Dear Parents,

Please find attached a booklist for your child. Please make sure that you have received the correct list for each of your children. Additional booklists are available from the office or the school website www.bonbeachps.vic.edu.au. Please return your child’s completed booklist to the Office by Friday 9th December 2016.

Books must be picked up from the School Office of Bonbeach Primary School on Monday 30th January, 2017 from 9am – 1pm and payment must be made in full at the time of collection. If anyone is experiencing financial difficulties please feel free to contact the Office to discuss this issue confidentially.

A $10 discount applies to the purchase of the complete 2017 Booklist per student if payment is made in full by Friday 9th December 2016.

School Council has approved the format for the 2017 Booklist as follows:

SECTION A: STATIONERY-ESSENTIAL ITEMS (per student)
We are able to offer parents a complete stationery pack at a greatly reduced price from 2016. The price we have for purchasing from the school is for a standard pack with no options to cross out any items.

SECTION B: MATHLETICS, READING EGGS & SPELLING CITY SUBSCRIPTIONS-ESSENTIAL ITEMS (per student)
As part of our classroom and homework programs the school has decided to add Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Spelling City to our booklist at cost of $30. These programs come with a range of resources for teachers, students and parents to access. The three programs are specifically designed so that teachers can set lessons that are personalised to each student’s needs. The programs can be used both at home and at school and will support students through the development of numeracy and literacy skills from prep to grade 6. The costs of these programs, if bought for individual students would be in excess of $180. This allows our students to access these resources at school and home for a very affordable price.

SWIMMING PROGRAM & WATER SAFETY AND SURVIVAL PROGRAM-ESSENTIAL ITEMS (per student)
In an effort to assist with pool bookings and staffing arrangements for the swimming programs across the school, School Council has included the payment for the swimming program on the booklist for all students. For students in year Prep to 2 the cost will be $105 and year 3 and 4 $120 for their pool program at Toby Haenen Swim Centre, Chelsea Heights and bus travel. The cost for students in year 5 and 6 will be $35 for a water safety and survival program at Bonbeach Life Saving Club.

ICT LEVY (Information & Communication Technology)-OPTIONAL ITEM (per family)
ICT is an important aspect of our children’s education. We are constantly upgrading our ICT hardware and software to support the development of the students’ ICT skills. There is a significant growing cost associated with purchasing iPads, netbooks, desktops, interactive whiteboards, apps and up to date software. The ICT levy will be used to assist with the purchase and upkeep of new ICT resources for student use. The cost per family is $50.

SECTION C: CURRICULUM RESOURCES LEVY-ESSENTIAL ITEMS (per student)
BUILDING & GROUNDS LEVY-VOLUNTARY ITEM (per family)
Curriculum Resources Levy includes bulk stationery items supplied to your child at school such as additional art supplies, photocopy paper, laminating, cover paper, cooking ingredients and shared classroom requisites. The Curriculum Resources Levy remains the same as last year; $80 per student.

Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Levy will stay at $75 per family as approved by School Council. This is an annual levy unless the family attends a minimum of 3 working bees or 3 farmers’ markets or 9 canteen duties or a combination of the 3. If the family meets this criteria, there will be no Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Levy the following year.

SECTION D: READER AND LIBRARY BAGS-ESSENTIAL ITEM SWIM BAG-OPTIONAL ITEM
For the Prep students, a Take Home Reading Bag, Library Bag and a Swim Bag are required. These bags are also used in Year 1 and 2. They are available from the Uniform Shop – if not retained from last year.

For Year 6 students, a Graduation Bear is part of the Year 6 Graduation celebrations.

Thank you for your anticipated continued cooperation and support.

Ken Jones
Principal