On Wednesday 4th December the students of Room 2 held an Olympic Assembly to celebrate their learning about the Olympics and achievements in the Prime Minister's Olympic Challenge. As part of the challenge the students had to be active everyday and practise skills related to many Olympic sports. For two months, they had to record their efforts every day, even over the school holidays.

Congratulations to Jakob and Tyrone for their Gold Medal effort. They participated in an hour of activity everyday and tried at least 15 sports. Congratulations to Ethan, Lisa, Sevarna and Yianni for their Silver Awards. They participated in an average of 45 minutes of activity a day and at tried at least 10 sports. Congratulations to Joshua, Jasmine, Bethany, Harry and Jett for their Bronze Awards. They participated in at least 5 sports and were active for an average of 30 minutes a day.

After completing the challenge, the class was lucky to be selected for a special prize that included a $1000 sporting goods voucher and a "Money Can't Buy" experience with an Olympian. Olympic track cyclist Kaarle McCulloch attended our assembly, sharing her experiences and giving students a chance to inspect her Olympic bronze medal and one of her bikes. The students decided it was one of the "best days ever".

Kaarle McCulloch by Jakob Hisgrove
"Kaarle is a 24 year old cyclist. Kaarle has always enjoyed sport. At school she won the Junior sportswoman award of the the year twice. In 2008 she was accepted into the Australian institute of sport. Her event is track team cycling. She was born and grew up in Sydney but she trains in Adelaide. Kaarle made her Olympic debut in London. This year her best performances have been second place in the team sprints at the track world championships in Melbourne and the London World Cup. Kaarle won a bronze medal with her team mate Anna Meares at the London Olympics in the team sprint finals. Congratulations on your achievements, Kaarle."
Dear Families,

As the year draws to a close, we are reminded of the progress our students have made during 2013 and of their great achievements, either through learning or sport or music or community service, and congratulate them on their wonderful gains!

Reports will be given out next Wednesday 12th December, and inside the envelope will also be a brief note with your child’s teacher’s name (if known) and room number for 2013.

Our classes for 2013 will be structured as:
- Room 7 - Reception – Lynlee Wilson and unknown
- Room 6 - Reception/Year One – Belinda Cain
- Room 3 - Year One/Two – Kym Dinedios
- Room 4 - Year One/Two – Jane Perkas and unknown
- Room 13 (Spotty Room) - Year Three – Denice Newley
- Room 8 - Year Four – Tricia Coulthard
- Room 10 - Year Five/Six – Joan Medhurst
- Room 12 - Year Five/Six – unknown
- Room 1 – (currently Japanese Room) Year Seven – unknown
- Room 2—Special Class—Angela Testa-Miller and Wendy Behrendt
- Science Room - Science – Kelly Wilson
- Room 9 - Japanese – Naomi Ey
- Gym - Physical Education – Peter Allison and unknown

We would like to acknowledge and thank Joss Wilmott, Anjali Habel-Orrell, Alan Uphill, Soula Evangelou and Christine McLaren for their excellent teaching and contributions to F.P.P.S. in 2012. Joss will be teaching at Blakeview P.S in a permanent position. Congratulations Joss! Anjali will be teaching but it is not known where as yet, Alan will have the very important role of father and house husband next year. Soula will be travelling with her family and Christine has other commitments. Our best wishes to you all. We are hoping that Amy Spencer will be returning next year to have a Year 5/6 class, but this is unconfirmed.

We wish to thank our amazing volunteer parents and community members who have given their time and energy to help our students succeed, whether it has been with their reading, excursions, classroom programmes, in the library or in the canteen. We are indebted to their assistance, but we also know that parental involvement in children’s education is a key to their success. It is extremely important to our children to show how much we value their learning and their school life. Thank you for your help and we look forward to our continued and growing relationships in 2013.

Congratulations to Room 2 for their outstanding win in the Prime Minister’s Olympic Challenge which allowed the school to enjoy a special assembly with Kaarle McCulloch, an Olympic cyclist and medallist.

Next Thursday 13th December our Year 7 students will be attending a very important occasion, their Graduation ceremony. We look forward to this and wish our students well in their future endeavours.

Congratulations to Christine Chapman who has won the position of Director of our OSHC program. Previously she has been Acting Director. Well Done!

Please take note of our Early Dismissal on Friday 14th December, our last day of term, at 1pm. After School Care is available, please contact Christine at OSHC.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our children and their families a wonderful holiday season. Enjoy this special time with your families and friends, and we return to school on Tuesday 29th January. The school office will be open in the week prior if you need to buy uniform or have any concerns.

Thanks and Best Wishes

Judy Anderson
Come Out 2013 Festival

Imagine looking at some pile of old junk on the side of the road and dream about making it special and beautiful...

In 2013 Flinders Park Primary will be getting their hands dirty and creating garden sculptures for Come Out Festival.

With our new fence soon to go up around the vegetable garden the focus for term 1 will be around creating a sustainable vegetable garden which can be maintained throughout the year and years to come.

To create our amazing sculptures please start collecting any suitable junk to use. For example old terracotta pots, bicycles, wooden crates, old tyres etc.

Please go on the internet in your holidays and have a look at the future gardens website for Come Out 2013.

http://comeoutfestival.com.au/blog/articles/the_future_gardens

It will be an exciting start to the year.

Scholastic Book Fair and Book Club

A Volunteer Request

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported buying from the Book Fair and Book Clubs throughout the year. A percentage of all sales went towards buying books for the library and resources for teachers to use in their teaching. This was our first year of doing Book Club at our school. It has been well received and hopefully you have all found some good books to encourage reading with your children. An especially big thankyou to the parents who helped with the organization, counting of money and matching books with orders!! Thank you!!!!!!!!!!

Tara Swindon
Library

Its time to top up the students Take home readers!!! We have ordered lots of new readers and are asking for any help to get these ready for next year!

We need to stamp, place a sticker and label about 500 readers- if you can help with any of this come to the library next Thursday 13th Dec from 9am-11am.

Hope to see you there!
Thanks
Tara ( Librarian )
Community News

**Tennis** is the best first sport for your child to learn all year round, teaching throwing, catching, striking, movement & team building

**MLC Tennis Hot Shots**
Tennis Australia's official kids’ starter program for children aged 5-12 years

Designed to develop your child’s skills by using a learn through play philosophy, smaller courts, racquets and low compression balls and a progressive pathway using levels to monitor your child’s advancement towards competitive tennis.

**Western Youth Centre Tennis Club**
Hounslow Ave. Cowandilla
Thursday afternoons & Sunday mornings, Cost only $70.00 per term

To organise a Trial Lesson contact John Gericke, Club Professional Coach 0419 829 624 or email jgericke@senet.com.au

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**BANK SOME MONEY AND YOU COULD BANK YOURSELF AN iPAD MINI.**

Simply making a deposit through School Banking will put you in the draw to win one of twelve (12) iPAD Mini’s valued at $369 each for Christmas*

Here’s how it works -

- Make a deposit into your CommBank Youth saver account at school any time between November 19 – December 14 2012
- Every student that makes a deposit during the competition period will go into a draw to win one (1) of twelve (12) iPAD Mini’s (16GB with wi-fi).
- For more information, simply contact your School Banking Specialist or the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 574 488.

*Conditions apply. Details from the Competition Conditions of Entry and the Competition Terms and Conditions. Available on request. Competition runs from 19 November 2012 to 14 December 2012. Only the first 12 winning deposits will be considered. Entry is open to all school aged students who are enrolled at the school. Entry is open to all students at the school. Entry as a school banking customer is not a condition of entry. Entries received after the closing date will not be considered. There are no purchase requirements. Entries must be received by 5pm on 14 December 2012. The winner will be notified by 20 December 2012. There is no cash alternative. Entries may be refused in the event of a breach of these rules. The decision of the School Banking's Finance Department is final and no correspondence will be entered into. For full terms and conditions please ask your School Banking Specialist or visit www.commbank.com.au/sCHOOLBANKING.