Dear Parents,

HOT WEATHER
Congratulations to everyone for the way they are coping with this hot weather. Whilst we have had a cool start to the day, we are expecting more hot weather during February. A reminder to ensure that your children have plenty of cool water with them each day – children are allowed to have drinks during the day.

ACCOUNTS
We really appreciate those families who have paid their fees and voluntary grounds donation. If possible fees need to be paid by the end of Term 1. Accounts can be paid by bank transfer, eftpos, cheque or cash at the office.

HEAD LICE
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.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN
Our school cross country run will be held at the end of February (weather permitting). All children are encouraged to do some training at home or over weekends. We will be doing some training here at school as well. Children are encouraged to train in the coolest part of the day and to ensure they are hydrated properly.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
We will be seeking nominations for School Council to commence at the start of April. I would encourage everyone to think about joining School Council. School Councils play a key role in Victorian Government Schools. Participating as a School Council Member is a rewarding and challenging experience. The School Council supports the Principal, to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. If we receive more nominations than vacancies we will need to hold an election.

Have a great week
Mary-anne Rooney
Principal.

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAYS - SCHOOL BANKING

FEBRUARY
Wed. 12th
Swimming – All Grade 1’s and 2/3TH – 11.30am to 1.00pm.
Fri. 14th
Bluearth.
Mon. 17th
Prep Health Checks.
Mon. 17th
Finance Committee Meeting – 2.30pm.
Mon. 17th
Grounds & Buildings Meeting – 7.00pm.
Mon. 17th
School Council Meeting – 7.30pm.
Tues. 18th
Prep Health Checks.
Wed. 19th
Scholastic book club orders back to school.
Wed. 19th
Swimming – All Grade 1’s and 2/3TH – 11.30am to 1.00pm.
Wed. 26th
Swimming – All Grade 1’s and 2/3TH – 11.30am to 1.00pm.
Fri. 28th
Cross Country.

MARCH
Wed. 5th
Swimming – All Grade 1’s and 2/3TH – 11.30am to 1.00pm.
Fri. 7th
Bluearth.
Wed. 12th
Swimming – All Grade 1’s and 2/3TH – 11.30am to 1.00pm.
Wed. 19th
Swimming – All Grade 1’s and 2/3TH – 11.30am to 1.00pm.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK       Week Ending – 07/02/2014

R02 (4/5F)  Gabe McC - caring for others by working co-operatively to get things done. Thanks for your help Gabe.
R5A (5/6O)  Jude Mc-J – caring for others by assisting others to stay on task and helping them with their work. A really positive effort Jude.
R13 (3/4BK) Theo M-C – caring for others by recognising when other students need help and taking action to ensure it happens. Thank you Theo.
R14 (2/3W)  Jess B – caring for self by making a positive start at your new school and for putting extra effort into your work. Keep it up Joss!
R15 (P/1J)  Sylvie W – caring for self by showing leadership in the classroom and always putting in 100% to every activity. You are a star!
R16 (P/1A)  All Students – caring for self by making a great start to Winters Flat Primary School.
R17 (2/3TH) Tilly G – caring for self by settling in very well to your new school environment and giving your best in all areas. Well done!
R18 (P/1M)  Tahnee N – caring for others by helping her teacher and class mates in the first weeks of school.

CHEF OF THE WEEK:  
Grade 2/3TH – Whole Class.
Grade 2/3W – Jacob F.
Grade 3/4BK – Whole Class.

GARDENER OF THE WEEK:
Grade 2/3TH – Whole Class.
Grade 2/3W – Owen K.
Grade 3/4BK – JJ K-T.

What’s cooking this week in the kitchen?

❖ Rigatoni with Ricotta and Cherry Tomatoes
❖ Zucchini Fritters
❖ Chickpea Burgul and Parsley Salad
❖ Rhubarb and Buttermilk Cake
❖ Pasta dough

S.A.K.G.P. – HARVEST CALL-OUT

**Wanted** - Eggs, Lemons, Tomatoes, Zucchinis and Stonefruit.
If you have any excess crops or eggs and are able to donate them for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, it would be very much appreciated.
Due to the extremely hot weather conditions, our hens are not laying enough eggs at present.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Parents/guardians who hold a current Commonwealth Health Care card on the first day of Term 1 and Term 3 are eligible to apply for the Education Maintenance allowance.
Application forms for parents/caregivers eligible to claim Education Maintenance Allowance, need to be submitted to the office by **Thursday 28th February, 2013**. Even if you completed an Education Maintenance Allowance form last year, you are still required to submit a new application form this school year, if you are still eligible.

**EMA application forms are available from the school office.** Please note that we will need to photocopy your card when you submit your application.
Parents who are eligible to apply for EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance), have the option of having their payment made to the school, or have a cheque forwarded to the school (which can be signed over to the school), to assist with payment of excursions and levies.

**No late applications can be accepted.**
ACCOUNT STATEMENTS
Initial charges have been processed to all families of the school. Other charges will be added as the term progresses, as there will be swimming, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (specific grade levels), Religious Education and any other Excursions that will be taking place throughout the year. The initial charges on accounts are as follows:
- Stationery - $65
- Curriculum - $65
- Grounds Levy - $40 per family (this is voluntary) which goes towards grounds upkeep.

Thank you to the families who have already settled their accounts or made payments.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
To be eligible for the Conveyance Allowance, students must be of school age (between 5 and 18 years) and
- reside 4.8 kms or more by the shortest practicable route from the school attended
- attend a school in the conveyance allowance area
- be 4.8 from the nearest bus
- be enrolled at the nearest appropriate primary, secondary or specialist school

Please call at the office for more information and an enrolment form.

REMINDER – SWIMMING PROGRAM COMMENCES TOMORROW
**Wednesday 12th**

**PLEASE NOTE - SWIMMING PROGRAM – Grade 1’s & 2/3TH ONLY**
Students in Grades P/1M, P/1A, P/1J (Grade 1’s only) and 2/3TH will be attending Swimming Lessons commencing on **Wednesday February 12th, 19th and 26th and Wednesday March 5th, 12th and 19th**.
The program will be **$58.00**, which covers the cost of the pool and bus.
Notes have been sent home with all students who are in the above grades. 
**Please return notes and payment to the school by Wednesday 12th February.**

**NO NOTES – NO SWIMMING**

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM 2014
Prep Health Checks were sent home with all Prep students last week. Please fill in these forms and return to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday 14th February.

ICE CREAM SALES – EVERY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECESS
Students are able to purchase an ice cream during lunchtime recess break, every Thursday from Oakview.
- Frosty Fruits - $2.00
- Billabongs - $1.50
- Icy Poles - $1.00.

BLUE LETTER BOX
There is a blue letterbox outside the office for all the excursion notes, money and forms that need to be delivered to the office. *(DO NOT PLACE SCHOOL BANK BOOKS IN THE BOX.)*
Ensure that all money is in an envelope with your child’s name, grade, and activity listed on the front.
This will greatly assist us with collections and fewer interruptions to the office.
Thank you.

STUDENT DETAILS
In order for the school to keep accurate and up-to-date records of students enrolled here, we have sent home forms with the youngest students in the family. Please check these forms and make any necessary changes, and return to the classroom teacher or office by Friday February 28th

Even if there are no changes, could you please return the forms so that the school is certain that parents have received them?
Also if your child has any medical condition that the school is not aware of, please forward these details as well. If you misplace any forms, please call at the office to collect more.
**BRAIN FOOD**
Each day at approximately 10.00am, students will have a 5 minute “Brain Food” session. Please ensure that the “Brain Food” is packed in a small labelled container, separate to lunch boxes. Food must be cut into “easy-to-eat” pieces and peeled if necessary. Please note that teachers will not cut or peel food.

Examples of **Suitable** healthy foods include:-
- Fresh Fruit.
- Fresh Vegetables.
- Dried Fruit.
Biscuits and packaged fruit are not acceptable.

**SCHOOL BANKING IS BACK IN 2014**
Banking day is on Tuesdays. Please leave your bank book at the office.
If you require forms to open an account, please pick them up from the school office.

**HAPPY SAVING EVERYONE**

**Children and Hot Cars - No Exceptions - No Excuses**

On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car.

The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside.

Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death.

Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of $2165 or three months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

For more information, see: [Kidsafe Victoria](#)

**CFNC JUNIORS 2014 - Registration and Information Night**
We have Teams in Under 10, 12, 14, 16 and Youth Girls playing in the BJFL.
All juniors interested in playing in the coming season are welcome.
Sausage Sizzle, Skills, Meet the Coaches, Registrations and Parent and Player information.
New player enquiries can be made by emailing [cjfc@outlook.com](mailto: cjfc@outlook.com) or by contacting Lisa Wright – [lisawright2812@gmail.com](mailto: lisawright2812@gmail.com) or mobile – 0421 137 345.

**When:** Thursday 20th February, 2014.
**Where:** Camp Reserve, Castlemaine – 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

**Reminders**
- Honey – 1kg $10.00 ($9.00 Refill)
  - 500g $5.00 ($4.50 Refill).
- 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.