We hope that everyone had a great break and is well rested and ready for a busy term one. Some work has been completed on painting the staff toilets and the adjacent path as well as the entrance to the school. Further work on painting the toilet floors will be completed during the next holidays. The new company offering keyboard and guitar will be making a presentation to students tomorrow at 12.30 pm. Lessons are $13.50.

If we can’t get 20 students enrolled, either we cancel the program or the program will cost more per lesson. Parents are invited to attend. Information regarding the School Council election was sent home yesterday. Nominations close on 9th February. The last meeting of the present School Council will be on Tuesday 9th February at 3.40 pm.

Student/Parent/Teacher interviews

The fee structure for 2016 will hopefully be passed at this meeting. Student/Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd February after school. We hope to catch with any issues from the December reports as well as discussing student Individual Learning Plans for 2016.

Please contact your child’s teacher to make an appointment. You can make an appointment for another time if you are unavailable on the nominated days.

Sunsmart

These are important meetings regarding your child’s progress at school and we expect that all parents will attend. We are a Sunsmart school and students must wear a wide brimmed or legionnaires style hat from the beginning of term one until mid April. Caps are not acceptable. Students without the correct hat will be directed to play on the green area or under the shade sail on the playground.

Please make sure that we have your current telephone numbers on our records including mobiles and work numbers in case we need to contact you.

Given the bushfire season and the recent bomb threats in some schools, it is critical that we have correct contact information.

This also applies to other emergency contacts e.g. grandparents and residential address changes.

Family night

We are planning our annual family BBQ night on Wednesday 2nd March @ 6.30 pm. We hope that every family can attend.

The school will supply sausages for everyone, you are free to bring your own meat if you choose. We ask that each family bring a salad or dessert to share.
Attached to the newsletter is helpers roster for the SAKG program. The program is conducted on alternate Fridays for year 3-6 students. The cost is $30 for eight lunches during the year.

The program can’t happen without parent support. See Meagan or John for more details.

The first session begins next Friday 12th February.

Our annual Walk a thon will be held on Thursday 24th March at approximately midday to 1.00 pm.

A sponsorship form will be sent out with the newsletter in the coming weeks.

Happy birthday to the following students who had birthdays over the holidays, Cameron 19th January, Fynn 29th January, Seb 31st January, Lili 1st February and Electra 1st February. We hope you had great days.

Book Club is due by the 11th February.

Parents of children not attending St. Mary’s School who are wanting to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Grade 3), Eucharist (Grades 4 or 5) or Confirmation (Grade 6) in 2016 are asked to contact the Parish Secretary – Tammie Dalgleish on 5429 2130 or by email at lancefield@cam.org.au as a matter of priority to register your child. Reconciliation registration closes 12th of February.

Trina Douglas (Ph: 0408 177 814), our Primary School Nurse, will be visiting our school next week.

Prep Health Assessments: All parents/carers of prep grade children are requested to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school office by the due date.

These have been posted and will be given to parents as soon as they arrive.

Referrals (All Grades): Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, toileting problems, general health or any parental concerns. Please sign a referral form at the school office.

Children cannot be seen without a signed consent from a parent or guardian.

There is no cost for the service. Trina can be contacted at any time throughout the year.

See your class teacher if you have any concerns you would like to refer to the School Nurse.