Dear Students & Families,

Our school is growing. Over the last 5 years our student population has grown by more than 50%. At the moment we have over 115 students with a large number of local families looking to enrol. The growth in student numbers meant we needed to provide classrooms and other facilities to accommodate everyone. Families who have been associated with the school will have seen the many facility changes over the last 5 years. The construction of the BER building and the relocation of a portable building onto our oval provided us with 6 new classrooms and other learning spaces. The outside areas of the school have also seen redevelopment, with sheds, play equipment, green houses and even a basketball half court being developed. Growth in student numbers has also seen a similar growth in staff numbers. An additional 48 car spaces and designated parent drop off points were provided to accommodate parents and staff coming into school.

Our school now faces a new challenge. If student growth continues, we will need to continue to provide high quality learning and outside spaces with limited space to put them.

Yesterday our senior students participated in an open day at the community garden in Eastern Park. The weather remained mild which allowed everyone the opportunity to explore the wonders and delights of the garden. Thank you to the community garden committee for inviting us to this wonderful event.

Please don’t forget that Monday 22nd June is pyjama day, a gold coin donation would be appreciated!

Matt
In Music classes...

We read, we write and we sing cool lyrics.
We count numbers and tap to beats or exciting rhythms.
Discover the history of music extending through hundreds of years in lots of countries around the world!

Learn where music styles have originated from such as reggae from the Caribbean.
We learn how to coordinate groovy dance moves on our amazing sensory dance floor.
Create new and strange sounds on computers, iPad’s and other technology.
We practice our speaking and listening skills by being an audience member and sharing knowledge with each other.
We share with others through turn taking on instruments and sharing ideas.
Explore and express our own creativity.
We build confidence by performing in front of others.
We perform in our class, school assemblies, concerts and eisteddfods.
We have fun learning!

Upcoming Music Events
Parasteddfod – 10th August
Musicfest (Junior school) – date yet to be set
Inspire Program

We survived The EDGE
Their faces really tell the story!!

Alex
Room 4
Maths at Home Winners

James I
Room 8
Raffle Winner

Pieter
Room 17
Music Award

Dylan
Room 5

Alex
Room 4

Rhief
Room 11
For goovy dancing

Students of the Week
All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Matthew Hyde on 5623 1385 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

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**Financial Assistance Information for Parents**

**Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

**How to Apply**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

**Closing Date**

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.


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If you use to receive EMA, you maybe eligible for CSEF. Please contact the office for an application form 5623 1385