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Dear Parents/Guardians,

2015 SCHOOL ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Your School Account for 2015 is on the reverse side of this information sheet. (One form per family). Accounts are payable by the 25th February 2015, although a $10 per student discount applies if this account is paid in full before Friday 12th December 2014.

The School Account is necessary to ensure the continued provision of a quality education for our children and the successful operation of the school. As funding provided by the Government only covers part of these costs, we are dependent on the support of all parents through the payments of their School Account. The provision of programs, equipment and materials, in excess of the amount funded by the Government, must be financed out of locally raised funds. Many things at our school are provided from locally raised funds. Program resources, shared classroom supplies, as well as air conditioning, carpet, computers, playground equipment, new classroom tables and chairs, art materials, library books, musical instruments and physical education equipment used by the children have all been purchased with locally raised funds. In 2014, we will continue to improve and develop school facilities to benefit all students.

We hope that all of our parents understand the need to equally share the costs involved in running our school and that they contribute their share for the resources used by their children. The Finance Sub-Committee of the School Council has conducted a thorough review of proposed expenditure to minimise the cost to parents and to ensure it is in line with the school’s goals and priorities, as expressed in the School’s Strategic Plan, and that any cost increases reflect the general rise in CPI.

- **STUDENT REQUISITES** amount of $280.00 per student is charged to cover the costs for program resources, individual supplies and shared classroom supplies and eliminates the need for parents to provide these items. Through bulk purchasing power the school is able to purchase these items at the best possible price. *If this amount was not charged parents would be expected to provide these items for their children.*

- **EXCURSION LEVY** of $130 for Senior Students (Years 3 - 6) and $120 for Junior Students (Prep-Year 2) is a contribution towards your child’s Excursions and Incursions. The levy has been increased this year in response to parent feedback that most activities should be included. To take full advantage of this Excursion Levy, it should be received before the 25th February 2015. If this amount is not paid by the due date payment will be required for each excursion/incursion throughout the year.

- **BUILDING FUND** voluntary contribution of $20 is tax deductible. Any additional contribution to this fund is most welcome as we strive to make our school more effective and attractive. Additional donations will, of course, be tax deductible.

- **LIBRARY FUND** this voluntary contribution of $20 has been established to support the purchase of books and resources for our wonderful library. Like the Building Fund, donations to the Library Fund are tax deductible.

- **GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE** voluntary contribution is $20.00 and has been included in the 2015 account to cover the shortfall in Government funding. This contribution will be directed towards maintenance of both buildings and grounds.

- **IT LEVY** of $20 is to assist with the massive cost incurred in upgrading Information Technology (computers etc) infrastructure across the school to support increased access for students.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Paine & Michael Seelig
Principal School Council President