Dear Parent,

The attached pages provide you with details and guidance on the management of our ‘School Charges and Booklist’ program for 2015. The ‘Charges and Book List’ program has undergone its annual review with School Council in preparation for the coming year. There are always changes from year to year.

The Government provides schools with particular funding that is to be used in specific areas to meet the educational needs of children. Should there be particular issues that you wish to discuss in relation to this program, you are encouraged to contact me for an appointment.

Jason Lee
Principal

PART 1: School Requisites

Essential Education Items: These are items parents and carers pay the school to provide as outlined by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Part 2 indicates the items we require parents and carers to pay for.

Careful consideration has been given to the overall booklist and associated costs per student. Costs have been kept to a minimum and can be found on the attached School Requisites Form.

PART 2: School Charges

School Council has decided to differentiate the costs associated with the Excursion Levy. One charge will relate to performances and the other sports events (see below).

A. Arts & Cultural performances
   This is a compulsory charge.
   $25.00

B. Sports Events Charge (Prep to 6)
   This is a compulsory charge. This minimises the number of monetary requests for sporting trips and events throughout the year parents have the opportunity to pay an amount of $70 up front to cover these. Most students will need to spend this entire amount on our compulsory core events; swimming and the gymnastics program. Some students will elect to participate in other sports activities which will be an additional cost. These events will be then paid for as required.
   $70.00

C. Curriculum Charge
   This is a compulsory charge. The school receives some funding directly from the government for curriculum program support. However not all needs are addressed and schools are permitted to apply charges to cover costs for materials such as those listed below.
   - General classroom needs: Items the children will take possession of
   - Stationery not covered within the Booklist
   - ICT/Computer program and printing costs
   - Costs for Specialist Programs materials & equipment (Visual Arts, Performing Arts)
   $25.00
D.  **School Camp & Major Excursions**
The next School Camp will be held in 2015.
Because of the challenges with planning, organisation and the related costing process, costs associated with school camps and major excursions are not included.
Information specific to each camp/excursion will be communicated to you early in 2015.

E.  **Netbook Program (Grade 4-6 only)**
The 1 to 1 netbook program is a crucial part of our teaching and learning. Up until last year the arrangement required parents to pay $100 for students to have access 24/7. Last year students in grade 3-6 had access to their own personal netbook but did not take it home. The 2015 1 to 1 netbook program will remain the same as in 2014. The cost for access to their personal netbook will be $30 (less than a dollar a week).
If the netbook is damaged in a way which is found to wilful or careless a repair cost will be expected. If the netbook malfunctions the school will cover the cost with no excess charges.
Families will be provided with comprehensive documentation detailing the user agreements at the beginning of the 2015 school year.

| Grades 4-6 | $30.00 |

**Note:**
- A summary of costs in relation to the School Charges is included.
- Please complete all details on the page provided for each of your children.
- The School Requisite form must be returned to school between **Wednesday January 28th** and **Friday January 30th 2015**.
- If any aspect of this program presents a financial hardship for any family, confidential arrangements may be made with the Principal to address these concerns.

**PAYMENTS OF SCHOOL CHARGES**
From 2015 parents will no longer receive the Education Maintenance Allowance. The school has received some funding which will be used to subsidise school fees for families who meet the eligibility requirements.
Payment arrangement can be made in 2015 as indicated below.

**Wednesday January 21st**  
**Student Charges can be paid**

**Thursday January 22nd**  
**Student Charges can be paid**

Full or part payments need to be made by **Friday February 6th**. (If you elect to pay your student charges in two instalments final payment will be required by **Wednesday July 29th**)

- Parents in possession of a current Health Care Card are eligible for the school subsidy. The subsidy will cover a portion of the costs associated with the school fees. To obtain the school subsidy the Application Form needs to be completed and the Health Care Card needs to be presented to the school office before **Friday February 6th**.

Please ensure you contact Jason Lee if you require clarification or wish to discuss any aspect of this dimension of our school program.