I received the quote for leasing of new netbooks for 2015 year three’s and the new students to the school who will be in year 3/4 or 5/6. After crunching the numbers we will be able to offer these machines at the same cost as in previous years, $120 a year. The school contributes $120 per machine. Find attached to the newsletter a permission form for leasing a netbook.

The annual athletics sports with Darraweit Guim and Clarkefield has been confirmed for Wednesday 3rd December. The sports are conducted at Bolinda PS. They will begin at approximately 9.45am and finish about 2.30pm. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Please make sure students have appropriate clothing and footwear as well as hats, sunscreen and drinks.

We have been approached by a music lessons company who are prepared to offer guitar or keyboard lessons at our school. Last week a flyer was included with the newsletter. If you are interested do not register, see John. We have been able to offer these lessons at the same cost as in previous years, $10 per book. If you would like a copy please order from John.

So far I have had couple of expressions of interest for guitar. See John before the end of this week if you are interested or require more information.

The school will provide the lunch for all students and parents. Could all students bring a piece of fruit to make into a fruit salad.

Last year Meagan produced a SAKG Recipe Book. She will be producing another book this year, the cost will be $10 per book. If you would like a copy please order from Meagan by next Monday – 1st December at the latest.

John built a long jump pit on the weekend. It can also be used as an additional sandpit.

We will be holding an end of year disco for the kids on 12th December from 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm. Cost will be $5 per student – games, party pies & sausage rolls will be provided.

Happy birthday to Dakota for last Saturday. We know you had a great day because Seth and you had a big
**Uniform**

We have new stock of size 6, 8 & 10 size polo shirts. See John or Kellie Bonnici if you would like to make a purchase.

**Swimming**

The end of year break up with Darraweit Guim and Clarkefield primary schools will once again be at the Gisborne indoor pool on Thursday 18th December. Students should arrive at the pool at 10.30 am and be picked up at 2.45 pm. They will need lunch and a drink. A permission form is attached to the newsletter. The cost will be $8.00.

**School Council**

School councillors are reminded that we have a meeting tomorrow night Wednesday 26th November at 7.00 pm.

**Staffing**

When graduate teachers are employed they are on contract, usually of twelve months duration. After this the position must be re-advertised where we go through the shortlisting, interview appointment process once more. There are teachers in schools that have to go through this process of re-applying for their position every year.

Principals often need to do this if they have a volatile enrolment where if the enrolment falls and the school needs to shed staff, the contract teachers are the first to go.

Principals also have the option of making staff ‘on going’ which means they have a permanent position at the school. After discussions with Meagan, I have decided not to advertise her position this year and make her ‘on going’. I believe she is a huge asset to this school and the contribution to the school over the past two years has been outstanding. Congratulations and we look forward to many more years at this school.

**Election**

Parents are reminded that the Victorian State Election will be held on this Saturday 29th November.

The school will be a polling place and usually you can pretty much walk straight in and cast your vote. In the bigger towns in the Macedon Ranges, it is not unusual to have to queue for 10 - 15 minutes at peak times.