</td>
<td>Showing kindness to our class and sharing how we show respect through whole body listening. You were a great role model Felix!</td>
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<td>2I</td>
<td>Arthur S</td>
<td>Moving around the classroom carefully</td>
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<td>Sahil F</td>
<td>Showing whole body listening and suggesting great strategies...</td>
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<tr>
<td>2S</td>
<td>Andrew O</td>
<td>Showing whole body listening to the teacher and his classmates. Well done!!</td>
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<tr>
<td>3M</td>
<td>James T</td>
<td>James displayed safe use of the internet, (Cybersafety) by not disclosing to much personal information when creating an online profile.</td>
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<td>34J</td>
<td>Phoenix HC</td>
<td>Being a cyber detective, and discussing how to stay safe online during our safer Internet day activity.</td>
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<td>34L</td>
<td>Chris J</td>
<td>Caring for his sore leg and not letting it get in the way of his first week in grade 3. You have shown great resilience and grit. You are rad, Chris!</td>
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<td>34M</td>
<td>James S</td>
<td>Sharing and practising his knowledge of being safe online during National Cyber Safety Day.</td>
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<td>34T</td>
<td>Claire H</td>
<td>Walking safely up and down the stairs and helping others.</td>
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<td>45F</td>
<td>Issy C</td>
<td>Contributing great ideas and showing deep thinking when discussing with the class how we can be safe online, during Internet Safety Day.</td>
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<td>5C</td>
<td>Gwendolyn A</td>
<td>Using her Ipad appropriately and staying safe when online. Keep up the great work Gwen.</td>
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<td>56P</td>
<td>Andrew V</td>
<td>Andrew has behaved in a very respectful way during our visits to the Kensington pool this week. He waits his turn when exiting and entering the bus and listens to the YMCA staff’s instructions. On top of being respectful, Andrew has shown courage and commitment when swimming, always giving it his best go. Well done Andrew!</td>
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<td>56V</td>
<td>Gura J</td>
<td>Helping and listening to his teacher, staying on task and starting work immediately. Well done Gura!</td>
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<td>6T</td>
<td>Amren A</td>
<td>Always listening and cooperating with her teachers and peers. Keep up the great work!!</td>
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<td>P.E.</td>
<td>Malachi S</td>
<td>Showing respect and being a good example to other students in P.E.</td>
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### Office News
**Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday**

#### Scholastic Book Club
Issue 1 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by **Monday 15th February by 9.00am**

**Please note, that orders sent before this date will now be sent to Scholastic as received (except cash which will be processed on the final day). The office will now process orders a couple times a week (for credit and cheque payments only) so the earlier the order, the earlier you will receive the book/s.**

#### Online Newsletter Subscription
If you would like to subscribe to receive our weekly newsletters, and other important announcements, please visit our website [http://www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au](http://www.flemingtonps.vic.edu.au), click on ‘subscribe to newsletter’ and enter your details.

We are not permitted under the Information Privacy Act to do this for you, nor do we have the resources to update information for all our families.

#### Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)
The State Government has introduced a CSEF initiative to assist with the cost of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. The CSEF is available on the first day of either Term 1 (27th January) or Term 2 (11th April), to those who are:

- a) Beneficiaries under the State Concession Act – holders of valid Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC), Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) or Veteran Affairs Gold Card or are
- b) Temporary foster parents.

To access the scheme, parents and carers must compete and return the application form, along with copy of card to the office by Friday 18th March 2016, which is preferred date, or Friday 3rd June 2016 (last date to accept applications).

If you are eligible for CSEF, which is $125 per primary school child per year, you will be able to use this money towards excursions, swimming and camps.
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

Do you want to help your child at home?
If you would like to assist your child with work and encouragement at home but are unsure of how to help them, then come to our coffee morning on Thursday 18th February at 9:00 in Room 12 (next to the Oval).

Find out how to help with
- Reading
- Writing stories
- Handwriting
- Maths

We can suggest games and activities for your child to practice at home as well as ways to assist them with their homework.

Nujum Abdala    Sarah Nightingale
Christina Laught   Sandra McOrist

SRC News
Alex Taylor

Welcome to SRC for 2016!

All 3-6 classes are in the process of selecting their SRC representatives for the year.

A number of events are already being organised for Term 1.

National Young Leaders Day (10 SRC students will attend) - 2nd of March
Ride to School Day (Whole School Event) - 4th of March

I look forward to meeting the newly selected SRC’s for 2016.

OSHC Program
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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SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES - 2016

A “No Parking” sign means that drivers must not stop in the area indicated by the sign unless they are dropping off or picking up passengers or goods. While stopped drivers are not permitted to leave the vehicle unattended, which means they must remain within 5 meters of the vehicle. The driver must complete their task and drive on within two minutes.

Drivers with a disabled parking permit may stop for twice the allowed time.

A driver must not stop in the area shown by the arrows on the sign, even if they are picking up or dropping off passengers. Similarly, drivers must not stop along sections of road marked with a continuous yellow edge line, unless “No Stopping” signs are being placed out, but they have the same meaning as “No Stopping”.

No stopping on a children’s crossing or within 10 meters before or after. Within 10 meters after a children’s crossing.

You cannot proceed through the crossing until all people are off the crossing.

 Penalty $315

Not to stop within 10 meters before or within 10 meters after a sign indicating a bus stop.

 Penalty $91

You are not permitted to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the curb.

 Penalty $91

We all understand that pick up and drop off times around schools are very busy. Do the right thing be aware and be patient.

Signs are placed around school precincts to protect our kids.

Police will enforce breaches of the road rules.

A message from your local police.
Lessons
The Instrumental music program is up and running for 2016. Lessons commenced last week and ensemble rehearsals commenced this week. Due to year 3 to 6 swimming this week and next week, lesson times will change regularly during the first half of this term. Your child’s teacher will collect them each week for their lesson. If you have any questions re your child’s tuition, please Vern in person at school or by email o’hara.vern.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or on my mobile 040377050.

New teachers
We have a number of new instrumental teachers this term. Michael Celata will be teaching Cello, Matt Hinchliffe will be teaching wind (recorder, flute, clarinet and saxophone) and Chris Vizard will be teaching brass (trumpet, trombone & Tuba). Leonie Khoury is on LSL this term and will be returning in term 2. Matt is unable to teach this week, so no lessons this Friday. Students will have their next lesson on Friday 19th February.

Instrument Hire
If your child is hiring an instrument, they should bring home a Hire agreement form for you to sign and return to me. If you don’t receive one in the next few weeks, please let me know.

Invoices
Term 1 invoices will be mailed to you later this term. This is a very short term so there will be no make-up week this term. You will be invoiced for 6 to 8 lessons depending on what day your child’s lesson is on and their teacher. If your child is hiring an instrument, this will be included on your invoice. If your child is in an ensemble this year, you will be invoiced for the whole year in your term 1 invoice.

Ensembles
Ensemble rehearsals started this week. Over the next few weeks, if your child is in an ensemble, they should bring home an ‘invitation to join an ensemble’ form to complete and return to me. Ensembles will rehearse on the following days:
Junior Band - Monday lunchtime          Junior Choir - Tuesday lunchtime
Junior Rock Band - Tuesday lunchtime    Senior Strings - Tuesday lunchtime
Senior Rock Band - Wednesday lunchtime  Junior Strings - Wednesday lunchtime
Senior Choir - Thursday lunchtime       Senior Band - Friday lunchtime

National Anthem
Students in Senior Band and Senior Strings will be performing the National Anthem at Friday afternoon assemblies starting in week 4 – Friday 26th February. Students will need to remember to bring their instruments every Friday.

State School Spectacular 2016
FPS will be participating in the massed choir at this year’s State School Spectacular in September. We are allowed to take 20 students only, so I will be giving year 6 first preference, then year 5 and if space permits year 4 students. Students need to be part of our school choir to be selected. I will be sending home an information note and reply slip today Thursday 11th February. Please return the reply slip and the consent form before Thursday 18th February as final number and consent forms are due to the organizers by Sunday 21st February. There is an information sheet attached explaining how to choose the correct size T-Shirt for your child. Please indicate on the reply slip your child’s preferred type of T-shirt (Unisex, girls or Junior) and their size.
A very warm welcome back to you all in 2016 and what a fabulous year we have ahead.

A special welcome to our new foundation year or prep parents I hope your little ones have enjoyed there first weeks of school.

For those of you that may not know the Hub plays an important role in our school community .For all our new families who may be wondering what we do our major role is to

- enhance the student school environment,
- Fundraising
- Organise social activities to maintain and foster the community spirit

Studies show that one of the strongest predictors of how well your child will do at school is the extent to which parents become engaged. The hub will not only give you access to the schools broader community it also gives you the opportunity to get involved regardless of your skills, experience or time commitments.

**FETE – SAVE the date – Sat April 16 2016 11am - 4pm**

This year we turn our hand to the Fete. Our school Fete is a major fundraising opportunity for the school. The Fete serves to strengthen our internal community by providing an opportunity for us all to work together whilst fostering that community spirit. In addition to this it provides an opportunity to invite in the external community and local business to the school through participation in the day wether that be by providing a donation or jumping on a ride, enjoying a cake or just meeting up with some friends.

Having said all of that....

Fete planning for our Autumn Fete is well under way and a fun day is planned for you all.

In order to make this all happen WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are putting a call out for books and toys in good condition so if you are about to do a clean up think of us. We will let you know a date closer to the fete for drop off of these items.

We will have a list of stalls and coordinators in next week’s newsletter.

**Sponsorship**

Can you help approach local businesses for sponsorship for this year’s fete? Sponsorship and donations of prizes to the silent auction are one of the biggest contributors to fundraising at FPS fetes. We need as much help as possible!

If you can help by asking local businesses or organisations for sponsorship, or if you own a business that can make a donation to the fete (including vouchers for services or a sample of your product), please let Rose Iser know as soon as possible on roseiser@gmail.com

If you’re not sure how you can help or only have a little time to spare you are welcome to contact me on 0425 834 147 or lisamadden67@gmail.com and I’ll put you in the right direction.

**Call for Helpers - Canteen**

We will be selling icy poles and popcorn during term 1 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday straight after school. We would love to put together a roster with some new faces. If you are able to help out on one of these days please contact Annette Williams on 0409 357 668 (Annette_andrew@hotmail.com). It is about a 20 minute time commitment.

**Hub Meeting next date**

The next Hub meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th February at 7.30pm in the FPS staff room. All welcome.
MVCC Library Satisfaction Survey

To better understand the changing needs of the local area, the MVCC are running a library community satisfaction survey. Survey participants will go in the draw to win an Apple iPad Mini. The survey is open until 5pm on Sunday, 28 February.

To take part visit the following link: http://survey.websurveycreator.com/s/MVCC_LibSurv_2016

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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Do you own a Mac, iPod, iPhone or iPad? Your AC wall adapter may need replacement through a voluntary safety recall.

Apple has determined that, in very rare cases, the two prong Apple AC wall plug adapters designed for use in Australia may break and create a risk of electrical shock if touched.

Customer safety is always Apple's top priority, and they have voluntarily decided to exchange affected wall plug adapters with a new, redesigned adapter, free of charge.

Adapters are now in stock at Beyond The Box, Puckle St, Moonee Ponds.

Rail Safety Tip

Travelling by train? Always stand behind the yellow line and wait for the train to come to a complete stop before attempting to board.

The yellow line creates a safe distance between passengers and the edge of the platform. Ensure all bags and other personal belongings remain behind the yellow line too, so they do not become caught on door handles or other parts of incoming trains.
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Hayden Symphony No. 101 "Clock" and Brahms Symphony No. 2.

Concert Two - Friday evening June 24th, 2016.
Program TBA

Concert Three - Friday evening September 9th, 2016.
Program TBA

Concert Four - Friday evening November 25th, 2016.
Program TBA

All concerts will be held at the James Tatoulis Auditorium, MLC Kew, commencing at 8.00pm.

Remember all surplus funds will add to our annual donation to support Gatehouse, at the Royal Children’s Hospital. So enjoy not only four terrific musical evenings, but support a very worthy cause as well!

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