Dear Parents,

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**
We have decided to trial an online booking system for parent teacher interviews. A note was sent home with all students last Friday. If you are having trouble making a booking or if you don’t have access to a computer please contact the school office and we will help you.
To book an interview please go online to [https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/login](https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/login) and use the code yvz4q to access the appointment timetable.

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY**
At the end of every term we hold a special assembly in which we celebrate the achievements of the term. Each class will award an Excellence Award to a student within the class. This assembly will be held next Thursday morning in Oakview at 11.30. All welcome.

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**
Our School Cross Country run was postponed due to excessive heat. We will be holding it on Tuesday April 12th – the second day of term 2 at 9.15. All parents and friends are most welcome to come down to the school oval to cheer their children on. Children are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day. The Castlemaine Interschool Cross Country is still being held for Grades 3-6 tomorrow, Wednesday 16th March.

**SWIMMING**
In Term 2 children from Grades 1-4 will be attending swimming lessons at the Kyneton Swimming pool. The local pools in Castlemaine are either outdoor or not able to provide a swimming program for our numbers. We have secured some funding from ‘Sporting Schools’, a Federal government initiative which will cover almost half of the costs of this program. **All students in Grades 1-4 are required to attend (this is part of the school program)** and will be travelling by bus to Kyneton for five consecutive days.
Students from Grade 1 (P/1J and P/1L), Grade 3/4H and Students in Grade 4 from 4/5W will be attending from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd April and Students in Grade 2M and 3/4F will be attending from Tuesday 26th April to Monday 2nd May, 2016. Please complete the forms which have been sent home today and return to school by Thursday 24th March, 2016.

**The cost to parents/caregivers will be $50.00.**

If you are eligible to claim for the Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), the costs for this program can be deducted from your credit.

**STONEFIELDS OPEN GARDEN – SUPPORTING THE STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM and WINTERS FLAT PRIMARY SCHOOL**

![Image of a garden scene](https://www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au/content/paul-bangays-stonefields-open-garden-weekend)

Enjoy a luxurious weekend on 16 & 17 April 2016 exploring the private property of Australia’s most renowned landscape designer, Paul Bangay, open for the first time in all its autumnal glory.

This is a very special fundraiser for the not-for-profit Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation.

We are still looking for some volunteers to help at our stall on April 16th and 17th. If you can help for an hour or two please add your name to the list at the office.

We are also looking for cooks who can help us with some preserving. Thank you to Kate and Dale (Hobie’s mum and Dad) who spent a lot of time over the weekend making some caramelised onions for us. We do have fruit available and would love some more preserves for the stall.

Have a great week.

*Mary-anne Rooney*,
Principal.

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**What’s Cooking this Week in the Kitchen?**

- Carrot Muffins with Garlic Butter.
- Parsley Salad.
- Cheesy Potato Gratin
- Grilled Vegetables with Yoghurt Dressing.
- Ashleigh’s Olive Oil Cake.
### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK  Week Ending – 11/03/2016

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<td>Jemilah V E</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>caring for others by being a great friend to others and always sharing in the playground.</td>
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<td>P/1J</td>
<td>Eden W &amp; Monty A</td>
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<td>caring for others by working co-operatively to complete a “challenge” in Maths.  Super effort!</td>
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<td>2M</td>
<td>Ryan B</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>caring for others by participating enthusiastically during singing with James and Jane, having lots of fun with his peers.  Well done Ryan!</td>
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<td>3/4FH</td>
<td>Jasper C</td>
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<td>caring for self by always listening, thinking and trying his best.  Well done Jasper!</td>
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<td>Olly M</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>caring for self by focusing with full concentration on learning activities.  Well done Olly!</td>
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<td>4/5W</td>
<td>Aramis R</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>caring for others by allowing others to watch, listen and learn, while working hard to be the best you can be.</td>
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<td>5/6O</td>
<td>Charlie H</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>caring for others by helping them with their work and showing classmates his positive attitude.</td>
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<td>5/6B</td>
<td>Theo M-C</td>
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<td>caring for others by willingly and enthusiastically – without prompting – sharing his skills and understanding to help other students to successfully complete their work.</td>
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**CHEF OF THE WEEK:**

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**GARDENER OF THE WEEK:**

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<td>3/4H</td>
<td>Alex F</td>
<td>Dillon F</td>
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**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS:**
This Week’s Positive Behaviour Focus is:  
*Showing care for self by listening, watching and learning in class.*  
The Winners were:  
*Boudica A, Aramis R and Gus K-McC.*  
Next Week’s Positive Behaviour Focus is:  
*Showing care for self by being positive, getting involved and doing your best.*

**CUMALONG CUP WINNER:**
The week’s best attendance was 3/4B.

### EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY RAFFLE
Thank you to the families who have kindly donated goods for our raffle.  
However, we are still seeking donations for our  **EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY RAFFLE**.  
We are asking families to donate items which could be used to support school holiday fun.  Games, vouchers, books, pencils, etc. are all welcome.  
This is a unique raffle designed to comply with our School Healthy Eating philosophy and which replaces an Easter Egg Raffle.  Please send donations to the school office.  
Raffle tickets were sent home with the youngest family members last Wednesday and cost $1.00 each.  
*Please return booklets and money to the school by Wednesday 23rd March, 2016.*  
We have received a family pass to add to our raffle prizes (to the value of $105, for 2 Adults and 2 Children) to “Jurassic Creatures”, which is featuring prehistoric creatures of the ice at Harbour Town, Melbourne.  
We would appreciate your support of our special Easter Raffle.

### 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.
New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 1 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are 2 new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day at Winters Flat

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is held each year on 21st March. It’s a day to celebrate our cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and sense of belonging for everyone. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. This year’s theme is – ‘Our diversity is our strength’. Leonard P.

We will celebrate Harmony Day next Monday, 21st March, 2016.

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.

**** WANTED ****

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

WINTERS FLAT ‘POP-UP’ OPPORTUNITY SHOP
- MONDAYS - 2:30 – 3:30pm
- ROOM 3.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stop sipping sugar for your chance to win!

Win an iPad or $1500 for your sporting club or community group

To enter:
2. Take a photo of you, your club or community group drinking water and upload it to Instagram using the hashtag #h3ochallengeMountAlexander

For full terms and conditions see www.h3ochallenge.com.au/MountAlexander