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HOLIDAY PROJECT
Next term we will officially open the new fitness track. Part of the day’s activities will include a billycart competition to see who can design and make a billycart to roll the furthest. During the holidays you may wish to make a billycart with your children. A design is included with this newsletter. When making your billycart, it is important to include some form of braking, as the track is quite steep at the beginning.

SPACE PROFILES
The five key areas of our school SPACE concept are:

**SOCIAL:** interpersonal skills,

**PHYSICAL:** healthy mind in a healthy body,

**ACADEMIC:** acquisition of appropriate skills and knowledge,

**CREATIVE:** ability to think out of the square.

**EMOTIONAL:** self knowledge.

Each year children’s’ progress from Preps to Grade Six is tracked using a variety of subjective and objective assessments. Information gained from these assessments is used to prepare a SPACE profile for each child. Children are ranked from 1 to 9 in each of the five SPACE areas. 1 to 3 below average, 4 to 6 average and 7 to 9 above average.

Reviewing the SPACE profile at teacher parent interviews is an effective way of easily and clearly establishing learning targets for your child.
COMING EVENTS

MARCH
Mon. 22nd Parent/Teacher Interviews.
to Wed. 24th Grades 1 & 2 Swimming.
Wed. 24th Community Class Camp
to Fri. 26th - Melville Caves.
Fri. 26th Crazy Hair Day.
 Fri. 26th Castlemaine Playgroup – 9.00am to
11.30am – Castlemaine Out of School Hours Care building.
Fri. 26th Last day Term 1 Dismissal 2.30pm.

APRIL
Mon. 12th First day Term 2.
Mon. 12th School Assembly – Co-Principals.
Wed. 14th Grades 5/6 – First Aid.
Thurs. 15th Grades 5/6 – Golf.
Tues. 20th Kids’ Business Screening – Winters Flat – 6.00pm.
Thurs. 22nd Holding Group Meeting – 6.00pm
for dinner at 39B Lawson Parade.
Thurs. 22nd Pink Panther Parent Meeting –
3.30pm at School (Karen’s Group).

KIDS’ BUSINESS
Next term parents and community members are invited to a special screening of a locally made award winning documentary that follows a class of primary children involved in the “Solving the jigsaw”. Solving the Jigsaw is an early intervention and prevention program that assists children to deal with violence and bullying. (See this newsletter for details.)

Best wishes,

SCHOOL - by Razorback
Going out on a Monday night
Waking up tired
But I’m feeling alright
Getting up in time
Ready for school
My caps on backwards
So I look real cool.

Hanging’ out with friends at Winters Flat
Ridin’ round and ‘round
The bicycle track
I better not be naughty
Or I’ll get a detention
If I do it again
I could get a suspension
At playtime everyone’s running around
There’s a stompin’ feet and a shouting sound
Lots of kids are having fun
Playing their games with everyone.

People are sprinting, big nerds are thinking
Bullies are running away
It’s an ordinary playground
An ordinary day.

Kids’ Business will screen at Winters Flat on Tuesday 20th April at 6pm.

Kids’ Business is a powerful locally made award winning documentary. This film recently won Human Rights - Highly Commended Award. “The program reinforces that physical and psychological safety for children are human rights that need to be protected,” Commissioner Tom Calma stated on presenting the award. The film movingly follows a class of Primary kids doing an extraordinary wellbeing and violence prevention school program called, Solving the Jigsaw. The screening will be followed at 7.15 by a discussion with Carla Meurs Co-ordinator – Solving the Jigsaw, around the topics:

· What do Jigsaw classes bring to a school community?
· What do children and families and the community gain from this program?
· How can we bring this training into our community?

Open to all community members. Come for the film, the discussion or both.

More enquiries call Lucy 5472 1718.
REMINDER – CASTLEMAINE PLAYGROUP
Every Friday morning – 9.00am to 11.30am in the Out Of School Hours building, Winters Flat Primary School.

COMMUNITY CLASS
An amazing range of RESPECT projects were presented by children to their peers, parents and carers after assembly on Monday. A range of formats were utilised in this wonderful collaborative effort from children and families. Well done to Julie, Karen, Jeanette and Libby for facilitating this.
Looking forward to our overnight camp and end of term celebration at Melville Caves this Thursday. Melville Caves is in Kooyoora State Park, best accessed from the Calder Hwy north of Inglewood.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL
Thank you to all the families who made a donation to the Good Friday Appeal. Our school’s donation will be acknowledged in this year’s Good Friday Appeal during the telethon on Channel 7. We raised a total of $121.00. Well done!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK       Week Ending – 19/03/2010
R01 (MAC H)      Lily Pitcher – for showing enthusiasm during Koorie studies.
R02 (MAC F)      Regan Vella – for great ideas for classroom goals.
                  Rachelle McLean – for a positive attitude and working hard.
R03 (MAC R)      Rose Byrne – for a spectacular project poster. The penguins looked like they could get off the page and walk.
R04 (MAC TB)     Claire Retallick – for a great attitude to learning, concentrating in the Learning Space and being a good friend. Well done!
R05 (MAC C)      Darby Semmens – for being focused on your work and achieving excellent results in Literacy and maths.
R05A (MAC O)     Emily McNaughton – for always displaying a quiet, calm determination.
R06 (MAC M)      Alex Rodgers – for being a wonderful and caring member of our class.
                  Tess Rees-McWilliam – for being a wonderful friend to everyone this week. Well done Tess!
R07 (MAC K)      Josh Rodgers – for displaying AWESOME self respect in being able to recognise a problem, have the strength to voice it, and work towards a plan to solve it. GREAT WORK!
R08 (MAC CJ)     Mae Metcalf – for showing she respects herself as a student and for going beyond what is expected.
R11 (MAC J)      Fred Rose – for great listening in class and working hard to finish activities. Fantastic drawings of dragons!
                  Amelie Wilson – for being a leader in the room and always helping others. A fantastic effort all term!
R12 (MAC W)      Byron Ager – for putting 100% effort into all tasks.

INDONESIAN
Mac R – for working really well and getting through their work.

LIBRARY
Bridie Edgar – for listening well to literature, sharing ideas and excellent task work. Well done!

ECO/GOBBLE GARDEN
Ella Dunne & Bree Malherbe – for a huge effort planting seeds and watering in the ECO/Gobble Garden.

SOCIAL SKILL:
Last Week’s Social Skill was: Respecting Others.
The winners are: Imani Dunne, Ben Reid and Keely McDonald.
This Week’s Social Skill is: Respecting the Environment.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
Cheques have arrived and may be collected from the office. If you would like to use your allowance to pay for camps, uniform etc, we still require you to attend the office.

BOOK/EXCURSION LEVIES
As the first term is drawing to a close, it would be very much appreciated if Book/Excursion Levies could be paid before the final day. Thank you.
SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM
Now is the time to give your child’s financial future a head start with our new and improved School Banking Program, that offers rewards and encourages children to save.

Every time your child brings their bank book to school and makes a deposit they will receive a reward token. They can save these tokens and redeem them for exclusive Dollarmite items. See at right for how many tokens are needed for items.

Our school banking day is every Tuesday.

If you don’t currently have a bank book for your child and would like enrol in the school banking program, please call at the office for an application form.

Our school banking program is run through the Commonwealth Bank.

Any queries, please contact the school office. For further information you can visit the website commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

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WINTERS FLAT FOOTBALL CLUB - 2010 REGISTRATION AND PIE NIGHT
When:       Wednesday 24th March – 4.00pm to 6.30pm.
Where:      Wesley Hill Oval.
Who:        Under 10½, 13 and 15 year olds.
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME. COME ALONG AND BE PART OF A GREAT CLUB.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT GARY DEVERAUX 54721152.

ACTING/DRAMA COURSE – Commencing April 13th 2010
For children 7 to 15 years.
When:       Every Tuesday – 3.45pm to 4.45pm – Commencing Tuesday 13th April, 2010.
Where:      Oakview, Winters Flat Primary School.
Cost:       $10.00 per session.
Tuition by Producer/Director David Hinrichsen, Graduate Diploma Performing Arts Ed, with over 30 year’s practical TV experience.
Acting is the perfect confidence builder. Course covers all aspects of TV, Film and stage.
** Speech, Stagecraft, Movement, Mime**
To enrol please phone David on 0417 243 533.

BENDIGO ART GALLERY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
During March and April, at Bendigo Art Gallery, we are offering a range of art workshops for children aged 4 to 14 years. Join us at the Gallery this Easter for some great workshops.
Bookings for workshops is essential. Please phone 5434 6088 for further information and bookings, or visit website – www.bendigoartgallery.com.au