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The weather was cold and the excitement was high, the children participated very well in walking laps of the oval. Every lap or donation goes to purchasing new art room stools.

Don’t forget—Donations can still be made and are gratefully accepted.

The School Council principal selection panel are currently awaiting the application date prior to going through the recruitment process.

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For Your Diary

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From the Principal’s Desk

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Student achievement awards

No student achievement awards were presented this week, next week will two awards per class.

Absences

All absences require a note from the family. This includes absences due to illness, medical appointments, late arrival/early departure from school, parent choice, or extended family holiday. Can you please ensure that a note is signed and returned to the school at your earliest convenience. Any absences that we do not have a notice for will be entered into the system as an "Unexplained", and a note will be sent home from the school requesting clarification for the absence. Please note that the Prep transition days do not count as absences. If you have any concerns please contact your teacher or the office for clarification. Thanks Katie

Scholastics

Issue 2 Scholastics order is due in on Thursday at the latest.

Keyboard lessons

Keyboard lessons have started and a great success. Thank you to Dean the teacher for his exceptional timing.

Hunter — I’d been waiting a long time and Keyboard was great.
Talahra—Educational because we learnt Old MacDonald
Keira—It was fun, got to learn different notes and how you could play a song.
Melissa — I can play a note now and it was fun.

Curriculum Day ……..

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SAKG

This week is SAKG for the grades 3—6. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing, and covered in shoes.
The Education and Training Reform Act 2006 provides for the provision of free instruction in the standard curriculum program, and empowers school councils to charge for goods and services used in the course of instruction and to raise funds.

Free instruction includes learning and teaching, instructional supports, materials and resources, administration and facilities associated with the provision of the standard curriculum program. The standard curriculum program includes core learning and teaching activities associated with the Australian Victorian Essential Learning Standards (AusVELS).

In summary, school councils can request payments from parents for student materials and services charges, and for voluntary financial contributions.

These payments fall into three categories:

1. **Essential education items** which parents and guardians are required to provide or pay the school to provide for their child (e.g. stationery, text books etc.)

2. **Optional extras** which are offered on a user-pays basis and which parents and guardians may choose whether their child accesses or participates in (e.g. Netbook program, SAKG program, extra curricular programs or activities)

3. **Voluntary financial contributions** which parents and guardians may be invited to donate to the school (e.g. grounds maintenance, beautification).

School Council has set the fee structure for 2015.

1. Educational - Education items Parents are required to pay this fee - $100 per student

2. Optional extras—only parents of year 3-6 students need to pay $120 for 2015 netbook program. There is a $20 levy for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG) program for all year 3 - 6 students. This fee will supplement the allocated school budget for this program. Students will receive 16 free lunches which is a $1.25 a lunch. Please note it is now only a year 3-6 program.

3. Voluntary—Parents are invited to pay a small levy to help with the improvement and up keep of the school grounds - $30

**Netbooks**

Parents of year 3-6 students participating in the netbook program are required to pay $120 for the lease of their netbook each year. The school will make a $160 contribution for the lease of each machine. Parents are asked to make a payment of $120 in a lump sum or $60 in term one and a further $60 in term three.

The Education Department asks schools to provide their estimate of the enrolment of the school for the following year on the 1st August. Funds are allocated to the school in two instalments at the beginning of term one and two based on this estimate. At the beginning of August last year we had 30 students enrolled for 2015.

*It would be extremely helpful if all parents could pay their fees as soon as possible.*

**Furniture**

We have a number of furniture items we no longer require. There are storage units and office chairs. See John if you are interested.