Dear Parents,

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Thank you to the following parents who have nominated for School Council.
❖ Nick Haslam
❖ Kyle Pascoe
❖ Simon Duthie
There being no more nominations than vacancies, it is not necessary to hold a ballot, and the above parents will now fill the vacancies on School Council.
Thank you to retiring School Council members Denise Button and Suzanne Kalk. Winters Flat Primary appreciates your involvement and contribution over your years as School Council members.

Our next School Council meeting will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting (which will commence at 7:00pm) at which office-bearers will be elected and committees formed for the next 12 months.

FUNDRAISING - EASTER RAFFLE
At this stage we have not had any donations for our Easter holiday activity raffle. Without your support this raffle cannot be held. Please send donations to the school office this week.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
As part of our annual Emergency Management Plan we held a practice “shelter-in” this morning. This involved everyone in the school moving to the infant end of Creekview and rehearsing the emergency drill. Please ask your children about this drill and ask them to explain the process to you as this will help normalise the procedure.

COMING EVENTS
TUESDAYS - SCHOOL BANKING

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Order forms will be sent home with students when they arrive at the school.
Please return envelopes on the photography day, together with correct payment as the school is unable to supply change. Students need to be in full school uniform on the day.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – Friday 11th March, 2016

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BENDIGO’S HEALTHIEST SCHOOL AWARD
On Friday night last week we were thrilled to be announced as Bendigo’s Healthiest School at the Annual Bendigo Sport Star awards. This award is the result of our Health Leaders writing an application detailing our school’s initiatives. The $2000 prize money will be spent in a way which promotes healthy living at our school. Our Student Health Leaders will be deciding on this at their next meeting. We would like to acknowledge the Bendigo Weekly’s sponsorship of this award and thank them very much. A special thank you to Mel Taylor, Simone Healy, Jeanette McMahon, the Well-Being Committee, our Health Leaders and parents for their hard work over the past years in in setting up our Achievement Program and Healthy Eating Policy.

Our entry was written by our Health Leaders.

We have been elected as this year’s Health Leaders to promote healthy lifestyle choices, good eating habits and active participation in sports. These are the reasons why we think Winters Flat PS is the Healthiest school in the Bendigo region.

At Winters Flat PS we are so, so, so healthy. How did we achieve this? We signed up for the Achievement Program and have a Healthy Eating and Oral Health Policy as part of this program. This means we no longer sell ice creams, which all the kids loved. We also stopped selling lollies at our Christmas Fair, including Guess the Lollies in the Jar, an all-time favourite! We also stopped having any unhealthy foods or drinks for our lunch orders. This has to make us the healthiest school in the Universe!

At Winters Flat PS we have a program called the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, which teaches us to grow and cook healthy foods. We make healthy salads full of greens. We use skills from school to teach our families to eat healthy and think healthy. All of the kids enjoy eating the healthy meals they make.

Also at Winters Flat PS we have a “nude food” policy, which means we only bring food without packaging to school. This reduces waste and encourages us to make healthy food choices. As Health Leaders we set an example for other students and promote “nude food” with verbal and scribed messages across the school.

Part of being healthy is being physically active. Winters Flat PS organises awesome sports to help all kids be fit and healthy. Students participate in Bluearth, PE and Interschool sports such as cross country and netball. At lunchtimes we ride our bikes on our bike track or play basketball or soccer. As Health Leaders we organise our House Sports Day and cross-country race.

That’s why we believe Winters Flat PS is the healthiest school in the Bendigo region!

Written by
Henry, Frey, Imoo, Fionn, Gabe, Amelie, Alex, Miro and Ella
Winters Flat PS Health Leaders

IMMUNISATION RECORDS
In the wake of the recent measles outbreak in Brunswick, DET has distributed a circular to all primary schools asking them to ensure they have an immunisation certificate on file for each student. We will be sending home a letter shortly to parents/caregivers who have not provided a copy of immunisation for their child/ren to the school.

Immunisation status certificates are used to quickly identify the immunisation status of each child so that guidance issued by the Department of Health and Human Services can be quickly implemented. This may include sending unimmunised or immunocompromised children and staff home until the risk of infection has passed. Immunisation Certificates can be obtained from the Medicare website.

Have a great week.

Mary-anne Rooney,
Principal.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK  Week Ending – 26/02/2016

P/1L  Arki S – caring for the environment by ensuring our classroom is ready for everyone to use, by putting our chairs down in the morning.

P/1J  Sascha N – caring for self by always putting effort into her work and striving to do her best. A fantastic start to school. Well done!

2M  Noah S – Caring for the environment by always helping to keep our classroom clean and organised with a beautiful big smile on his face. Thanks Noah!

3/4H  Esther H-H – caring for the environment by being cool and calm when cleaning our classroom. Well done!

3/4F  Kieanne H – caring for the environment by helping to keep the classroom clean and tidy. Thanks for your help.

4/5W  Jacob F – caring for the environment by always making an effort to keep our classroom clean and tidy. Thank you Jacob!

Belayensh T – caring for the environment by always making an effort to keep our classroom clean and tidy. Thank you Bela!

5/6O  Edie P – caring for others by including others and being supportive and kind. Thank you Edie.

5/6B  Miro V – caring for others by willingly and competently using his “techspert” skills to assist us in our Assembly and the Welcome Ceremony. Thanks. Greatly appreciated!

CHEF OF THE WEEK:  
Grade 2M – Osian S.  
Grade 5/6B – Theo M-C.  
Grade 3/4H – Inny S & Sylvie W.

GARDENER OF THE WEEK:  
Grade 3/4H – Kiki M & Jake P.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS:  
This Week’s Positive Behaviour Focus is:  

Showing care for the environment by helping keep the classroom and school clean and tidy.  
The Winners were:  
Ciara Mck, Edie P and Fionn K.

Next Week’s Positive Behaviour Focus is:  
Showing care for self and others by co-operating and taking turns fairly.

CUMALONG CUP WINNER:  
The week’s best attendance was 4/5W.

What’s Cooking this Week in the Kitchen?

❖ Smoky Eggplant Purée  
❖ Falafel with Wattleseed Dukkah Wraps  
❖ Quinoa Tabouleh Salad  
❖ Yoghurt and Sesame Sauce  
❖ Zucchini Pickle.

GRADE 6 T-SHIRT ORDERS
Please ensure that orders and payment for Grade 6 T-Shirts are returned to school by Friday 11th March, 2016.

STUDENT INFORMATION
Recently forms were sent home with students for Parents/caregivers to update any changes to contact details etc. Please ensure that these forms are returned to school as soon as possible. If you have misplaced the form, please call at the office to collect another one. Thank you.

**** WANTED ****
CLEAN JARS and BOTTLES  
(with lids and no labels please)  
For preserves  
Please drop off at the school office.

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
Friday 4th March
Don’t forget to PLEASE ride, walk scoot or skate to school on Friday.
A message from our Community Leaders...
Hi my name is Alina and I'm a Community Leader.
I'd just like to remind you that next Friday is 'School's Clean Up Australia Day'. Winters Flat Primary school will be celebrating Clean Up Australia Day by caring for our 'Care for Areas' by picking up rubbish, weeding, sketching and enjoying our Care for Area.
In 1989 a man had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard - Sydney Harbour. This simple idea has now become the nation’s largest community-based environmental event, Clean Up Australia Day. In the past 25 years, Australians have devoted more than 27.2 million hours towards the environment through Clean Up Australia Day and collected over 288,650 tonnes of rubbish.

STONEFIELDS “OPEN GARDEN” DAY
For parents/caregivers who are able to assist with baking Anzac Biscuits for the Stonefields “Open Garden” Day stall, please use the recipe listed below. Thank you.

ANZAC BISCUITS – Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation.

Ingredients
- 125 grams Butter
- 1 Tablespoon Golden Syrup
- 1 Teaspoon Bicarb Soda
- 3 Tablespoons Boiling Water
- 1 Cup Rolled Oats
- 1 Cup Desiccated Coconut
- 1 Cup Plain Flour
- 1 Cup Sugar.

1. Preheat the oven to 160°C.
2. Over a low heat on the stovetop, melt the butter and golden syrup in the large saucepan.
3. Mix the bicarb soda with the boiling water, add to the pan and stir in, then turn off the heat.
4. Combine the dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl and pour the mixture from the saucepan into the centre. Mix to a moist but firm consistency.
5. Drop teaspoons of the biscuit mixture onto your baking rays.
6. Bake for 20 minutes, then remove and allow to cool on the baking trays.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF GREEN TOMATOES AND SOMEONE WHO CAN DO CALLIGRAPHY ON LABELS.

WINTERS FLAT ‘POP-UP’ OPPORTUNITY SHOP
– MONDAYS - 2:30 – 3:30pm
Located in Room 3 of the Administration Building (walk past the office, down the corridor on the right). Please come and say hello and check it out. We have lots of great stuff that will be sold at very reasonable prices.

Reminders
- Coffee - $10.00.
- School Banking every Tuesday.
- Lunch orders available on Wednesdays & Fridays only.
- School commences – 8.55am.
- Recess – 10.55am to 11.25am.
- Lunch – 1.35pm to 2.15pm.
- Dismissal – 3.15pm.
I respect my cobber for standing up and speaking to the school with confidence. Also, he is Prep, so that’s even better. A handy hint is to speak head on to the audience and to also look at them. Something tricky for me was saying my lines properly and speaking in front of the crowd. Something new for me was the Prep introducing. I never did it in my old school, or this one for that matter.

Otter G.

Success! What a great Assembly! Everyone did an amazing job. I was really proud and relieved when I said all my parts. I thought everything went really, really well! In my head I was...Super Nervous! I hate public speaking! I was so relieved when it was all over. I was also a bit embarrassed when the microphone stopped working! I’m really improving in...Public Speaking. I’ve gotten much better at projecting my voice and talking slowly so people can understand me. I’ve also gotten much better at being less nervous. I was challenged by...Public Speaking! I hate it so much! I was super proud when I had said all my parts. Once I got up there I realised I could do it!

Amelie W.

I’m really improving in my public speaking. In Grade 3 and 4 I wasn’t very good at speaking to a big crowd of people. But this week in Assembly, I noticed that I’m not nervous or shy to talk to big groups. I spoke loudly and clearly. Today I discovered that our cobber class is really amazing at speaking clearly and loudly to big groups of people. I first thought that we would have to say their names for them, but they snatched the mic out of our hands and said their names amazingly. I found it helpful to read out what I’m going to say before I say it to make sure I don’t mess up or get stuck on a word. WOW, I was really amazed at how our assembly went. It was really smooth and everyone knew when to speak and I thought it was really good how we had time to sing a song at the end of it.

Sunday T.

In my head I was... Really hoping one of the Preppies didn’t start crying because of stage fright, but luckily they didn’t. Something tricky was... Trying to get my cobber to leave. He really wanted to stay. I respect... That everyone in the audience was quiet, calm and listening. Wow! We finished it without any catastrophes or disasters. In every one I’ve done in the past, something’s always gone wrong.

Tom B.

I found it helpful to go over what my partner and I were going to say, a couple of times right before the assembly, so I knew what I was going to do. I love that no one got distracted when they were speaking, which was really good. It was hard for me when my Prep photo was up and everyone laughed. I’m really improving in my public speaking. I remember last year I was really scared and nervous, but now I’m really good.

Gabe McC.
**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Taradale Mineral Springs Festival**

**Sunday 13 March 2016 10am – 4pm**

**Taradale Mineral Springs Reserve**

- Handcrafted local wines
- Specialty foods, oils and multicultural delights
- Music & dance including flamenco, rock & folk music
- Historical displays & Devonshire teas
- Vintage and classic cars
- Art Exhibition - Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm
- Jumping castle & giant slide

Free Parking

$5 entry - children under 15yr free
BYO picnic basket & blanket

Art Exhibition Opening Friday 11th March 7-9pm

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