Dear Parents,

**CHANGE OF ASSEMBLY TIME**
Friday *Assemblies will start at 2:40pm* – a few minutes earlier to ensure assembly doesn’t run past the dismissal bell.

**HOT DAY POLICY**
Just a reminder to parents that on hot days when the temperature is over 35 at lunch time, the school oval closes and the Library is opened and supervised.

**INSURANCE AT SCHOOL**
Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any ambulance costs (if you do not have ambulance cover). Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

**MEDICATION FORM**
Today we have sent home a copy of our school Medication form with the youngest family member, which must be completed and sent to the school with any medication when your child requires medication at school. Please note that staff are not allowed to administer non prescribed oral medications e.g. Panadol, without specific written instruction from a doctor or pharmacist. Our Medication policy is also available on our school website.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**
All parents working with children at Winters Flat Primary we required to hold a current Working With Children Check. All helps in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and garden, including grandparents, friends and community members are required to hold a current WWCC.
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
All parents have the opportunity to have an interview with their child’s teacher at the end of Term 1. These interviews will focus on goals for each child for 2016. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 22nd March for Grades 5/6B, 5/6O, 3/4FH and 4/5W and Wednesday 23rd March for Grades P/1J, P/1L, 3/4H and 2M commencing at 1:00pm. Further information to follow.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
Due to the predicted heat today we postponed the school cross country. It will be held on a later date, when the weather has cooled down. At this stage we have not settled on a date, but will let you all know with notice. A reminder to everyone that parents are very welcome to stay and watch the Cross Country, when it is held. We also encourage students to wear their house colours. All children know which colour their house is.

INTER-school CROSS COUNTRY
The Castlemaine Inter-School Cross Country is planned for Wednesday next week. Children from grades 3-6 will be attending. Parents are welcome to come along to the Castlemaine Gardens to cheer their child on and join in the fun. A note has been sent home with all details and needs to be returned a.s.a.p.

PARENTS, CARERS & FRIENDS
A meeting was held last Wednesday morning with a view to re-invigorating our PCF club. We will be holding an information session for parents and carers who are keen to find out more about the possible roles of a PCF club. Watch this space.

FAMILY PICNIC IN THE PARK
Don’t forget that a Family Picnic is planned for Thursday March the 10th, from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. This will be held in the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens near the playground. Parents and children are welcome to come along and enjoy a social evening. This is designed for families to get to know each other – staff will not be in attendance. BYO everything, including chairs.
If it is cancelled due to the weather, we will advise everyone on Thursday afternoon.

Have a great week.
Mary-anne Rooney,
Principal.

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<td>Eadie N – caring for self by excellent task behaviour and very neat book work.</td>
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<td>Asha V D – caring for others by always listening carefully and allowing others to get on with their work!</td>
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<td>Darien L – caring for others by being a responsible, caring member of the class – always ready to help.</td>
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**CHEF OF THE WEEK:**
Grade 5/6O – Chloe R, Cian W, Edie P, Imani D, Alina G, Imoo B C, Alex B-Z and Moana E.
Grade 4/5W – Victoria Grace R & Lochie H.
Grade 5/6B – Ethan L.

**GARDENER OF THE WEEK:**
Grade 5/6O – Imoo B C, Alex B-Z and Oskar F.
Grade 4/5W – Darcy D, Griffon S, Brodie T and Reece H.
Grade 5/6B – Gardening Gurus, Cool Bananas and Crazy Chickens.

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS:**
This Week’s Positive Behaviour Focus is: Showing care for self and others by co-operating and taking turns fairly.
The Winners were: Jaiden W, Libby H and Olivia H.
Next Week’s Positive Behaviour Focus is: Showing care for self by listening, watching and learning in class.

**CUMALONG CUP WINNER:**
The week’s best attendance was 3/4FH.
**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – Friday 11th March, 2016**

Order forms were sent home with students last Wednesday, 2nd March. If parents require a second envelope or a family/sibling photo envelope, please call at the office to collect. 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.

*Could family envelopes please be left at the office on the morning of the photographs being taken.*

*Students need to be at school on time or they may miss having their photo taken.*

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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.

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**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.

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**WINTER’S FLAT SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM**

Did you know we have school banking every Tuesday at Winters Flat Primary School? And did you know that school banking not only encourages kids to save their hard earned money, but it’s also a great *fundraiser for our school*?

Plus, to encourage your kids to bank regularly, there are some fun rewards on offer. Every deposit (doesn’t matter how much) earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a reward.

There are also some great prizes to be won, including the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet wildlife ambassadors Bindi and Robert Irwin.

To find out more, check out the School Banking insert on our school website [http://www.winters-flat-ps.vic.edu.au](http://www.winters-flat-ps.vic.edu.au)

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**CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

Many parents/caregivers have already submitted a form, however our records indicate that there may be other parents/caregivers who are eligible to apply for this funding.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

*If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.*

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is $125.

If you are eligible please call at the office a.s.a.p. and fill out an application form.

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**STONEFIELDS “OPEN GARDEN” DAY**

If parents would like to make preserves at home, the school may be able to help with produce.

Please call at the office to check. Also if you are able to assist by making Anzac biscuits (from the recipe that was included in last week’s newsletter), these need to be dropped off at the school on the first week of Term 2 thank you.

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**** **WANTED ****

** CLEAN JARS and BOTTLES**

(with lids and no labels please)

For preserves

Please drop off at the school office.

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**WINTERS FLAT ‘POP-UP’ OPPORTUNITY SHOP**

- **MONDAYS** - 2:30 – 3:30pm
  - **ROOM 3.**
Hi everyone,

My name is Kim Collins and I am a trained Social Worker/Play Therapist working in the Student Wellbeing role at WFPS. If you are new to the school, and have not yet met me, Student wellbeing is a high priority at WFPS, and we want to make sure each child & family feel a sense of belonging here. Sometimes children will need a little extra support with their social and emotional skills – be that in making friends, managing conflict or finding ways to express their strong emotions in a safe way. By providing a safe and nurturing ‘listening’ space, children can be supported to get in touch with their internal worlds (their thoughts, feelings) & understand how what is happening inside them can impact on their behaviours in the external world (school, home and community) – & vice versa. With a little support, children can develop skills to navigate both worlds (internal & external) with more ease & confidence.

I like to work as much as possible from a ‘preventative’ whole school model (wherein I would like to build a relationship with each child in the school, not just the children who have identified a problem they want to work through). For this reason, I would love it if all parents could sign the consent forms available from the office, so that their child can access this service in this way.

I work: **Monday & Friday from 8.30am – 4pm & Tuesday afternoons (1.00pm – 5.00pm)**. I am located in the little room just past the office. I am more than happy for parents to give me a call, introduce themselves or drop in for a chat. I meet with parents if there are issues that need some time and space to talk through, and I meet regularly with children who need additional support either one on one, or through a small group. I can be contacted on the school phone number for appointments.

I encourage children to ‘drop in’ at recess if they have any issues that they would like a little support with...I also run a ‘play & create’ drop in space (from Room 2 – across the hallway from the office) where children are welcome to play music, games, with kinetic sand or play-dough or draw, paint, or create in whatever way they choose.

**MON & TUES LUNCHTIME - ‘Drop in’ for Prep’s upwards...**

**FRIDAY LUNCHTIME – ‘Drop in’ for grades 5 & 6. (This age group are welcome to play & create too!)**

Warm regards, Kim.

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**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.