Audits on the condition of all Victorian Government Schools were conducted late last year. The audit reports were released last week. I am pleased to announce we will receive $55,875 for renovations to the main building (office, staffroom, principals office, artroom & store and Library). Meetings will be scheduled in the coming week for principals to be briefed on how and when this program will be rolled out.

Year P– 2
Liam O'Brien — For taking responsibility of his own reading at home.

Year 3- 6
Lauryn Bonnici — For taking responsibility for her own learning and her great attitude.

We have had about 12 families return their walkathon form and money which means we have six families to go. Could these be returned as soon as possible.

The Victorian Government and the Australian Education Union have reached agreement on a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA). All bans have been lifted including the 38 hour week which meant school camps could not be conducted. Hence we have made a booking at Camp Sunnystones in Bacchus Marsh from Wednesday 12th June to Friday 14th June for Year 3 - 6 students. We will be attending with students from Clarkefield and Darraweit Guim Primary Schools. We are sorry for the short notice but these dates were the last available for this year. I am still waiting on quotes for the bus but I expect the cost to be approximately $180. For more information go to their website http://www.sunnystones.com.au/. Please return the attached permission form and $20 deposit.

We have scheduled open days for prospective 2014 prep student families on the 15th & 20th May at 10.00am—12.00pm. Tours of the school can be arranged with the principal at other times if these dates are not suitable. Contact John Mackintosh to make an appointment.

If you have a child who is scheduled to begin school next year or know anyone who has a child who will beginning school in 2014, please let John know. It may seem a long time until next year but we need to make some financial decisions this year which will be impacted by our projected 2014 enrolment.

The Biggest Morning Tea which was such a success last year will be held again on Thursday 23rd May 10.00 am—11.30 am. Meagan and Tuula met on Monday to finalise the organization. Information will be included in next week's newsletter.

We have scheduled another working bee on Friday 10th May after school. A small amount of work is required to complete the vegie garden. We also need to complete a number of tidy up jobs in preparation for the open days commencing the following week. We will include a list of the jobs in the newsletter next week.

Happy birthday to Harry who will be nine on Friday. We hope you have a great day.
Music lessons

We have had an offer to have guitar and violin lessons for students conducted at our school commencing in term 3. We have had an excellent response to the expression of interest with nine students replying positively. Unfortunately the person making the offer is currently in Britain and is not contactable. She is due back at the beginning of term three. As soon as we can make contact we will finalise the details and get information to parents as soon as possible.

Astronomy Night

As part of our Space theme this term we have arranged an Astronomy and Night Sky viewing at the school commencing at 7.00 pm sharp on Tuesday 4th June conducted by Astronomy Alive Melbourne’s leading astronomy presenters. The cost will be $10 per family. They will be bringing a telescope and powerful laser. Should the weather or clouds be against us, the backup date is Tuesday 11th June.

Woolworths

We are once again collecting stickers for the Woolworths Earn and Learn program, it would be nice if we could get enough stickers to obtain some nice things for the school. Last year we were able to get the blow up planets now hanging in the junior room and the USB microscope. A chart for the stickers is included with the newsletter.

Science

Could all parents supply either a 1.25 or 2 litre plastic bottle for your child(ren) on Thursday the 9th of May for a science experiment we are conducting, Thankyou.

Naplan

National Assessment Program. Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is Australia wide testing of Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students in Literacy & Numeracy on 14th—16th May. If any parents of our year three students would like further information about the tests please see John. We do not have any year five students this year.

Students were required to use the words whisper, wallaby, trumpet and vicious in their story.

When my mum and I were in the pet shop there was a vicious wallaby going crazy, then I saw one of the most cutest puppies ever, it was brown with a white patch on its eye. When I asked my mum she said yes. After we left the pet shop we went to get a bed and stuff for my puppy. When we got home we set up the bed and the other stuff she fell straight asleep. When she woke up mum told me that I have to name her and I named her Rosie. When I was talking to my dad on the phone he started to whisper telling me to open the gate for him and when I went to he jumped up and scared me. Then I heard Rosie. When I went to see her she was so scared then I heard a trumpet. So I took her for a walk so she wouldn’t be as scared. When we got back home someone stop playing the trumpet and Rosie and I went to bed.

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