Dear Parents,

**SENDING NOTES AND MONEY TO SCHOOL**
When children need to bring notes and money to school we prefer that they are given directly to their class teacher and not at the office. If however, parents need to pay via EFTPOS they will need to come to the school office. In the event that either of these options are not possible, there is a blue secure mail box in the school reception area into which notes and money can be put. All notes with money must be sent to school, **in an envelope or bag with the child’s name and class clearly labelled**, as it is difficult to keep track of loose coins. We also prefer that notes are sent back prior to the day of the excursion to make administration much easier. Thank you for your co-operation.

**HEADLICE**
A number of families have reported head lice to the school office. Please be vigilant about checking your children’s heads and treating your children. A reminder to all parents that children do not need to take a whole day off school when being treated for headlice. As soon as they have been treated, they are able to return to school.

Remember – “Every Day Counts” and every day away from school interrupts a child’s learning.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and happy Easter break. Looking forward to seeing you all again after the holidays.

*Mary-anne Rooney,*
Principal.

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**STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM**

If parents/caregivers are able to assist with making preserves, the school should have a supply of fruit and tomatoes available before the end of the week. Please call at the office to collect.

Thank you to Oslan’s dad for the jams and chutney for our stall.
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 – 18/03/2016

P/1L  Detroit V – caring for the environment by creating a harmonious classroom environment through producing his best work and sharing this with everyone. Well done Detroit.

P/1J  Ellie C – caring for others by including her friends in games and inviting people to play. You are a good friend.

2M  Naomi C – caring for others by always being kind to her friends.

3/4FH  Jaiden W – caring for others by speaking kindly and co-operating respectfully. Thank you Jaiden.

4/5W  Brodie T – caring for self by being positive, involved and always doing your best. Thank you for coming in with a BIG smile each day.

5/6O  Brock C – caring for self by concentrating on his work, listening to instructions and trying hard.

5/6B  Amelie W – caring for self by being confident to stand up and say to her peers that sometimes, some things are just not okay; and recognising when to ask for help to problem solve. Great work Amelie!

CHEF OF THE WEEK:  
Grade 5/6O – Joss B, Imoo B C and Daniel B.
Grade 5/6B – Finian M, Sunday T and Gabe McC.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS:  
This Week’s Positive Behaviour Focus is:  
Showing care for self by being positive, getting involved and doing your best.

The Winners were:  
Alex F and Clementine D.

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

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”.
Please send donations to the school office.
Raffle tickets cost $1.00 each.

Please return booklets and money to the school by Wednesday 23rd March, 2016.
We have received a Village Cinemas Gift Card (to the value of $30, kindly donated by Hobie’s family) and a Family Pass (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.

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR THE CAMPS, SPORTS & ESCCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)?
Parents are reminded to check their eligibility for the CSEF.
The yearly allowance of $125 per student is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.
The school can only accept applications up until the end of Term 2, 2016.

LOST PROPERTY
Please remember to check the lost property area (breezeway at the side of the main school building) for lost property. There are quite a few drink bottles and other containers and goodies in the office. These may be claimed upon identification.
Any clothing items left at the end of Term (this Thursday) that do not have an identifiable name on them will be donated to a local charity.
SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
We would appreciate settlement of accounts by the end of Term 1. If any parents would like to go on a payment plan, please contact the office. Thank you.

SWIMMING PROGRAM – Term 2, 2016
Please ensure that notes and money (parents/caregivers who receive the CSEF payment may elect to have this amount taken out of their payment) are returned to the school by the end of this week (Thursday 24th March, 2016), so that the school can organize buses for this event.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
If anyone is missing books from Issue 1, we have two orders at the office with no names on them. These may be claimed upon identification.

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

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

On April 23rd, Winters Flat Primary school is holding a special fundraising screening of the documentary Landfill Harmonic to raise money for our music program.

Landfill Harmonic follows the Recycled Orchestra of Cateura, a paraguayan group of kids that live next to one of South America’s largest landfills. This unlikely orchestra plays music from instruments made entirely out of rubbish collected from the landfill.

When their story goes viral, the orchestra is catapulted into the global spotlight, including a tour with Megadeath and Metallicia! Landfill Harmonic is a testament to the transformative power of music and the resilience of the human spirit.

LANDFILL HARMONIC special fundraising screening
2pm Saturday 23rd April
THEATRE ROYAL
30 Hargraves Street
Castlemaine, Vic 3450

For more information, visit http://www.winters-flat-ps.vic.edu.au
This is just a quick note to please remind children and families to continue using sun protection throughout the term break and for a few weeks in term two.

UV levels are still above three, so please continue to Slip on sun protective clothing, Slop on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen, Slap on a wide brimmed hat, Seek shade and, if practical, Slide on wrap-around sunglasses until the end of April.

Please check the daily sun protection times to be sure. These are available on the free SunSmart app and widget, in the weather section of the newspaper or at sunsmart.com.au

Even in the cooler autumn weather, that UV exposure all adds up.