14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Maintenance Days (Working Bees)

As a part of the upkeep of the campus, the School includes a maintenance levy of \$100 per term on the fee invoices from the commencement of 2022. Each term the School arranges Working Bee days for the community to participate in the maintenance and beautification of the Thora campus and participation in the scheduled working bee will see this maintenance levy amount refunded to your fee account.

Whilst there is a benefit to the School through improvements/repairs to facilities, the greater benefit is derived from participation in a community event, working together for the betterment of our children. It provides a great example to the children and gives our parents/carers the opportunity to create greater bonds with each other. Emerging from COVID-19 restrictions, we want more opportunities to build community.

Working bees are scheduled on the following days in 2022:

Term 1 Saturday 26 March 09:00 AM to 01:00 PM

Term 2 Sunday 23 May 09:00 AM to 01:00 PM

Term 3 Sunday 11 September 09:00 AM to 01:00 PM

Term 4 Sunday 6 November 09:00 AM to 01:00 PM

Work will include a range of gardening and maintenance duties that should be within the capabilities of all participants. Also included, is work in the Kitchen preparing a shared meal (funded by the School) for participants at lunchtime, after 01:00 PM.

The rules for participation and the refund are simple:

- 1. Participants must register with Administration no later than three (3) days before the working bee (by Wednesday 2 November 2022). The School will seek to provide a list of activities for participants to nominate.
- 2. At least one parent/carer is to attend on the scheduled day for the **full** four hours allocated.
- 3. In the event of adverse circumstances, if the working bee is cancelled, it will not be rescheduled but registered participants (only) will be refunded.
- 4. No alternative dates are available.
- 5. Children are welcome but are to be supervised by their parents.

We look forward to welcoming those who can participate to the School on Saturday.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Street

**Business Operations Manager**