Dear Parents and Carers of Flemington Primary School,

I can’t believe that it has only been a week and a half and I already feel a part of the Flemington Primary School community! This has been thanks to the amazing support from everyone.

Something that has been evident to me over the short time that I have been here is the shared commitment from staff and parents in providing the students with the best possible learning environment.

I strongly believe that for schools to build and sustain a culture that is underpinned by positivity, respect and high expectations, they need to continually seek feedback from all members of the community. A key part of this feedback is knowing what is having the greatest impact. This will allow schools to continue to progress and enhance their environment without sacrificing things that underpin who they are.

As a Principal, I am always appreciative of any feedback both positive and constructive as it broadens my understanding of what is important to families and staff.

School communities include a diverse range of opinions, thoughts and beliefs about what they need to focus on as a school. This is why Mission, Vision and Value statements are essential elements of any school as they provide guidance and directions based on the thoughts of students, staff, and parents, members of the community, government priorities and research. They keep schools focused on what they are aiming to achieve and the way they have agreed to function.

This is why I’d like to invite all families of Flemington Primary School, to take the opportunity to complete a survey that will be sent home in the coming days. The survey will include three questions.

- What are three things that you like most Flemington Primary School? (e.g. Strengths)
- What are three things that will enhance the way in which Flemington Primary School works?
- Let your imagination go wild and write down as many interesting ideas as possible that could occur at Flemington Primary School! No limits to craziness!

A notice will be sent home soon. Including your name on the survey is optional as all feedback will be considered as a way of making Flemington PS an even better place for the students to learn and play!

You may also prefer to email responses to the school email address at flemington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
### Pupil of the Week

**Week beginning 23 May 2016**

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<th>Grade</th>
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<td>Prep G</td>
<td>Camilla C</td>
<td>For being a safe and responsible member of the class during our excursion to the Collingwood Children's Farm.</td>
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<td>Prep MC</td>
<td>Abdi A</td>
<td>Following instructions and listening carefully at the Farm.</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Hamish M</td>
<td>Listening carefully and following instructions to keep safe and be responsible on our excursion to the farm. Well done!</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Marie K</td>
<td>Working to the best of her abilities to produce excellent handwriting!</td>
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<td>1K</td>
<td>Hazel L</td>
<td>Practicing her writing at home. Fantastic Job!</td>
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<td>1P</td>
<td>Retal N</td>
<td>Being well prepared for her oral presentation about the excursion to CERES.</td>
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<td>1R</td>
<td>Aarya S</td>
<td>Using all of her reading strategies when solving tricky words. Great work Aarya!</td>
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<td>2I</td>
<td>Umalker D</td>
<td>Being organised with her homework tasks</td>
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<td>2J</td>
<td>Sumaya M</td>
<td>Showing great effort and perseverance in Mathematics</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Devi R</td>
<td>Always looking out for others and speaking nicely to her friends.</td>
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<td>34J</td>
<td>Hamda D</td>
<td>Being organised when completing your deep learning project on Food and Fibres.</td>
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<td>34L</td>
<td>Flora B B</td>
<td>Flora was bursting with excitement when working with the grade 5/6 students when developing her Food and Fibre project.</td>
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<td>34T</td>
<td>Miles N</td>
<td>Confidently preparing and presenting his debate ideas about Public Transport.</td>
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<td>45F</td>
<td>Abdirahman A</td>
<td>Creating a fantastic veggie garden budget by asking questions and using your maths skills. Well done Abdi!</td>
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<td>5C</td>
<td>Lucy B</td>
<td>Her confident public speaking speech when debating and her listening skills to other's opinions.</td>
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<td>56P</td>
<td>Francis B</td>
<td>Francis was kind by filming our class rap and making sure everyone was included in the project! Well done Francis!</td>
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<td>6T</td>
<td>Ike T</td>
<td>Asking questions to help clarify his understanding and for being our Mathletics Champion of the week!</td>
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<td>PE</td>
<td>Abdirahman M</td>
<td>Being respectful in PE.</td>
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### Office News

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

**Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 4 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by **Wednesday 1st June by 9.00am**

No late orders will be accepted

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.

The Grade 1/2s are attending an excursion at the sustainability excursion centre in Moorabbin in the upcoming weeks. Grade 1s are attending on Friday June 3 and Grade 2s on Friday June 10. Please note, as we need to travel to Moorabbin, **students are required at school at 8.15am**, for an 8.30am departure.

Get down to the State Netball Hockey Centre to watch The Victorian Fury take on Southern Force in a grand final rematch. This is Vic Fury’s last home game of the season, so don’t miss out on your chance to see elite netball in action!

There will also be superstar Vixen players’ filling in for Vic Fury, let’s hope they can help them get over the line! GO FURY!!

**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.
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

Whole School Working Bee
Sunday 5th June 9-12

Dear Flemington families, this will be our first Working Bee of 2016 and all families are welcome to attend. The school appreciates any assistance in the continued upkeep of our school grounds.

Most of our tasks involve giving the school and grounds a little extra attention. Of course, we are thrilled with any support and we always welcome skilled tradespeople who make themselves available.

Most jobs involve shovels, rakes, sponges and brooms. Gardening gloves and rubber gloves would be beneficial when completing tasks. Please bring along your own labelled tools.

Thank you
Sandra McOrist and team

Update regarding the 1:1 iPad BYOD program

In light of the discussions around the 1:1 iPad BYOD program, the staff at Flemington Primary School would like to update the community of the direction the school is taking.

As a staff we have broadened the discussion about the 1:1 iPad BYOD program to a discussion about how students learn best. We aim to provide a high performing learning environment for our students and ensure we are focused on the intended work at all times – our core business is enhancing student learning.

There will be a parent forum held on 16th June at 6pm in the 5/6 area to seek feedback regarding our mission and vision of the school and the role of iPads (or any other form of technology) at Flemington Primary School.

If there were any specific questions parents would like to discuss please email flemington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au, subject heading: 1:1 iPad Forum, before Friday 10th June.

For more information on this process, please refer to the information notice that went home to families today.

Sarah Nightingale
Leading Teacher - Curriculum

Leading Teacher’s Reports
Sarah Nightingale
F-2 Leader, Curriculum Coordinator

As we are now more than half way through the term, teachers are busy assessing students and writing Semester 1 reports. There have been many worthwhile conversations in the F-2 team surrounding student learning and data as teachers look at individual student growth.

The F-2 team have been focusing on Literacy in the last two weeks, completing moderation sessions in both Writing and Reading. This is a great opportunity for the teachers to get together and analyse student work samples at each year level.

Education Week was a great success with all classes taking part in the Whole School Numeracy Investigation. We look forward to finding out who the winner of the home component will be at Assembly this week.

As part of Education Week, the preps welcomed a number of local kindergartens into their learning space which was also a huge success. The preps enjoyed working with the kindergarten children and sharing their learning strategies.

It was great to see so many different people visit the school during the week. Thank you to everyone for participating.

Yesterday the Preps attended their first excursion for the year. The teachers and students thoroughly enjoyed their day at the Collingwood Children’s Farm. In the next two weeks, the Grade 1/2’s are off on their second excursion for the term, visiting the Sustainability Centre in Moorabbin.

Excursions are an important component of the Deep Learning units, this term with a focus on Design and Technology.
**Education Week**
Fiona Themann, Numeracy Coordinator

During Education Week each grade in the school explored and investigated how much waste their class produces.

The Prep, 1s and 2s looked at the daily length of waste per class and discovered the average daily length of waste per class to be 280cm long. They used several different strategies to calculate their results, with some classes lining up rulers, while others used informal measurements, such as number of ‘prep feet’ or ‘A3 paper’. 1A went one step further and sorted their rubbish in to groups; landfill, 10 pieces; recycling, 15 pieces; green waste, 0 pieces; and compost, 2 pieces. They are planning to graph their findings.

In the senior school, students investigated the surface area their daily class waste covered. Students used trundle wheels, metre rulers and 30cm rulers to measure the perimeter of their waste. Connections were made between area and perimeter, with students being able to change the perimeter of their waste while maintaining the same area. Some students questioned what the volume of our waste would be, which led to some great in depth discussions.

Thank you to those families who continued the maths at home by participating in the Education Week Family Investigation. I have had lots of children coming up to me in the yard saying they think they have solved the question, or they know how many days it would take, which has been really positive to see!

I hope you and your child/children had fun working together and best of luck for tomorrow’s winning draw!

**Music News**
Vern O’Hara ohara.vern.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Musica Viva – Datiwuy Dreaming**

Next **Monday, 30th May**, the aboriginal group ‘Datiwuy Dreaming’ from Elcho Island in Arnhem Land will be performing for the students in the school hall. The Yolnu people from Elcho Island have been making music and sharing stories longer than almost anyone else on the planet and gave the world musicians like Yothu Yindi and Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu. The Datiwuy musicians and NAISA Dance College artists will present and share with our students some of their creation stories through song and dance.

These performances build on preparatory work done in the music classroom. We would be delighted if you could come to one of the performances. There is no charge for parents/guardians and community members. This is a whole school event and all students will be attending.

- The prep, year 1 and year 2 students will be attending a performance from 10am to 11am.
- The year 3/4 and 5/6 students will be attending a performance from 11.30 to 12.30.

Hope to see you there!

**Mid Year Instrumental Concert**

The mid year Instrumental Concert will be held on **Wednesday 22nd June** from 6.30pm to approx. 8.30pm in the school Hall. All the school ensembles will be performing including: *Junior and Senior Choirs, Junior and Senior Bands, Junior and Senior Strings and Junior and Senior Rock Bands*. The concert will be preceded by a BBQ starting at 5 pm. There will be drinks, sausage sandwiches (halal and non halal) soups, cakes and lollies available for purchase. Students who are performing are to wear the FPS music top, black or dark blue pants or skirt and dark shoes. If your child doesn’t have a music top, they can purchase one from the office. We encourage all students and parents to attend the concert to support the music students and music program. The music students have been working hard during the past two terms to prepare for the concert.
Science Update

Students in grade 2 were very excited to learn this week that they will take over the management and maintenance of the vegetable garden, compost bin and worm farm in their science lessons. This week the grade 2 students assessed the state of the gardens and identified what needs their attention.

In order to maintain the garden we are seeking donations of child-appropriate tools, gloves, seedlings, seeds etc – do you have any you can spare?

Got a green thumb? You might like to consider assisting us – There is a grade 2 science lesson at 11.30am-12.30pm every Mon, Tues and Wed (term 2). Please let me know if you would like to volunteer.

Donations will be gratefully accepted and can be delivered to the science room on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, before or after school.

Let me know via email if you have any queries or suggestions

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Hello and welcome to another week of hub news.

**Wednesday Recess Canteen**

The canteen will be open for recess on **Wednesday 1 June** where we will be selling freshly cooked popcorn, chocolate coated vanilla ice creams and juice boxes for $1.

**Term 2 Special Lunch – pizza, jam donut and juice box**

We are organising a special lunch for **Thursday 9 June**. Order forms have gone out and are due back by **Thursday 2 June**. If you haven’t received a form the office will have extra copies.

**Friday Canteen**

This Friday after assembly we will be selling cinnamon donuts, popcorn and icy poles for $1. Any queries or suggestions contact Julie (Julie.lam1@optusnet.com.au).

**Next Meeting**

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to be on the hub distribution list please send an email to Julie at Julie.lam1@optusnet.com.au. Next meeting, date to be confirmed.

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**Flemington Primary’s ‘Bicycle Hospital’ has recycled 200 bikes**

Congratulations to our school dads Bart Sbeghen and Peter Hormann, who started the Bicycle Hospital back in 2014 and have now recycled 200 bikes. To read the full story printed in the Leader newspaper, please follow the link below.

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**FPS Bicycle Recycle – Awesome 200 Bikes!!**

Congratulations to Hamda for being our worthy 200th Bicycle Recycle recipient. Thank you again to all those that have generously donated bikes, their time and money. Our success has been featured in this week’s Moonee Valley Leader (as pictured) – look online and/or make sure you get your printed copy.

Thank you to Ellie, Hannah, Thomas, Luca and others for helping out over the last week. We’ll be fixing bikes again this Friday before/after school and assistance from parents and students to fix bikes will be valued and fun use of your time. You will find us at the “Bicycle Hospital” (next to the Science classroom) as per the dates/times above. 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. We can also assist with repairing your broken bike.

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

BORED WITH ALL THE USUAL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS?

MAKE A MOVIE!!!
CLAY ANIMATION WORKSHOPS AGES 9+
Thornbury, June 27th-28th 9am-4:30pm $225
Hawthorn, June 29th-July 1st 9am-3:30pm $275
Kensington, July 5th-7th 9am-3:30pm $275
animachin.com

Mt. Alexander College Hall
First Session Free

When:
- U5’s – Thursday 4pm
- U8’s – Thursday 5pm
- U12’s - Thursday 6pm.

Where:
- Mt. Alexander College Hall, 165 – 179 Mt Alexander Rd
  Flemington.

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- 1 hour per session.

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