Further to the letter sent home yesterday regarding asbestos, the Education Department has sent contractors to assess the situation today. They have taken samples for analysis but believe there isn’t any evidence of asbestos contamination. Irrespective, we hope to have the asbestos debris removed later this week.

We welcome everyone back and hope you are well rested, ready for a busy term four.

The building works are almost complete with only the installation of a new window and new cupboards in the staffroom still to be completed. These two tasks will happen in the next week or so. During the holidays the wooden panelling behind the bubble taps was replaced (I am in the process of painting this area), the laserlite outside the art room entrance and between the library/music room were replaced, base boards were installed around the bottom of the music room and the music room door was repaired. I oiled the deck outside the main classrooms. Parents are reminded that we are a Sun Smart school and students are expected to wear a brimmed or legionnaires style hat during term four. It is also recommended that sunscreen be applied 20 minutes before going outdoors and should be reapplied every two hours when outside. Students without an appropriate hat will be supervised in shaded areas.

We have scheduled a parent information evening for Wednesday October 15th at 7.00 pm to discuss the Peer Review Report (this report will be the basis of the school new ‘Strategic Plan’) and discuss the possible structure of the school with our enrolment increasing to almost 40 students in 2015. We intend to finalise the school structure on our curriculum Day on Monday 3rd November.

Thanks to everyone who fed Sooty during the holidays. It is very much appreciated.

We have decided to conduct two themes in term four. The first six weeks will be ‘Dinosaurs’ and the last five weeks will be ‘Celebrations’ leading into Christmas.

As part of the ‘School Peer Review’ we were required to create and/or update many school policies. These are required by the Victorian Regulation and Qualifications Authority. A considerable updating of our Anaphylaxis Policy was required to meet the new standards published earlier this year. This policy is now sixteen pages long. Rather than cut down a forest, I will supply copies on request.

We will also need to spend considerable time updating our Emergency Plan leading into the bushfire season. John and Meagan attended a meeting late last term regarding Emergency Planning, again this document will be very detailed and lengthy.

We will also need to use the ‘Peer Review Report’ to finalise our 2013 - 2017 ‘Strategic Plan’. This is also a very detailed document.

Congratulations to Grace for 100 nights of reading. Happy birthday to Chloe for last Friday and Declan for this Friday. We hope you had and have great days.
Reading Awards