**Principal’s Report:**

**Student Leadership:**
Mr Peter Crisp M.L.A. for Mildura, will present the 2014 School and House Captains and Junior School Council members with their badges and certificates at next Monday’s assembly. Parents, grandparents and friends etc. are encouraged to attend.

**Road Safety:**
Parents and students are reminded that adults **must** escort their children across Murray Avenue before and after school. For their safety children **are not** permitted to cross the road without an adult.

**Advance Notice:**
Students will not be required at school on Friday 7th March. This Pupil Free Day has been set aside for all staff to attend a Professional Development day. OOSH will be operating from 8am-6pm on this day. Contact Liz Marsh on 0409 992 246 to make a booking.

**Personal Property:**
Parents, students and staff are reminded the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for any personal property brought to school and will not pay for any loss or damage to such property. I strongly encourage parents to prevent their children from bringing items such as MP3 players, toys and mobile phones to school. **Any mobile phones brought to school must be stored in the office during school hours.**

**Insurance:**
Parents are reminded the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for students, including transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers. Further information is available from the office.

**School Council Elections:**
As Principal, I formally call for nominations for election to School Council. The following School Council members have completed their two year term - Carolyn Nulty, Joanne Dichiera, John Collins, Ken Pollock, Leeanne Lidsey, Jeanette Doering and Tracy Craig. I again thank our retiring School Council members for their fantastic service to our school. Nominations for election to Council close at 4.00pm next Wednesday, February 12th. Nomination forms are available from the office. I strongly encourage interested parents to contact me for further information.

**Furniture for sale:**
The school has a large number of student tables and chairs for sale. Cost is $10 per table and chairs (neg.). Interested parents should contact the office for further information.

Rod Beer
Principal
School Materials Charge
The 2014 school material charge is $125 per student. This charge helps to pay for consumables used by students. It also pays for all local excursions and visiting performances. All parents are required to pay the school materials charge by the end of February. Parents in receipt of E.M.A are asked to direct their E.M.A payment automatically to the school. This will allow immediate payment of the school materials charge.

Education Maintenance Allowance (E.M.A.)
Those parents who have a valid pension or Health Care Card as of the 31st January 2014, are asked to collect an E.M.A form as soon as possible. Parents will now receive $200 for each prep student and $150 for students in grades 1-6. These amounts will be paid in two instalments, one in March, and the other in August. Parents are requested to direct their payment to the school to automatically pay the school levy.

Parent Club News:
Parents Club will be meeting next Monday, 10th February in the staff room immediately after assembly. All parents welcome to come along and have a coffee and meet other parents.

Instrumental Music:
Mr Joel Anderson is again offering to provide tuition for a variety of musical instruments – guitar, ukulele, keyboards, clarinet and flute. Lessons are conducted weekly in groups of four students or less. Cost is $12.00 per lesson, per student – payable directly to Mr Anderson. Interested students should complete the “Expression of Interest” form available from the office. Please note that music tuition is a private arrangement between parents and Mr Anderson.

Student Banking:
Student banking is available each Wednesday. Students who do not have Commonwealth Bank Account may open an account through the school. Application forms are available from the office. Students who bank regularly receive prizes and rewards.

This Week’s Birthdays……
Charli Masotti  9  Wednesday 5th February
Ajah Lanigan  8  Saturday 8th February
Nadia Cohrs  5  Sunday 9th February

Thank you:
On behalf of the Dichiera family I thank all parents for their cooperation regarding not parking on, or accessing, the Dichiera property on Murray Ave. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.
Meet the Teacher

Parents/Carers, students and families are invited to the 2014 “Meet the Teacher” Information Exchange opportunity on Tuesday 11th February.
Classrooms will be open from 3.30pm.
Our students will be asked to show mum/dad/carers around their classroom and introduce them to their 2014 teacher.
This is a great opportunity for teachers and parents to have an informal chat that will help individual students throughout the year.

This is not a formal parent-teacher interview.

Parents are free to drop in any time from 3.30-6.45pm.

There will be a continuous “Sausage Sizzle” from 5pm.
Drop in and collect a free sausage or two either before you visit the classroom or afterwards.

Please complete the reply form below and return to school ASAP to help with catering.

Meet the Teacher Night
Tuesday 11th February 2014

The ......................family will be at the “Meet the Teacher Night” on Tuesday 11th February and would love a free Sausage Sizzle.

Signed:..........................Date:..................
2014 Smart Start Tabloid Sports

Chaffey

Ten Pin Bowling

Hockey

Murray

Crazy Catch!

Parachute Challenge

Calder

Tails!