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We set up an e-mail distribution list of all parents and staff and sent a test e-mail in the last week last term. It is fair to say that this was less successful with only 12 responses.

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

Thank you to everyone who fed Sooty on the holidays. Sooty said she appreciates these kind people giving her food to eat. Also Carolyn Shannon our cleaner who feeds Sooty during term.

Congratulations to the following students

Deegan Collins - 25 nights
Clancy McLaughlin—25 nights

Our theme this term is sustainability. We have booked an incursion for the 30th April - ‘S.O.S - Students Observing Sustainability. It will also include landfills in Paraguay, deforestation, palm oil and logging in the jungle of Sumatra. In the workshop students will have the chance to leap daringly like a trapeze artist, roar like a lion, cavort like a clown and sway like an elephant, all in costume. The cost will be $10 per student.

School Council will subsidise the balance of the cost.

Meagan has been training a group students who are keen to compete in the cross country at Hanging Rock on Friday 2nd May. Only students who can successfully complete 2km without stopping or walking are allowed to compete.

I was sent an e-mail during the holidays from a company selling iPads at heavily discounted prices. I was able to purchase 5 for just over $1800 - a bargain! We had budgeted for just under $3000. The $241 raised by the Easter Raffle will be used to purchase sturdy ‘Safe Grip’ cases to protect the iPads from day to day damage.

Well done!