15th August 2013

Dear Parents & Carers

The year is flying by and our thoughts turn to the 2013 Graduation events of our grade 6 students.

Many of you will be familiar with the idea of a celebration held for our graduating students from previous siblings but many of you will be experiencing this for the first time. We thought it would be beneficial just spending a few moments explaining them for everyone’s benefit.

Graduation Celebrations are split into three parts:
1. Student Graduation Dinner & Graduation Ceremony - Monday 16th December at 6pm for dinner and 7pm for the ceremony.
2. Big Day Out - excursion to Funfields, Wednesday 18th December.
3. Final Assembly - Friday 20th December.

We charge a Graduation levy of $70 for each student, payable in two transactions of $35. We have tried to keep this cost to a minimum this remains the same as in 2012. This cost will pay for all of the following.

1. Big Day Out: Return bus trip & entry to Funfields Water Park in Whittlesea. $33
2. Graduation:
   • Dance lessons over 5 weeks with a professional dance instructor to create a Graduation dance performance featuring all students. A definite highlight of the evening!
   • Dinner: A restaurant style, sit down formal dinner at school before the main ceremony (6pm). We have started the tradition that the grade 5 parents provide and serve a range of salads for our students. We will provide: roast chicken, a vegetarian option, baked potatoes & soft drinks, as well as the tableware. Two large ice cream cakes with the graduating class photo featured in the design will also be provided.
   Note: ALL allergies will be catered for.
   • Decorating the hall with balloons etc to create a celebratory atmosphere.
   • A graduation certificate and souvenir pack $37

Overall a memorable event celebrating the young adults who are leaving us for high school.

A Graduation levy is felt to be the best option to cover these costs. It allows the teachers and students to maximise learning time, without the distraction of days spent preparing for fundraisers, whilst still allowing teachers to give your children/our students an eventful celebration of their primary school years.

We would be grateful if you could make the first of the Graduation payments of $35 by the end of week 7 (Friday 30th August 2013). The second instalment is due by Friday 20th September 2013.

Yours sincerely

Gayle Cope  Anna Saaksjarvi  Julie Nield  Cynthia Tuck  Samantha Teng
Principal  Team Leader
Student name: ___________________________ Grade: ______

I enclose the Graduation levy payment of $35 Payment 1 due by Friday 30th August 2013

Credit card/Cheque/Cash (Please circle)

Card Details: ___ ___ / ___ ___ / ___ ___ / ___ ___ Expiry: ___ / ___

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Student name: ___________________________ Grade: ______

I enclose the Graduation levy payment of $35 Payment 2 due by Friday 20th September 2013

Credit card/Cheque/Cash (Please circle)

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Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________