Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**Congratulations** to the newly elected P&C Executive: President – Mrs Belinda Barton; Secretary – Mrs Melissa Smith; Treasurer – Ms Melinda Drennan. Thank you to outgoing Secretary, Mrs Jenny Rae, for her dedication, hard work and long association with the school and the P&C.

Students are using required text books in class. While the majority of students have their text books, there is still a small number who don’t. **All students MUST have ALL of their text books as soon as possible.** Text books purchased through the school are available at the office. If you are experiencing difficulty making payment, please contact Ms Reynolds at the office.

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?**

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefited from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

**Gardening Working Bee** this Saturday 23rd March 8am – 10am. If you are able to help, please return the attached form to the office asap. We would like to say a BIG thank you to those families who came in to do some gardening during the week because they weren’t able to make it on Saturday. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

**P&C Disco & Pizza Day** Thursday 28th March. The Tuckshop will NOT be open. Pizza will be available for purchase by **pre order only**. The pizza will be eaten in the classroom at first break – 11am. **Your pizza order form and money must be returned to the office by Monday 25th March. NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED** Remember to bring money if you’d like to purchase drinks or treats at the disco. **Parent helpers** are required to help with supervision, so come along, get down and boogie with the kids and celebrate the end of Term 1. If you are able to help, please leave your name at the office.

**Tuckshop open days change.** Next Term, Tuckshop will be on Mondays & Thursdays.

In memory of Adam McKone, who sadly passed away last year after a long battle with cancer, Jade & Danielle’s Mum, Samantha Warner, will be participating in a Cure for Cancer Fun Run event. After the fun run, Samantha will be shaving her head and her two sisters will be colouring their hair. If you would like to sponsor Samantha and help raise funds for this worthy cause, a sponsorship form will available at the office.
NO school banking next week.

Thank you to Melinda Howard, Janet Kaatz & Melinda Drennan who volunteered at the P&C BBQ fundraiser last Saturday. Congratulations and thank you also to Karlia & Connor Buckley and Ashleah & Jamie Drennan-Sams for selling Easter Raffle tickets on the day and doing an excellent job in representing our school.

Easter Raffle Tickets were sent home on Monday. 1st prize: $70 value ($25 Jets Voucher, $45 Easter Hamper), 2nd prize: $50 value ($25 Jets Voucher, $25 Easter Hamper), 3rd prize: $30 value ($30 Easter Hamper). Extra tickets are available from the Office. All money and tickets must be returned to the Office by Monday 25th March. The draw will take place on parade on Wednesday 27th March.

Federal Election Stall. The P&C will run a stall on Election Day, Saturday 14th September. This notice is an early “heads up” to all of our talented parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc who would like to make craft items to donate for sale on the stall. All donations may be left at the Office. Also, please “date save” this date if you are able to donate one (or more) hours of your time to help serve on the stall.

P&C Warehouse Shopping Trip was a huge success last year and the P&C raised approximately $1000. We received such positive feedback from our happy shoppers that we’ve planned another trip for Saturday 26th October. If you didn’t go last year and want to see what you missed out on, start saving your pennies and keep an eye out for news about this year’s trip closer to the date.

We hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing Easter break. School starts back on Monday 15th April.

Jan Barton
Principal

Term 1, 2013

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Saturday 23rd March 8am – 10am.

After all the recent rain, the grounds are in desperate need of tidying up and we’d like to have the school looking its best for our ANZAC Day Parade. Many hands make light work, so please return this note to the office if you are able to help. We’ll need the use of gardening tools, ride on mower, lawn mower, whipper-snipper, etc.

I am able to help ...........................................................

(name)

I can bring ........................................................................

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