Dear Parents,

FRONT ENTRANCE
During the holidays the school’s front entrance will be completed. Part of the design includes three metal panels, 1.2 metres high by 2.4 metres long. Trevor Butcher, the builder, has suggested that we invite the school community to submit designs for the three panels. The panels will be laser cut using the selected design. Please encourage family members and friends to prepare a design for our consideration. It is a wonderful opportunity for a member of our school community to be involved in this special development.

MEMORABILIA
If you are looking ideas for Christmas presents please remember that we have a range of 150th goods for sale. Mandy Stroebel’s book, Gardens of the Goldfields, is an excellent production that includes a section on our own Valonia oak grove. Also available is the Christmas cards designed by our children, Coffee, Honey, Tea Towels, Aprons, Coffee Mugs, Glasses and Primary Red Wine. A Copy of the Celebration card included in this edition of Flat Chat.

RAY STREET SCHOOL CROSSING
Flemming, our School Crossing Supervisor wrote to the school recently and below is part of his letter -
"I have been very impressed by the behaviour of the children using the school crossing. At all times they have been very respectful and have demonstrated outstanding safety knowledge. It is has been a blessing to work with you and all the best for the New Year."

Best wishes, Liz Grainger and Kevin Brown – Co-Principals.
OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS OWED
Could parents and caregivers please check that they have settled all money owing to the school for camps and excursions before the end of next week. It is important that our books are up to date before the end of the year. If you have any queries regarding this, please call at the office.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION DVD - $20.00
Grade 6 Graduation DVD order forms were sent home with students last week.
Please ensure that your order, together with payment, is returned to the office by Friday 10th December 2010.

IN THE ECO/GOBBLE GARDEN
The ECO/Gobble Garden will need 6 or more families to volunteer some time to weed and/or water the fruit trees and vegies during the summer holidays. Come with a picnic! Please contact Gerry on 5470 6032.

END OF YEAR GARDEN HARVEST TABLE MARKET
Next Wednesday, 8th December 2010 – from 3.10pm onwards, we will be holding a small stall outside the front of the school to sell fresh vegies and herbs from the ECO/Gobble Garden.

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LIBRARY
It’s that time of year again! All library books borrowed by students were due back in the Library yesterday.
Overdue notices were sent home last week – thanks for those books returned – and another set will go home at the end of this week.
If your child does not receive a notice this week it means the books were returned or were found during stocktake.
If they do receive a notice, please return the books by Monday of next week, or pay the price indicated on the notice.
Thanking you
Cheryl Bottomley.

SCHOOL MEMORABILIA/PRODUCE FOR SALE
With Christmas fast approaching, the school has a range of products available to purchase. These would make ideal gifts for family and friends.
- Coffee Mugs (in presentation box) $10.00.
- Glasses $ 7.00.
- Pens $ 5.00.
- Primary Red Wine $15.00.
- Aprons $20.00.
- Tea Towels $12.00.
- Honey (500g/1kg) $5.00. $10.00.
- Coffee (Beans/Ground) $10.00.

GREETING CARDS
The school has 8 specially designed greeting cards, which have been created by Winters Flat Primary School students. The 8 cards are available at a cost of $4.00 per set (which includes envelopes). Would make ideal Christmas or Birthday Cards.
These are available from the office.

OPERATION SANTA
From now until the end of the year we will be collecting money to buy presents to place under the Christmas tree at Country Target, Castlemaine. Gifts will then be distributed by the Castlemaine Uniting Church to children and families in the area prior to Christmas. This is a great chance for kids to make a difference to other kids RIGHT here, RIGHT now. ‘Christmas card’ money collection boxes are available from the office. Any small change is valuable. You may prefer to donate gifts; we are catering for young people from the age of 8-15 years. Donations may be left at the office prior to 15th December.
Thank you for your support.
Karen Brooks and the Kids of Mac K.

LOST CLOTHING/UNIFORM
There is a large quantity of lost clothing/uniform articles in the lost property breezeway. Please ensure that you check and collect any pieces belonging to your child before the end of term, as any items left at the school will be donated to a local charity.

WOODWIND
Congratulations to Lina and Stella, who received A's for their flute exam. Well done!

HONEY REFILLS
This will be the last week the school will be able to take orders for honey refills for 2010.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION
Students will be sending home invitations this week. Graduation will commence at 7.000pm in Oakview, next Tuesday 14th December. Please a plate of food to share.
**Winters Flat Primary School does not endorse any advertising that appears in this newsletter**

**VCAL 2011 - Information Session**

**When:** Wednesday 15th December - 5pm to 7pm  
**Where:** 65-67 Templeton Street, Castlemaine  
**Expressions of interest will be taken for VCAL selection interviews.**  
This is a great opportunity to meet with staff to discuss your options  
For more information please contact: **Castlemaine Campus:** Phone: 54711901  
Email: [bashworth@britafe.vic.edu.au](mailto:bashworth@britafe.vic.edu.au)

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**‘SCARE UP A GOOD READ!’**

Visit your local Goldfields Library branch and discover other worlds this summer. Join the Summer Reading Club (it's free), read ten books (your own choice!), collect rewards and go into the draw to win fabulous prizes, including the major region-wide prize of a Nintendo Wii package.

The club will run from Friday 17th December 2010 to Friday January 28th 2011. Visit our website at [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au) after Friday 17th December and discover the details of all the frighteningly fun activities and competitions running all summer long.

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**CRAFT CLASSES**

**When:** Thursday 9th December.  
**Time:** 4.00pm to 6.00pm.  
**Cost:** $15.00.

Bauble making and handmade Bon-Bons. Come and make your own decorations for your Christmas tree and table. If you would like to bring your own jokes and goodies for the Bon-Bons, feel free to do so (might be funnier than me). Please contact Kim on 5472 2662 or Donna on 5472 4601, if interested in attending.

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**GUITAR TUITION 2011 – Mr. Laurie Nicholl**

**Expressions of Interest**

Guitar tuition will commence the week commencing 14/2/2011. If your child would like to learn or continue guitar lessons, please fill in the registration form below and return to the office as soon as possible.

The cost of lessons will be $10.00 per session, payable on day of the lesson, or $100 per term. A 10% discount is available if paid in the first 2 weeks of the commencement of lessons.

Students will require their own guitar and plectrums, which can be purchased at Instrumental Music, Templeton Street, Castlemaine.

I also suggest for beginners, that Fred Kelly Bumble Bee picks be used and a tuner is also very useful.

I can be contacted on 523 2412, to answer any queries.

Laurie Nicholl.

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I would like my child to participate in Guitar Lessons for 2011.

**Student's Name:** ………………………………………………………………………………………………………... 

**Grade:** ……………………………………………………………... 

**Parent Signature:** ……………………………………………………………………………...