**In Touch Newsletter**

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**Acting Principal’s Report**

**Alex Artavilla**

**Reminder that students do not come to school on Monday 31st October (report writing day) and Tuesday 1st November (Melbourne Cup Day).**

**Supporting the 2016 Recumbent Bike team RIDE-A-THON THURSDAY 3RD OF NOVEMBER**

From the 17th to the 20th of November 2016, the Year 6 Recumbent Bike team, consisting of 24 students, will be participating in the RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge. The challenge includes many hours of racing. To raise money to support the event, on Thursday 3rd of November (next week) the Recumbent Bike Team have organised a 'Ride-a-thon' Day that will include:

- Special BBQ lunch 1:20pm to 2:30pm for all students - $2 per sausage and $1 juice box.
- From 2:30pm the ride-a-thon commences! The Year 6 riding team will kick things off between 2:30pm to 3:30pm. From 3:30pm to 4:30pm the team will have a rest and allow students from Years 3 to 6 and parents to have a ride and continue the ride-a-thon ($1 for 3 laps or $2 for 7 laps).
- Between 3:30pm to 4:30pm icy poles will be available from the canteen and everyone will have a chance to name the official teams ($50 cents per suggestion)!
- From 4:30pm until 8:00pm the 2016 recumbent team will continue the ride-a-thon! Bring a picnic rug and some takeaway dinner and help support the team!
- The team are hoping to raise as much money as possible! You can support the team by making a donation. This could include donating 20 cents for every lap that is completed from 2:30pm to 8:00pm or just a general donation. There will be a form for people to sign up for donations with money being collected at a later date.

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**Plumbing Ascot Vale who have generously donated a new recumbent bike. The team will be heading to Maryborough with this new addition.**

We are also currently looking to gain sponsorship for our trikes. If you wish to sponsor or know of anyone interested in sponsoring, please contact Warwick.

**Help support the 2016 Year 6 team!**

Please be mindful after school that the oval track will be used for the ride-a-thon.

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**Good luck Fiona!**

On Friday we farewell Year 6 teacher Fiona Themann as she heads off on an exciting sporting adventure! For those that haven’t heard, Fiona has been recruited to play for the national netball team ‘Adelaide Thunderbirds’, which compete in the trans Tasman ANZ Competition. It was a very difficult decision for Fiona to put her passion for teaching on hold (especially before the end of the school year) to take on a new challenge with her passion for netball. Fiona is leaving on Friday for the remainder of the year to settle into Adelaide and commence training with her new team. She will also be taking leave for 2017. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to wish Fiona all the best and know that she will have an amazing experience! Be kind to the Victorian teams!
Preparing for 2017

As the end of the school year approaches, it is a very exciting and sad time for a number of families. This includes new families that will be joining the school in 2017, and families that have their last child leaving for the commencement of their secondary school life.

Some of the families that have their last child in Year 6 have been a part of the Flemington Primary School community for up to 10 years or more! It’s funny to think that one minute you are preparing them for their first day of primary school, and the next they are all grown up and in Year 6! This is an experience I’m going through at the moment with my eldest daughter, as she heads off to Year 5 next year! Year 5! I’m sure I just blinked and she went from being in Prep to nearly secondary school! In my head she’s still in prep! I’m struggling so much with dealing with my daughters growing up, that on the mornings that I drop them off at school I encourage them to walk past the prep classrooms hoping that they may head off into these rooms. My daughters haven’t picked up on this yet, although they seem confused as to why we walk the extra-long way to their line up areas!

Over the next few weeks a number of exciting visitors will be dropping by to visit the school as part of the 2017 prep transition program! During the week I thought I’d seek some expert advice to assist the new preps and their families with their transition to school, especially families that have their first child starting in 2017. This is why I dropped by the prep classrooms to speak to some of the students.

**Question: What things would you tell the new preps for next year about Flemington Primary School?**

Sara (Prep G) ‘School is really fun because you get to learn lots and lots and also you get to go on excursions. You get to do reading groups but writing is really hard because you need to always remember to use capital letter and full stops!’

Francesca (Prep G) ‘We do lots of sport and art and music!’

Sienna (Prep PMc) ‘The best thing about being in prep is that we get to eat our lunch and recess quickly. I’m just really hungry after all my hard work and I just want to eat quickly.’

Liam (Prep W) ‘The new preps don’t need to feel scared. But you need to be really ready to learn. I like my teacher. I really like the lessons she wants us to do. She’s really nice.’

As you can see this is just a sample of the expert advice that we can tap into at Flemington Primary School to make sure that the new families and students have an amazing start to their primary school life! The school is in very good hands!

**School Grounds Master Plan**

Thank you to the parents and staff that have expressed an interest in helping out with developing a school grounds master plan. The ‘Landscape Architect’ that will assist the school in developing a plan is unavailable until December. If you are keen to be part of this working party please keep a look out in the newsletter in the coming weeks for more information.

Hope everyone had a great week

Alex Artavilla
Acting Principal

**School Council news**

School council convened on Monday 24th of October 2016. Key discussion points from the meeting included:

- The school leadership team shared with members of school council data from the 2017 NAPLAN, 2017 Parent Opinion survey and 2017 Attitudes to School (completed by students in Year 5 and 6) survey.
- The school leadership team shared with members of school council progress regarding the development of the 2017 learning plan, and how they will be addressing the results from the above data sets.
- Update regarding the Child Safety Standards. This will be reviewed by the policy subcommittee.
- HUB report – which included the idea of having a welcoming day for new families to the school at the beginning of the year.
- Facilities update.
- Finance report.
Assistant Principal
Sandra McOrist

After over 6 weeks we finally have both basketball rings back in action this week. The final post next to room 12 was installed on Saturday and the cement has cured and the supports have been removed.

SRC News
Alex Taylor

Walk to School Month:
Walk to School is an annual event that highlights the many benefits of walking for children, from improving fitness to building friendships, and even reducing traffic and pollution.
Escape the morning traffic by walking to school during October, it’s a free, easy and fun way for kids to get active.
We have bingo cards available to keep the walk to school fun, and there are great individual prizes up for grabs.
Once students have completed their bingo cards, hand them into the office. one walk =one square marked off.
The school with the most students participating will win a big day out at the Ascot Vale Leisure Centre so we need all families to get walking this October!
We are encouraging the whole school to walk, scoot or ride to and from school in October then record it on your classroom calendar.

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WILL YOUR CHILD/REN BE AT FLEMINGTON PS IN 2017?
If you know your child / children will not be returning to Flemington PS in 2017 or if they will be only here for a short time e.g. you could be moving in Term 1, please fill in below if you have not already informed the school.

CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING FLEMINGTON P.S. IN 2017

Name: ………………………………………………………………………………. Year level in 2016: ……..

Name: ………………………………………………………………………………. Year level in 2016: ……..

Name: ………………………………………………………………………………. Year level in 2016: ……..

Finishing date: …………………. New school (if known): …………………………………..

Signature of parent/guardian: …………………………………………………………..
**Pupil of the Week**

**Week beginning 24 October 2016**

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<th>Reason</th>
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<td>Prep G</td>
<td>Ava B</td>
<td>Being a good listener and showing respect to the presenter and animals during our Wild Action incursion.</td>
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<td>Prep G</td>
<td>Francesca P</td>
<td>Always showing great whole body listening during lessons.</td>
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<td>Prep MC</td>
<td>Levi R</td>
<td>Showing whole body listening at all times and sharing his knowledge of living things. :)</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Nasra D</td>
<td>Working hard to focus and listen during learning time on the floor. Well done!</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Huy H</td>
<td>Concentrating on his work quietly.</td>
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<td>1K</td>
<td>Hazel L</td>
<td>Working independently and approaching all tasks with a positive attitude. Great Job!</td>
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<td>1P</td>
<td>Beth F</td>
<td>Including everyone in her group when participating in our maths activities. Well done Beth!</td>
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<td>1R</td>
<td>Brydie M</td>
<td>Making sure that people in the playground are playing safely and helping people to make good decisions.</td>
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<td>2I</td>
<td>Yusra A</td>
<td>Having a go at writing descriptive words to improve her written work.</td>
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<td>2J</td>
<td>Ilays M</td>
<td>Making great inferences in her reading.</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Lukey S</td>
<td>Always looking out for his friends and speaking nicely to them.</td>
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<td>3M</td>
<td>Dana A</td>
<td>Completing all her work. Well done Dana!!</td>
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<td>34J</td>
<td>Tama M-S</td>
<td>Working well with his partner when investigating angles and shape.</td>
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<td>34L</td>
<td>Gage D</td>
<td>Getting along with everyone. Gage has made the effort to have a chat to all his classmates! Awesome! Welcome to FPS!</td>
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<td>34T</td>
<td>Salma A</td>
<td>During our writing session she tried her very best and completed a full page of uninterrupted writing.</td>
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<td>45F</td>
<td>Kobe T</td>
<td>Taking ownership of his learning and asking questions to further enhance his understanding of right angles.</td>
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<td>5C</td>
<td>Abdirahman A</td>
<td>Making great choices about your learning by choosing a good seat, listening well and asking questions. Well done Abdi!</td>
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<td>56P</td>
<td>Lucy B</td>
<td>Writing an excellent and entertaining narrative about a ‘Haircut’</td>
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<td>56V</td>
<td>Aesha Z</td>
<td>Aesha has been Ready to Learn by sitting with friends different friends and sharing your opinions. Well done!</td>
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<td>6T</td>
<td>Class 6T</td>
<td>Cooperating with all teachers and students and having fun along the way.</td>
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**Office News**

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

**2017 Essential Student Learning Items & Voluntary Financial Contributions**

These forms went home earlier this week. Parents, we are hoping that payment and all forms could be returned to the office by Friday 25th November 2016. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

*Note: All families with an eligible Health Care Card can apply in Term 1 2017 for CSEF of $125 per child; which may assist with other 2017 excursions.*

**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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Please note that, as there have been no bookings for the curriculum day on Monday 31st October, the Out of Hours School Care program will not be operating on this day.

**Hub News**

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday Canteen**

During Term 4 we will be selling icy poles at the canteen every Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school for $1.

If you would like to be on the roster or help in some way please contact Lucy Shaw (shawsathome@gmail.com) our new icy pole co-ordinator.
Recumbent Bike Fundraising

Special Lunch Sausage Sizzle
Thursday 3rd November
Sausage in bread $2 (Halal and vegetarian available)
Juice Box $1
No special lunch order form required, just bring your money on the day!

Flemington RACV
Ride-a-thon

Date: Thursday 3rd November Where: Riding Track and Courtyard

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| 1:20 - 2:30| **Special BBQ**  
Whole school BBQ & Juice box – cooked by our parents $2 per sausage, $1 juice box,  
Halal & vegetarian available! |
| 2:30 - 3:30| **Our Sponsored Ride (RACV team) – Part 1**  
You can support our riders by sponsoring their ride-a-thon  
20c per lap (200m track for up to 30 mins) or any donations gladly accepted! |
| 3:30 pm    | **Grade 3-6 & Parents ride**  
$1 for 3 laps or $2 for 7 laps (1 x small trike & 2 x large trikes)  
**Icy poles**  
Available at the canteen for $1 |
| 4:30 pm    | **Name the Teams!**  
Your chance to name our two official teams 50c per suggestion – Winner will be drawn at assembly.  
**Sponge Throw**  
Choose a RACV team member to throw at.  
$1 for 5 throws (@ a team member), $5 for 3 throws (@ Dave, Mr. V or Miss Zoe!)  
**Business sponsor stickers**  
If your business would like to have their logo / details on our trike then speak to one of our team members or teachers about how your donation could help our team. |
| 4:30 – 8:00| **Our Sponsored Ride (RACV team) – Part 2**  
You can support our riders by sponsoring their ride-a-thon  
20c per lap (200m track for up to 30 mins) or any donations gladly accepted! How far can they go???
Community News

JOIN US IN THE SPOTLIGHT
AUDITIONS NOW OPEN

Fun, inspiring classes in drama and musical theatre for kids!
From novice to advanced.
- Develop successful life skills like confidence, communication and teamwork.
- Great value - all weekly classes, workshops and costumes included.
- No registration fees.
- Perform on stage twice a year.
- 30 years of success.
- Highly qualified, experienced teachers.

CALL 8199 8344
to book a free, no obligation audition.

Classes located in Essendon & Brunswick!
+18 locations across metro Melbourne.

Kid’s Parties @
Two Shoes Dance Academy
Shop 265 Mount Alexander Road
Ascot Vale

What child doesn’t love celebrating their birthday? Do it in style with a disco party at Twoshoesdance.com.au

We are fully booked until mid-November. Get in quick - BOOK NOW FOR LATE NOV DEC & JAN #2. Call 1300 3 DANCE to secure your date!

Happy happy disco dancing xx

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InTouch Newsletter

KIDS CLASSES
Free Trial Lesson!
Smaller courts, lighter racquets and low-compression balls that don’t bounce too high make learning tennis fun and easy for primary school-aged children. This means that kids are able to start rallying and having fun right from their first lesson!

Cost: $9.00 a session

CARDIO TENNIS
Free Trial Lesson!

• High energy workout and burn 300 to 1000 calories
• Drill-based and play-based activities
• Lose weight, get fit and have fun
• Participants wear heart monitors, exercises to music and use low compression balls and a variety of equipment such as agility ladders

Cost: $12.50 a session.

LOCATIONS: Kensington Banks ST Smithfield Rd • North Park TO Flemington Rd Glengowrie Park TC 10 Elphinstone Rd • St Matthews TD 55 Wilmot Rd
1300 22 33 86 ACFUNTENNISCHOOL.COM

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Ready to host an international student?

Open your heart and open your mind!

Contact us today on 03 9316 3992 - MELBOURNE
For the 86 Place Sub South Defence Hill 3061 Melbourne: 03 9316 3693

NOW is the best time to APPLY ONLINE

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