Thank you to the following people who helped out with the Bunnings BBQ last Sunday - Sam Rooke, Glenn Langdon, Ann Honeychurch, Janine DiBella, Sarah Harris, Andrew Watts and Cam Richie. Also thanks to Ann and Danny Honeychurch for supplying the sausages at a heavily discounted price. There were remarks from people who said that they came back for another because the sausages were so good!

I am pleased to say we raised $888.50. We will be having another Bunnings BBQ in the second half of the year. (Sorry that I announced $988.50 this morning, we had a little miscounting issue!)

Similar to the end of term one last year, we would like to have a themed day/superhero dress up and sausage sizzle on the last day of term Friday 4th April. 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. The form is also on our website. Money will be collected early next term.

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.

Student Achievement Awards

Year P– 2
Chiara Rooke – For completing her homework every week to a high standard. Well done!

Year 3- 6
Declan McLaughlin — For his honesty and making good choices when dealing with other students.
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).

Parents who have difficulty paying for essential items may have access to a range of support options including the *Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)*.

School Council has set the fee structure for 2014.

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 2014 for the netbook program. There is a $10 levy for the SAKG program for all students.

3. Voluntary—Parents are invited to pay a small levy to help with the improvement and up keep of the school grounds—$30—No change

**Netbooks**

Parents of year 3-6 students participating in the netbook program are required to pay $240 for the lease of their netbook over two years. The school will make a $268 contribution for the lease of each machine. Parents are asked to make a payment of $120 for 2014 and a further $120 in 2015. Parents are asked to pay the lump sum of $120 or $60 in term one and a further $60 in term three.

As of last Thursday, parents have made the following fee payments.

- Curriculum charge ($100) 67% paid
- SA kitchen garden Program ($10) 54% paid
- Voluntary contributions ($30) 54% paid
- Year 3 - 6 term one netbook payment ($60) 60% paid.

Please if you can do so, pay all or some of the fees.

**Reading Awards**

All outstanding term one netbook payments should be made before the end of term.

See Katie if you would like to know what fees are outstanding. She is here Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Parent contact by SMS**

Congratulations to the following students:

- Melissa Salmon - 25 nights
- Seth Harris - 25 nights
- Chiara Rooke - 25 nights

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.

I signed up with a company yesterday and sent out a bulk SMS to each family and all staff in the school. Of the 25 messages sent out only two didn’t respond. I will catch up with these parents and see what happened.

In most instances where parents had a mobile each, I sent only to one. In two instances I sent it to one parent and the other parent responded. It may be our records have the numbers mixed up.

If you received one message and would like the message sent to both parents let me know and I will include the extra SMS messaging.

Could the Taylor’s and Bonnici’s please see me to check which parent has which mobile number.

We only have a few donated Easter Eggs in the crate in the office for the Easter Raffle. Could we please have all the eggs by next Wednesday so parents can make the baskets.

We also have only had two raffle books returned. Could these please be back by next Thursday.