Dear Parents and Carers,

At the August meeting of the P&C Association, the members present once again unanimously endorsed the continuation of the Student Resource Scheme for 2015.

Each year we join with school management to review all of the learning resources required for curriculum delivery. The outcome is a Student Resource Scheme that we believe is fair and much more affordable than the alternative of purchasing items outright.

We'd like to remind parents and carers however that the Scheme operates independent of the P&C Uniform and Bookshop. The P&C Uniform and Bookshop is run for a modest profit and the proceeds we make from here, the Tuckshop and other initiatives goes directly back to the school to provide enhanced learning opportunities, equipment and activities to benefit our children.

This year we have gifted funds to the outstanding Music Department to assist with the purchase of new instruments, as well as supporting the school Chaplaincy Program and students participating in sports at a regional, state and national level. A long term goal will be contributing financially to much needed enhancements and upgrades to the Hall with the first stage completed in term four.

Did you know for example that the P&C Association also maintains air-conditioning in each and every one of the classes at our school? These air-conditioners were bought and installed by the P&C some years back and like any equipment used so frequently, they require ongoing maintenance. Many of them are also coming to the end of their life-span and will soon require replacement.

To continue to provide air-conditioned classrooms, we ask parents when they are purchasing their Book Packs and Uniforms to pay an air-conditioning levy of $20 per student. These funds are set aside for this use only. This equates to only $5 per term – surely a small price to pay for comfort that helps our kids concentrate and participate fully in their classroom activities both in summer and winter.

We would be most grateful for your continued support of this levy in 2015. In 2014 less than half of our school community contributed and without your support, the P&C may not be in a position to continue maintaining this amenity which is often taken for granted as supplied by the State Government.

As we start to wind down for another year, or wind up for the holiday season depending on how you look at it, on behalf of the P&C I’d like to say thank-you to everyone who has volunteered at our school, patronized our Tuckshop and Uniform Shop and encouraged students to get involved in activities such as the Walk-a-thon and Disco’s which have far more reaching benefits than just the funds they raise.

If you’d like to know more about how you can get involved in our P&C Association please contact me anytime. You’re also welcome and invited to join us at the last meeting of the year on 27 November, at 6pm for a 6.30pm start in the Resource Centre/Library.

Cheers,

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