Our biggest fundraiser for the year is our Trivia Night this Saturday Night at ‘Seasons’ in Riddells Creek.

Please arrive at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start.

I would like to, on behalf of the school, thank Kari Males for the organisation of the Trivia Nights; which over the last six years have raised more than $15,000 a significant contribution to the school. We would also like to acknowledge the members of the trotting industry who have attended and contributed significantly to our school fundraising.

As the Males children will be attending Braemar College in 2016, we would like to continue the Trivia Night but we may need to make some changes. Danielle Keogh has volunteered to be the organiser with a band of helpers. Watch this space in 2016.

Due to the large number of students attending the basketball today as well as Meg and Meagan, we will postpone assembly until Thursday.

Happy birthday to Sophie Keogh today. We hope you have a great day. Congratulations to the following students

Jenna - 50 nights

Nysa - 100 nights
Dakota - 125 nights
The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program will be conducted again this week to make up for the missed session when we didn’t have any water.

As part of our theme on ‘Inventions’ we will be travelling to Bendigo by train on Tuesday 18th August to visit the ‘Discovery Science and Technology Centre’. If you would like to know more go to www.discovery.asn.au/
The cost will be $20.00. A permission form is attached to the newsletter.

Parents are requested to drop off students at Gisborne station by 8.20 am and pick up at 3.30 pm.

There are still three or four families who have not returned the ‘Parent Opinion Survey’. Could they please be returned before the end of the week. If you have misplaced the survey, see John to get another
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).

School Council has set the fee structure for 2015.

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 2015 netbook program. There is a $20 levy for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG) program for all year 3 - 6 students. This fee will supplement the allocated school budget for this program. Students will receive 16 free lunches which is a $1.25 a lunch. **Please note it is now only a year 3-6 program.**

3. Voluntary—Parents are **invited** to pay a small levy to help with the improvement and upkeep of the school grounds - $30

**Netbooks**

Parents of year 3-6 students participating in the netbook program are required to pay $120 for the lease of their netbook each year. The school will make a $160 contribution for the lease of each machine. Parents were asked to make a payment of $120 in a lump sum or $60 in term one and a further

Presently, most parents have paid or partially paid the essential education items levy which is pleasing.

Unfortunately very few payments have been paid for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, or the netbook program.

Invoices for outstanding fees were sent home with the newsletter last week.

**Congratulations to the following students**

Amelia - 50 nights  
Nysa- 75 nights  
Patrick - 100 nights  
Harreson - 100 nights  
Declan - 100 nights  
Grace - 100 nights

**Ryan**  150 - nights

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