Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2. We hope that you enjoyed a relaxed and blessed Easter with your families.

Term 1 was a great one, the highlight being the outstanding Japan projects that the students completed. Some of the work produced would give high school students a run for their money! The teachers were thrilled with the quality of the work and the dedication and creativity shown by the students. Japan day was lots of fun and a great way to wrap up the term.

The teachers are raring to go with a term full of great learning. It’s a busy term with Interviews, Cross Country, NAPLAN, camp and reports.

**Term 2 Core Studies:**
We will introduce our new Core Studies topic of ‘Trees and Forests’ during this week. The unit explores what an ecosystem is and also looks at some ecosystems in which trees are a part. We also learn about the different parts of trees and how they function. The diversity of trees and forests is highlighted and celebrated as a gift from God.

We look at human use of forests and sustainability and an appropriate Christian and student response to this issue. Camp is an important and integral part of the unit. Students will keep a journal of their work during the term. I can only imagine the sighs of relief as I say that there is no Core Studies project this term!

**Cross Country:**
The annual MECS Cross Country will be held on the Friday 3 May. Please note this year the event will be held here at school.

**Senior Primary Camp:**
Senior Primary Camp for Year 6 students will be held between Wednesday 15 – Friday 17 May 2013 at Jungai in Rubicon. We will leave at 9am on Wednesday and return to school at 3pm on the Friday.

Senior Primary Camp for Year 5 students will be held between Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 May also located Jungai in Rubicon. Once again departure will be at 9am sharp and return to school is expected to be 3pm.
Please consult the camp notice sent home this week for further information about the camp. If you have misplaced the notice copies are available from the office.

**NAPLAN testing:**
NAPLAN testing takes places for Year 5 students during Tuesday 14 – Thursday 16 May. If you have any questions about NAPLAN please come and see us.

**Maths Homework Change:**
Please note a change to our maths homework this term as outlined in the attached letter.

Once again, we thank you for your continued interest, support and partnership in your child’s education. We are looking forward to connecting with you all at Parent teacher interviews.

We look forward to a great Term 2.

Blessings,

Melissa Dykstra, Ben Clark & Carmen de Kock
The Senior Primary Teachers