20 February 2012

STUDENT COSTS 2012

Attached to this note is an envelope requesting payment for a number of items and resources which your child will need this year. Below is an explanation of each item. Please note which items pertain to your child, tick the corresponding box on the envelope, total the amount, enclose payment and return to school by 2 March 2012.

PAPER LEVY K-6 $5

This cost is to offset the cost of additional resources which will be used in lieu of grade Maths text books this year. We believe we will be better able to meet the learning needs of all students if we are not bound to a particular text book which may not be suitable for all children in a grade.

MATHLETICS K-6 $10 and SPELLODROME K-6 $5

Mathletics is a web-based learning program which integrates home and school learning via the internet. It covers all years of schooling and is currently used in over 3900 Australian schools. Over 200,000 students access Mathletics every day helping students enjoy Maths and achieve great results. Visit www.mathletics.com.au for more details.

Spellodrome is also web based and encourages independent learning and the development of critical spelling awareness. The program covers all years of schooling and learning abilities. Spellodrome helps to reinforce correct spelling and word meanings, through fun learning games. Visit www.spellodrome.com.au and the word lists tie into the lists taught at school.

We are introducing Mathletics and Spellodrome for all classes this year. The programs will assist the students by providing meaningful homework tasks that relate to work being covered in class, allowing for consolidation and revision. Teachers will be using the additional resources provided by these programs in their class lessons.

Over the coming weeks, your child’s class teacher (Kindergarten and Year 1) or group teacher (Years 2 to 6), will provide your child with a password for both websites. Please feel free to have a look at the website and encourage your child to attempt the many activities on offer.

Teachers will then assign tasks that must be completed for homework, before other activities on the website are unlocked and made available to the student. If you do not have internet access at home, please discuss this with your class teacher and class time will be organised for your child to complete the assigned tasks.
SCHOOL MAGAZINE (Years 3-6 only) $10

The School Magazine is Australia’s most popular literary magazine for children, featuring work by leading Australian and international children’s writers. The School Magazine introduces children to the pleasures of literature through an engaging mix of: poetry, plays, short stories, tales, procedures, reports, features, profiles and more.

Students in Years 3 to 6 will receive 10 issues throughout the year. These magazines are kept at school for use during reading groups and other relevant curriculum areas. It is most important that students have access to this reading material as it forms the basis of a number of important literacy activities.

PENCILS (Kindergarten only) $10

Pencils are provided for Kindergarten children. Having communal pencils prevents many problems with children learning to manage and share this resource, and allows teachers to provide pencils of preferred size and grip.

Mrs Anne Hewson
Principal