There are still a small number of parents yet to see teachers to schedule parent, student, teacher interviews. Could this please be completed as soon as possible.

Notices were sent out last week regarding parent helpers to assist with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program this term. As of yesterday we had one volunteer and we require four. If we don't have enough volunteers to conduct the program, the program cannot proceed which would be a great shame. See Meagan or Meg if you can help.

Due to the water issues it will not proceed this week.

Student Achievement Awards

P - 2 Nakita Galea - For always trying her absolute best and being extremely helpful to others in the class.
3 - 4 Nysa Males - For always producing outstanding work in all areas of her learning.
5 - 6 Tahlia Watts - For her enthusiasm and have a go attitude to completing challenging tasks.

Sports Grant

We have been successful in gaining a grant of $1300 to support physical education and sport. The funds are for the delivery of sport-based activities including supervision, coach delivery, transport, equipment, venue hire, teacher programme administration and professional development.

Woolworths

We will once again be collecting Woolworths ‘Earn & learn dockets. See the attached information.
School fees

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 were asked to make a payment of $120 in a lump sum or $60 in term one and a further

Presently, most parents have paid or partially paid the essential education items levy which is pleasing.

Unfortunately very few payments have been paid for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, or the netbook program.

Invoices for outstanding fees have been sent home with the newsletter today.

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**Reading awards**

Congratulations to the following students

- Chloe - 75 nights
- Lili - 75 nights
- Patrick - 75 nights
- Sophie P - 75 nights
- Harreson - 75 nights
- Talitha - 75 nights
- Keira - 75 nights
- Emma - Rose 50 nights
- Cameron - 75 nights
- Max 125 - nights
- Fynn - 50 nights
- Nakita - 50 nights

**Mathletics awards**

- Lili
- Patrick

**Spelleodrome awards**

- Nysa
- Harreson

**Reading eggs awards**

- Hunter
- Dakota