Thank you to everyone who attended the ‘Trivia Night’ last Saturday night. Everyone I spoke to said it was a very enjoyable evening. Special thank you to Kari and Kellie for all the organisation of prizes and their work on the night.

We raised almost $1800.

We have had to reschedule the Bunnings BBQ that was booked for the 15th September due to the Bolinda Fair now being on this date. Unfortunately the only date we could swap to was Sunday 11th August which is only two weeks away.

We need three volunteers for each shift 9.00am—12.30 and 12.30—4.00pm

Please see John asap, we need to have this organised by the end of this week. If we do not get enough volunteers and we cancel, Bunnings will not allocate us any BBQ’s next year.

We usually raise between $600—$800 which we desperately need to help fund our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen/Garden Program.

The Royal Australian Flying Doctor Service will be bringing their flight simulator to the school on Wednesday 21st August.

The RFDS Aero Medical Simulator is a life sized replica of the fuselage of a flying doctor plane. It is fully equipped with stretchers, communications, oxygen, suction and the equipment used by our everyday heroes, the doctors, nurses and pilots of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Students will hear stories, land a plane, rescue a patient and climb on board, strap themselves in and enjoy this unique experience.

The cost will be $6.00 per student.

All of our students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart skipping session yesterday conducted by Melissa Ensink from JRFH.

Attached to the newsletter is a letter to parents regarding JRFH and the sponsorship form. Students are able to win prizes depending on the amount of money they raise.

Janine and Meagan completed Kids Matter training last week. We began planning the implementation of the program at our staff meeting last night.

Further information is on the back of the newsletter.
Yesterday I met with Anne Marie McMahon who has offered musical instrument lessons in guitar or violin. The lessons will be on Monday mornings between 9.00 am and 11.00am, starting on the 12th August. They will be 30 minute sessions. If parents take up this offer they need to be aware that your child may miss some of the MARC van lesson or 30 minutes of their literacy lesson.

The cost is $120 a term. Students can supply their own instrument, hire from somewhere or can hire from Anne Marie for $30 a term. If considering purchase, it would be important to speak to Anne Marie to get an instrument which is suited to your child.

As the beginning date of lessons is exactly half way through term three, the fee for this term will be $60 tuition and $15 instrument hire.

Should you require any further information please see John. When the expression of interest was sent out last term we had 10 responses. Letters to these parents will accompany the newsletter. Any other parents who are now considering lessons should see John.

I will need to let Anne Marie how many parents are going to take up this offer next Monday.

Parents must sign the agreement and return to school by this Friday 2nd August. After this date lessons will only be provided if there is a place available.

A voucher for family to visit ‘Kryal Castle’ in Ballarat was delivered yesterday. (too late for the trivia night) After consultation we have decided to conduct a silent auction. The voucher is valued at $80. You need to put a bid in a sealed envelope with your name in the letterbox in the classroom. At next weeks assembly will open the envelopes and award the prize to the highest bidder. The voucher is valid until July 2014.

Parent opinion surveys are attached to the newsletter. This is an important source of feedback to us. Could they please be completed and sent back to school asap. I need to mail them mid next week. All information is anonymous, please seal your responses in the envelope provided and place in the letterbox in the classrooms.