Dear Families & Friends

Re: Working Bees 2013

It’s time now to prepare for our 2013 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 Friday October 11 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:

- March 23: 7am - 1pm BBQ Breakfast
- May 11: 8am - 1pm Morning tea
- August 3: 8am - 1pm Morning tea
- October 19: 8am - 1pm Morning tea
- November 16: 8am - 1pm Morning tea
- December 7: 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 March 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 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 March 23 Working Bee

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

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

#3. Gardening & pruning as required.
   Bring gloves, secateurs, wheelbarrow etc

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

#5. Clean up school ground and nature strip.
   Bring gloves and bucket

6. Put in Bollards up Hawkins Rd Driveway
   Bring spade and Crowbar

7. Spread Mulch in playgroup
   Bring shovel, rake and gloves

8. Prepare area for shed in Primary garden
   Bring spare crowbar and gloves

9. Check all desks for missing desk stops and check in classrooms that fluorescent lights bulbs are working correctly
   Bring ladder, hammer, and screwdriver

10. Rake and add Lilydale toppings to fitness track
    Bring wheelbarrow, spade, rake and gloves

11. Clean fence in front of JP and spray cupboards with bug killer
    Bring gloves, rags and bucket

12. Clean all car parks and walkways
    Bring blower and/or broom

# Regular jobs at each working bee.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS (Properly Marked)

My family will attend on:

March 23 ☐  May 11 ☐  Aug 3 ☐  Oct 19 ☐  Nov 16 ☐  Dec 7

If attending the March 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: