Thank you to all the parents who have been able to pay their essential items fees this term. This has added a little over $2000 into our accounts early in the year. We will look at our financial position at our next full School Council meeting on the 7th May and decide which of our purchases/projects we will next fund.

**Our themed day/superhero dress up and sausage sizzle is on this Friday the last day of term. (You can always make up a superhero!)**

We will also be conducting a walk-a-thon on this day. We ask that students are sponsored for the number of laps they complete of the walking track in 45 minutes. Alternatively a donation is acceptable. The walk will begin at approximately midday, it would be great if parents could attend and walk with us. After the walk we will be having an end of term sausage sizzle and draw the Easter Raffle. Dismissal is at 2.00pm but parents who attend are free to take their children home after the sausage sizzle.

Please complete the sponsorship form and return to school by this Friday before the walk-a-thon. The form is also on our website.

**Student Achievement Awards**

Money will be collected on the day or early next term.

**Year P– 2**

Seth Harris – For his outstanding effort towards all areas of his literacy learning.

**Year 3- 6**

Talitha Van Der Weerden — For taking responsibility for her actions and her honesty.

All schools in Victoria now need to meet standards set by the Victorian Registration & Qualifications Authority. Although schools have been encouraged to implement the requirements over the past couple of years, we now have to complete all sections by the 30th April. We meet most standards but need to provide evidence.

We need to create a vision statement. A **vision statement** identifies what a school would like to achieve or accomplish.

I would appreciate some thoughts from parents about what we believe should be in our statement. The **statement is owned by the whole school community.** What are we trying to achieve at our school? What is important?

I found this example on the internet. I would like to use it as a conversation starter, not what the principal or teachers think.

**Our vision is to provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment where children will recognise and achieve their fullest potential, so they can make their best contribution to society.**

I look forward to your input. I have one stipulation that it be fairly brief and to the point. In my research I have seen some vision statements that try to include everything possible and are ridiculously long.

We now have had three responses.

**Childrens Hospital Appeal**

Could all donations to the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal be returned to the school by Thursday 3rd April at the latest. Could we please have all the eggs for the Easter Raffle by this Wednesday 2nd April so parents have the chance to give their children an egg.
For the past seven years the Education Department has mandated the way in which schools must report to parents on student progress.

This has included a graph of progression points indicating where the student’s achievements are in relation to the expected VELS, now AusVELs standards. It also included teacher written comments in relation to what the student had achieved, areas for improvement/future learning, what the school will do to support the student in their learning and what parents can do to support learning. There is also reference to work habits and attendance.

As of this year the department has decided that schools should have some flexibility and that school communities have input into this process. The graph of progression points is still compulsory but anything further is up to us.

Teaching staff typically spend two to three hours to complete a student report. This includes interpreting work samples and other forms of assessments to arrive at accurate determinations of progression points and written comments. These written comments are then expanded upon at interviews, in essence a double up.

We would like to have an meeting with parents to discuss the type of reporting we think we should have on Wednesday 30th April at 7.00 pm.

Congratulations to the following students:
Hunter Collins - 25 nights
Nea Ferraro - 25 nights

School Councillors are reminded that we will have a brief meeting to ratify the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) on Wednesday 23rd April, immediately after school. I shared the draft when I met with our Senior Advisor Amanda Hubber last week. She was impressed that we had taken the opportunity to make this one year plan the defacto 1st year of our Strategic Plan which we will complete in second semester.

I will e-mail the AIP to school councillors during the holidays.

In the recommendations from the school closure during the bushfires earlier this year, we said we would set up the ability to send bulk SMS messages to parents which we did last week. Late last week we set up an e-mail distribution list of all parents and staff.

I will send a message out tonight to see whether it successfully gets to everyone. Could you please respond so we can ascertain if there are any issues that we need to address.

We have also discussed how we will set up a facebook page early next term. We need to make it secure so only parents can access it.

Could parents please put their name on the cat roster

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There’s sure to be a menu to suit your taste and budget!
3 Course Breakfast and coffee-$35pp
3 Course Lunch-$65pp
Early bird 2 Course Dinner from 5pm-$45pp
Dinner 3 Course from 7pm $65pp
Children $18 per sitting for 2 course and all soft drinks!
Be sure to give us a call to book!
Remember Our Budget Friendly Dinner Deals!
TUESDAY NIGHT- $20 Parma Night
WEDNESDAY NIGHT-Oysters served 6 different ways
THURSDAY NIGHT-$15 Pasta Night-choose from 3 different dishes!
KIDS EAT FREE EVERY NIGHT-Dine between 5pm and 7pm (vacate table by 7pm), buy 1 adult main and receive 1 kids main meal FREE!