17th December, 2015

2016 Levy Payment

Levies are charged for all children not receiving Student Assistance. The levy amount listed below will provide equipment and materials used in the library resource centre, in reading and literacy, mathematics, other curriculum areas which include art and science, physical education, music and the information technology program. It will also provide all basic stationery requirements for the year and costs associated with the Grade 6 Camp, Learn to Swim Grades 3 to 5 and most of the local excursions and cultural performances organised by the class teacher. (Note that discretionary activities organised for Music, Sport, Special Programs are not included.) Families with three or more children attending this school will be eligible for a 10% discount on the levies of the third and subsequent students.

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<th>Grade</th>
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<td>Grade Kinder</td>
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<td>Grade 6</td>
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Pupil stationery will be distributed in class by the class teachers from Wednesday February 3rd and throughout the year as needed. The School Office will be open for levy payments on the following days:

- Thursday 28th January 2016 Between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm
- Friday 29th January, 2016 Between 9.30 am and 11.30 am
- Wednesday 3rd February, 2016 Students first day of School, (no Levy payments will be accepted)

It would be appreciated if all payments could be made on these dates. We will not be receiving levy payments on the first day of school as it is an extremely busy time for all staff settling in new students etc. As stated in the school levies policy, parents and guardians are expected to pay levies before 21st February. Please pay the balance owing as soon as possible.

We have EFTPOS facilities and are able to accept Bankcard, Mastercard, Visa and Debit Cards. You are also able to pay levies at Service Tas or by BPAY if this is more convenient for you. In addition, we also have a time-frame payment available where levies can be paid by instalments, and finalised by 24th June, 2016.
**Uniform Shop**
Second-hand items of school uniform and new orders for windcheaters, polar fleece jackets, trackpants, polo tops, hats, dresses and rugby tops, will be available for purchase as follows:

**Before school term begins:** The uniform shop will operate from its usual location near the Prep rooms on the following days:

- Thursday 28\(^{th}\) January, 2016 from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Friday 29\(^{th}\) January, 2016 from 9.30 am to 11.30 am

Uniform purchases can be paid by cash or cheque only, no EFTPOS facilities available.

**During term:** The uniform shop will operate from its usual location on Friday 5\(^{th}\) February 2016 from 8.45am to 9.15am and then every Wednesday from 8.45am to 9.15am.

The Uniform Shop is run by volunteer parents. Please note the dates and times above as these are the only times our volunteers are available.

**Children are encouraged to wear black footwear.**

**2016 Term Dates for Students**

**Term 1**
Wednesday 3\(^{rd}\) February to Friday 8\(^{th}\) April

**Easter break**
Friday 25\(^{th}\) March to Tuesday 29\(^{th}\) March inclusive

**Term 2**
Tuesday 26\(^{th}\) April to Friday 1\(^{st}\) July

**Term 3**
Tuesday 19\(^{th}\) July to Friday 23\(^{rd}\) September

**Term 4**
Monday 10\(^{th}\) October to Wednesday 21\(^{st}\) December

**2016 Student Free Days**
The Student Free Days for 2016 are: Tuesday 2nd February, Friday 8\(^{th}\) April, Monday 18\(^{th}\) July, and Friday 21\(^{st}\) October

Please note, childcare is offered through Blackmans Bay Childcare Centre on Student Free Days.

**School Hours Prep to Grade 6**
Students may arrive at school from 8.30am at which time they are able to enter the school building. Students are **not supervised before 8.30am** and therefore must not be at school before this time.

- School commences: 8.55 am
- Recess: 10.30 – 11.00 am
- Lunch: 12.40 – 1.25 pm
- Classes conclude: 2.55 pm

**School Hours Kinder**

**Tuesday and Thursday**
- Class commences: 8.55 am
- Classes conclude: 2.40 pm

**Wednesday**
- Class commences: 8.55 am
- Classes conclude: 1.15 pm
Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2016

The Student Assistance Scheme provides assistance for low income families towards the cost of levies. The benefit is paid to the school or college. If you think you may be eligible to receive STAS, you will need to fill out a STAS application form which is available from the School Office.

To be eligible you and your partner’s gross taxable income must be no more than the figures shown in the income test table below. You must have a minimum 50% care of a child for them to be considered your dependent. Part-time students in special circumstances may be eligible if an application is supported by a statement from a student counsellor.

Grandparents raising children are also eligible to apply for and receive STAS.

Income Test for the Scheme – Taxable Income Table 2014-15

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<th>Number of Dependent Children</th>
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<td>Income Per Week *</td>
<td>$642</td>
<td>$739</td>
<td>$842</td>
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<td>Annual Parental Income #</td>
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<td>$43,784</td>
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* For more than 8 children, add $135 per week or $7,020 per annum for each additional independent.
# Gross Taxable Income

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas break. We are looking forward to welcoming you to an exciting 2016.

Yours Sincerely

Della Wells
Principal
Classes and Teaching Staff for 2016 are:

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<td>Grade 5-6-Bucher</td>
<td>Mr Markus Bucher</td>
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<td>Grade 5-6-Stafford</td>
<td>Mr Matt Stafford</td>
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Specialist Staff

- Japanese: Mrs Keiko Townsend
- Library: Mrs Heather Lambert
- PE: Mr Tim Smith
- Literacy/Numeracy Support: Ms Judy Hunter
- Music: Mrs Ann Wolfe
- Launching into Learning: Mrs Ann Wolfe
- Drama: Ms Sarah Jane Moore

Principal: Mrs Della Wells
Senior Staff: Ms Judy Hunter
AST: TBA