DIARY DATES

**FRI, 26 FEBRUARY**
District Swimming Carnival

**WED, 2 MARCH**
HALOGEN YOUNG LEADERS DAY

**FRI, 4 MARCH**
RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

**MON, 14 MARCH**
Labour Day Public Holiday

**WED, 16 MARCH**
Prep students attend full time

**FRI, 18 MARCH**
School House Athletics Sports
Year 7 Back to School afternoon

**TUE, 22 MARCH**
Last class of chess for term

**THURS, 24 MARCH**
End of Term one 1.30pm dismissal

**MON, 11 APRIL**
Curriculum Day

**TUES, 12 APRIL**
Term Two begins

**SAT, 16 APRIL**
School Fete

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**Principal’s Report**

_Lesley McCarthy_

Last year, Danny Pearson our local MP donated $140 to our school to purchase books during Literacy Week. Mark Catterson, our Literacy Coordinator has purchased books and shared them with students last week. Our sincere thanks to Danny for his ongoing support of our school.

The **School Council Election** period has commenced and nominations are invited from parents for one of the 4, 2 years terms available. Nomination forms are available at the office and nominations close on Wednesday 2nd March at 4pm.

Thank you to Peter Pickering, Karin Moore, Trevor Wallwork and Justin Lucas whose terms have expired. Trevor, Karin and Justin are eligible to stand again. Thank you also to Robbie Allan, Mark Catterson and Leonie Isaacs for their work on School Council.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend **Meet the Teacher** sessions this week. It really helps to develop a relationship between home and school, and to have a face and contact point for your child. My thanks again to teachers who worked until after 7pm to meet parents and have those important conversations.

Tomorrow 29 students from grades 3-6 will participate in the **AVDSSA Swimming Carnival**. Mitch Marley and Fiona Themann will accompany students and I encourage any parents who are free to attend and support the students. We wish them every success: Zara, Kelsey, Shaid, Evie, Ellie, Chloe, Charlotte, Nasreen, Darcy, Stella, Georgie, Brooke, Olivia, Claire and Lainie. Miles, Callum, Marcus, Leo, Wyatt, Lucas, Marco, Thomas N, Luca, Mitch, Angus C, Luca and Jamie.

At tomorrow’s assembly, **Student Representative Councillors** will be announced and presented with their badges of office. Next week, 12 of the SRCs will attend the Halogen Young Leaders Conference with Alex Taylor. This annual event is an amazing opportunity for students, who begin to develop an understanding of leadership and being a positive role model for their peers.
**Pupil of the Week**

**Week beginning 15 February 2016**

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<td>Ava is able to talk about and show how she is respectful in the classroom and playground. You are a great role model to your classmates, well done!</td>
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<td>Mia W</td>
<td>Being kind and listening to all her classmates. Well Done Mia on an excellent start to school.</td>
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<td>Frances S</td>
<td>Demonstrating an interest in learning all school values and making a big effort to show respect in the classroom by putting up her hand. Well done!</td>
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<td>Sumaya J</td>
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<td>Dante D</td>
<td>Showing whole body listening when sitting on the mat and remaining focused when completing a task.</td>
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<td>Catherine F</td>
<td>Always having her learning materials organised. Well done!</td>
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<td>Being excellent when reading and listening with her partner</td>
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<td>Audrey P</td>
<td>For showing outstanding respect in class through whole body listening</td>
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<td>Eki Goel</td>
<td>Always moving around the classroom safely.</td>
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<td>Allegra M</td>
<td>Allegra always uses her manners, waits her turn patiently and speaks nicely to others. Well Done</td>
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<td>Samira J</td>
<td>Listening to teacher instructions and following the school values. Well done!</td>
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<td>Shabir S</td>
<td>Being organised, being a great listener and beginning to contribute your ideas and questions to class discussions, and being a great role model in 4/5F</td>
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<td>Angus C</td>
<td>Having a go at his maths problems this week and being persistence. Keep up the great work Angus.</td>
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<td>6T</td>
<td>Mohammed I</td>
<td>Always having the correct materials and getting on task straight away.</td>
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**Office News**

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

**Speech Pathology Services**

Speech pathology students from Australian Catholic University (ACU) will again be attending Flemington Primary School during 2016 as part of their professional practice placement experiences. Under the supervision of a qualified speech pathologist, they will be offering speech and language screenings (assessments) and therapy to students in Grades Prep to 2. Parent consent forms are being sent home today. We urge all Prep parents to complete this form as it is a free service to your children.

**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

Walking with your children.
I would just like to remind all parents that as a general rule, children are not always aware of the traffic conditions around them. It is our job as adults to ensure that we teach them these skills whether it be through holding their hand or them holding onto something else. Currently each night when doing yard duty in Flemington Street we are having to ask parents/carers to hold their child’s hand or to keep them by their side. We are also constantly asking parents to have the children walk on the footpath rather than behind groups of parked cars. Both are dangerous!
When collecting children we as adults need to be aware of where they are at all times and teach them the safe way to cross the road.

Dogs in the school grounds
Just reminding all families that dogs are not allowed in the school grounds. This is for the safety of the children and the dogs. This also stops us from having to clean up any mess that has been left behind.

School Council Report
Flemington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Or contact Justin Lucas, Richard Hann, Peter Hormann or Melissa Elliott.

At the first meeting for the year on Monday evening, the following decisions were made.
Robbie Allan has tendered his resignation with one year of his term to run. A motion was passed to appoint Justin Lucas to this vacancy for his expertise on Finance Sub Committee.

Curriculum Days will be:
the first Monday of each term, 11th April, 11th July & 10th October; and a Pupil Free Day on Melbourne Cup Eve 31st October.

The dates for school camps were approved:
Grade 2: Stringy Bark Lodge 01/12 to 02/12
Grade 3/34: Lake Dewar 05/10 to 07/10
Grade 5/6: Canberra 07/11 to 11/11
Recumbent Bike Camp 17/11-20/11

HUB have been given permission to offer additional canteen days:
recess on School Sports Day 18/3
Recess on the last day of term 24/3

The Mothers Day Stall will be held on Thursday 5/5.

The FAQ document prepared following the Grade ¾ iPad information evening is now available on the school website under Recent News.
SRC News
Alex Taylor

Welcome to SRC for 2016!

All 3-6 classes have now selected their SRC representatives for the year. Badges will be presented at assembly tomorrow.

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

National Young Leaders Conference at the Royal Exhibition Centre (10 SRC students will attend) - 2nd of March
It promises to be a great day with a wide range of activities to develop students leadership skills.

Ride to School Day (Whole School Event) - 4th of March.
Students, Teachers and Parents are encouraged to ride their bikes to school.
Riding your bike is a great way to get some exercise into your day.

There will be special areas for students to park their bikes for this event.

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

FPS Bicycle Recycle
– Volunteers Please
No experience necessary!

For your calendar:
Fridays 26-Feb, 4-Mar, 11-Mar
Anytime between 8.20 to 9.30am and 3.30pm to 5pm

It’s just 1 week until “Ride-to-School” day on Friday March 4th and, together with the SRC, the school’s Bicycle Recycle program is here to enable everyone to ride a bike (or scoot) to school.
A big thank you to Marcos, Luca, Thomas, Hannah, Paula, Adam and others who assisted by repairing and giving away 5 bicycles last Friday. We still have a backlog of bikes to fix and any parent or student would be again welcomed to join in this Friday. You will find us at the “Bicycle Hospital” next to the Science classroom as per the dates/times above.

Bart Sbeghen – 0418 231 686 | Peter Hormann - 0408 773 837, peter.hormann@bigpond.com

How-it-works: The FPS Bicycle Recycle initiative commenced in 2014 and over 2 years has provided a new home to 157 bikes. With the help of students, parents and the local community we’re continuing the initiative in 2016. The cycle begins with your valued bike donation(s) both big and small. With the efforts of parents and students the bikes are fixed and then re-gifted to anyone in the school community who needs a bike. Any extra bikes are given to the Redcross’ “Wheel Power” for Refugees program. Financial contributions to pay for helmets, locks and parts are always welcomed.
Do you, your neighbours, friends or family have bicycles needing a new home? If so, please consider donating them to the school. If you would like a bike please don’t hesitate to contact us.
Instrumental Music News
Vern O’Hara - M 0403777050, Email - o’hara.vern.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Lessons & timetables
The Instrumental music program is up and running for 2016. Term 1 timetables and ensemble lists are on the school website. Ensemble rehearsals commenced this week. Due to year 3 to 6 swimming, 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 0403777050.

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 was unable to teach last week but will be teaching tomorrow- Friday 19th February. Matt will most likely split his Friday lessons over two days, starting next. Matt will let students know their lesson day will change form next week.

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.

Labelling Instruments
Could you please ensure your child’s instrument (both privately owned and hire instruments) have their name and grade on a tag attached to the instrument case. This will make it easier to locate instruments or identify the owner of instruments left in the music room.

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 Rock Band -Tuesday lunchtime
Senior Rock Band - Wednesday lunchtime
Senior Choir - Thursday lunchtime

Junior Choir - Tuesday lunchtime
Senior Strings - Tuesday lunchtime
Junior Strings - Wednesday 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. Reply slips need to be returned to Mr O’Hara by Friday 19th February as final number and consent forms are due to the organizers by Sunday 21st February.

Contact
If you have any questions or queries related to the music program, please contact Vern on his mobile 0403777050, or by email - o’hara.vern.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
HUB News (FPS Parent’s Association)
Lisa Madden, And Julie Lam
lisamadden67@gmail.com. julie.lam1@optusnet.com.au
0425834147 0414749383

FPS Fete Saturday April 16th 11am - 4pm

Welcome to the hub weekly news corner. Plans are well underway to deliver a fun packed family day for you all. As always we can't do it without your support.

Let’s make it an extraordinary day.

We Need You!

- Do you have a beach house?
- Do you have a business? Or friends or family in business?
- Do you have a few hours to spare?
- Could you donate some time in your chosen field?

Contact Rose Iser at roseiser@gmail.com.

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 businesses to the school through participation in the day whether that be by providing a donation or jumping on a ride, enjoying a cake or just meeting up with some friends.

All proceeds from the fete will go towards rubber resurfacing of the quadrangle.

Let's make it happen!

All of the stalls will need many volunteers to work on the day. If you can spare an hour or two please contact Alice Blake (aliceblake@bigpond.com) who will be putting together a roster.

Year levels will be asked for specific stall donations – information will come home via your child.

Please DO NOT drop off any donated goods until after the 14 March. We will advise you of the times and location closer to the date.

Cake stall – Janine Donohue
gavneen@optusnet.com.au

- Craft and plant stall – Lisa Madden (lisamadden67@gmail.com) and Kylie Needham (oneedham@me.com)
- Silent auction, sponsors - Rose Iser (roseiser@gmail.com)
- Toys – Ellen Connor (ellen.connor@senversa.com.au) and Lucy Shaw (shawsathome@gmail.com)
- Kids craft – Nicole Tingey (ntingey@hotmail.com.au)
- Mystery bottles- Kristine Alleva (k.alleva@acquumconsulting.com.au)
- Crazy Hair stall - Jo Selcuk (jo-1013@hotmail.com)
- Book stall - Mary Koulbanis (nickmary6269@bigpond.com), Wendy Fraser (wendscot@tpg.com.au)
- Fairy Floss - Cheryl Smith (smithdroid@me.com)
- Popcorn – Jane Duncan (janeduncan31@gmail.com)
- Lollies / Snow Cones – Mardi Durling (mardi.durling@peterrmac.org)
- Lob a choc – Kate Flanagan (keando@bigpond.net.au)
- Food (includes African food, Asian Food, Gourmet Wraps, Canteen, Sausage Sizzle) - Julie Lam (Julie.lam1@optusnet.com.au), Fiona Hiscock (fionahiscock@gmail.com), Monique Nolan (lucas-nolan@bigpond.com)
- Drinks – Annette Williams (Annette_andrew@hotmail.com)

Please Contact us with any queries.

Canteen

Canteen will continue to sell icy poles on Monday, Wednesday, Friday throughout this term. Contact Annette (Annette_andrew@hotmail.com) if you would like volunteer.

Thanks

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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Flemington Primary School
Fete 2016
Sponsorship Package

Flemington Primary School has over 450 students from across Flemington, Brunswick, Kensington and Ascot Vale. We’re a large school, with a diverse student population and always in need of additional educational resources.

On Saturday 16th April 2016, Flemington Primary School will be conducting its renowned biennial fete. The FPS fetes attract families from around Moonee Valley. With 475 students from close to 300 families, we will have over 1000 people on fete day and thousands more seeing promotional material on signs, posters and online.

Our fabulous school fetes provide an unmissable opportunity for local businesses to increase their brand recognition and reputation in the community.

We are incredibly grateful for the support we receive from sponsors and will reciprocate with generous promotion and advertising for your business. Your business or organisation can nominate a level of support, or negotiate a package with us.

We are also grateful for in-kind support and donations of goods, food, equipment and labour.

Every cent donated by you assists Flemington children get the best education possible. Money raised at the 2016 Fete will be put towards a range of school improvements including soft-fall areas in the school-yard and educational resources for classrooms.

Why sponsor Flemington Primary School Fete?

1. Support the education of local children and their families.
2. Connect your brand with a large and well-regarded school.
3. Have your brand seen by thousands of families before and on fete day.
4. Be visible online though FPS’ social media and digital communications.
5. Create opportunities for face-to-face contact with local families on and before fete day and the promotion of special deals.

Your support is essential and greatly appreciated.

Contact Rose Iser roseiser@gmail.com 0414959427
Flemington Primary School Fete 2016

In return for your generous sponsorship, the school will proudly and widely acknowledge your support.

Platinum sponsor at $5,000 (two only)
Gold sponsors at $2,000
Silver sponsors at $1,000
Bronze sponsors at $500
Another amount specified by you
Donations of goods and services

Platinum Sponsors are acknowledged as the main sponsors on all promotional material.

Gold Sponsors can select:
• Naming rights for a ride
• Naming rights for a food or drinks stall
• ‘Chill out’ Sponsor – cold drinks and icy-poles
• ‘Sweet Sponsor’ – cakes, lollies, Fairy Floss
• ‘Fruit Juice’ Sponsor – fruit juice or healthy options
• ‘MC’ Sponsor – signage worn by MC throughout the day

Silver Sponsors can select:
• Naming rights for an activity stall: ‘Lobachoc’, Face-painting, Mystery Bottle and more.

See below for further package benefits.

Flemington Primary School Fete
16 April 2016

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to market your business to the wider community as well as supporting a local school.

We thank you for your consideration and applaud you for your support.

Contact Rose Iser roseisergmail.com 0414959427
As a member of the local Community we wish to invite you to WalkWest 2016
A FREE family and team event on Sunday 6 March

This annual fundraising event includes a 5km or 10km walk or run and is designed to be fun for the whole family! The route takes in the beautiful riverside parklands on the Maribyrnong and places are filling fast. For more information visit www.walkwest.com.au

You can make a tax deductible donation or set up a fundraising page and gain support from your networks to raise money for kid's healthcare in the west.

WalkWest Village at Doug Mills Reserve, Footscray Park, will be alive with fun family activities for all ages with face painting, a jumping castle, DJ, food trucks and even massage therapy for recovery.

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It's quick and easy to get involved

- Set up a Team here and invite everyone you know to join in – it's quick and easy online!
- Encourage support by asking for donations
- Spread the word on social media - details below
- Contact us if you require more information or resources - 1300079599
- Come along and have fun!

We hope to see you and your team at WalkWest!
Parenting Ideas

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Teasing V Bullying

When speaking with parents when I present at schools, or engaging with them via our social media, bullying is always a hot topic. A recent Facebook post had one of our biggest engagement rates ever. It begged the question: “What is bullying? Do we mix it up with teasing and other forms of mean behaviour?”

It’s an important topic that needs clarification.

Bullying is a term that’s wrapped in emotion. For many people it’s associated with bad childhood memories. It’s been estimated that around 40 per cent of people have experienced bullying in the past. It’s something that we don’t want to happen to our kids.

But I fear it’s being overused at the moment and confused with teasing and rudeness.

Rudeness refers to thoughtless behaviours and thoughtless words. Kids often do rude things to each other without thinking their actions through. Examples include breaking wind in a child’s direction; joking about the colour of a child’s hair in front of others; failing to share possessions and neglecting to acknowledge someone. Rudeness is usually about selfishness and thoughtlessness. Taken on their own many rude behaviours can be seen as an element of bullying but when looked at in context they are more about rudeness, lack of consideration and poor manners rather than a deliberate attempt to hurt someone.

Teasing refers to annoying, hurtful behaviour that is used to get a reaction from someone else. Teasing can be persistent in nature, but not always. It’s generally an attempt to get under a person’s skin. It can involve name-calling; it can be personal and hurtful in nature. It can also infringe on another person’s rights. But generally teasing doesn’t have the key ingredients that make up bullying.

Bullying is the selective, uninvited, repetitive oppression of one person or group by another. It involves three elements – intent to hurt or harm; power imbalance; and repetition over time. It takes many forms and guises including physical aggression; verbal abuse; emotional aggression (or blackmail); intimidation; harassment and exclusion.

The new cyber-dimension to bullying has moved the goalpost for many kids. In the past children and young people could escape bullying behaviours by being at home. Cyber-bullying means that children can’t escape bullies like they once could.

Why the distinction? I hear the term bullying misused a great deal in the media and when talking with parents. We run the risk of “The Boy Who Cried Wolf” Syndrome where we become so desensitised to the term that we (or teachers) ignore it when children really are the victims of bullying. We also run the risk of failing to skill our kids up to manage rudeness and teasing if we categorise every awful behaviour that kids experience as bullying.

Our ability to be discerning about bullying is as important as the action we take when we are sure that our child is on the receiving end of bullying behaviour. These actions include: dealing with feelings; providing emotional coping skills; getting others involved; building up a child’s support networks; and building self-confidence that can take a battering.

Bullying needs to be taken seriously. But we also need to be discerning about bullying behaviours.
Dear Friends and Music Lovers,

We are pleased to announce that bookings are now available for the 2016 Melbourne Sinfonia Concert Series. Concert dates are as follows –

Concert One - Friday evening March 18th, 2016.
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!

To subscribe to the four concert Series, please go to -
http://www.trybooking.com/KJLX

To book for Concert One only, please go to -
http://www.trybooking.com/KJKR

To take out Membership of the orchestra for 2016 please go to -
http://www.trybooking.com/KJML

For Sale.

¾ violin with blue velvet lined case.
Near new condition.
$100.00.

Linda (aide 2i)
0437 450510.
Currently in Gavin’s room if you would like to inspect it.

Show your support by wearing pink with Susan Peacock, Chair of the Think Pink Foundation.

Flemington
Tuesday 8 March, 11am
Free, bookings necessary, call 8325 1975
Online bookings: mooneevalleylibraries.eventbrite.com.au