7 February 2014

Dear Families & Friends

Re: Working Bees 2014

It’s time now to prepare for our 2014 Working Bees. Working Bees help us maintain our buildings and grounds whilst providing a great way to make new friends or do a bit of catching up, over a meal or a cuppa. It is also an opportunity to see and be a part of the changes happening at Mount Evelyn Christian School.

Please note that it is a condition of your partnership agreement with the school that each family is required to come to one Working Bee per year which constitutes a minimum of 5 hours attendance. If you are unable to attend one Working Bee throughout the year, there will be an amount of $150.00 debited to your family account.

Children are invited to Working Bees but must be supervised by you at all times. Don’t forget to sign yourself and your children in at the table outside the main office when you arrive. At that time someone will tell you about what you are doing for the day and answer any other questions.

We understand that Saturdays are often taken up by other activities so we provide 6 days throughout the year from which to choose. This year we will also be offering a once only Friday Working Bee for those who aren’t able to attend Saturday Working Bees. This special Working Bee is scheduled for XXXXXX and in order to gain access to this Working Bee please discuss your situation directly with Paula Rudge at the MECS School Office as soon as possible.

Help given through the classrooms and with P & F is tremendous but does not replace a working bee. However, parents may substitute 1 x Working Bee by completing 4 x Canteen Duties. Contact Sheryl via the Office to make this arrangement.

The dates for the Working Bees this year are as follows:

- February 22: 7am - 1pm BBQ Breakfast
- March 22: 8am - 1pm Morning tea
- May 3: 8am - 1pm Morning tea
- October 18: 8am - 1pm Morning tea
- November 15: 8am - 1pm Morning tea
- December 6: 7am - 1pm BBQ Breakfast

What to do next?

1. Choose the date that best suits your family’s situation and tick the appropriate box on the reply slip over and return it by the due date. We understand that it is hard to plan in advance, but this will enable us to be prepared for the coming Working Bees. Mark this date on your calendar. If you have selected the February Working Bee please also select the job that best suits you from the job list supplied overleaf.

2. As your chosen date approaches you will receive a notice listing the tasks that are planned for that particular working bee. Fill in the slip and return it to the main office.

3. Unless you are otherwise notified you can assume that your first choice is what you will be doing on the day.

Yours sincerely

Peter Beams
Property Maintenance Manager
JOB LIST for February 22 Working Bee

#1. Drainage pits and drains. Clean leaves dirt and sticks out of these. (4)
Bring gloves bucket and shovel

#2. Painting. (Seats) (6)
Bring brushes, roller and rags

#3. Gardening & pruning as required. (6)
Bring gloves, s,  , wheelbarrow etc

#4. Clean interior & exterior of school buses. (6)
Bring bucket, cloth and gloves.

#5. Clean up school grounds and nature strip. (6)
Bring gloves and bucket

6. Build a sleeper wall between the staff carpark and MS courts. (6)
Bring spade, levels, crowbar and electric saw

7. Mulch kinder playground soft play mulch (6)
Bring Barrow, shovel, rake, Gloves

8. Mulch new slide in playground (6)
Bring Barrow, shovel, rake and gloves.

9. Rake and tidy up fitness track (4)
Bring leaf rake, shovel and gloves.

10. Dig out gravel around trees in new sealed car park and top up with mulch (8)
Bring

11. Other jobs as directed
Tools provided.

# Regular jobs at each working bee.

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Please return to main office by Friday 14 February 2014

Please indicate your attendance date by ticking the applicable box below:

☐ 22 February    ☐ 18 October
☐ 22 March       ☐ 15 November
☐ 3 May          ☐ 6 December

If attending the February Working Bee my first 3 preferences for jobs are:

A. ____________ B. ____________ C. ____________
(please insert job number from above list)

FAMILY NAME: ___________________________ Number of adults attending: ____________

Youngest Student In The Family: ___________________________ Class: ____________