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Walkathon 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday, 30th June our students will participate in our **St Benedict's Walkathon**. It has been a few years since we have held a Walkathon and we look forward to re-igniting the tradition this year. This year's Walkathon was planned as a fundraiser for the school to contribute to the preservation of the outdoor seated area and to overcome the damage currently being caused by the tree roots.

Students will receive a sponsorship card today. The purpose of the sponsorship card is to record donations that are made in return for their effort in walking. Students are not required to collect money before the Walkathon. There will be time to do this after the Walkathon.

Students will be asked to bring their sponsorship card each Friday before the Walkathon to assist us in creating an ongoing class and school tally each week. They will be sent home again that same day so that they can continue to gather sponsors.

There will be a supervised loop in our suburb that all students will walk. Students will see how many laps they can complete of this loop in the time frame given. We will record how many loops they make and then calculate their distance walked. The students will be supervised by staff and parent volunteers as they walk. Volunteers will be called for at a later date. We will also place checkpoints in specific locations to maintain safety and supervision.

To encourage students in collecting sponsorship we will include the following incentives:

The student who raises the most money will be Principal for a day and assist Ms Smith with Principal duties, including handing out certificates at assembly and looking at great work by students and visiting classrooms.

The class who raises the most money will enjoy a celebratory lunch and activities afternoon and wear casual clothes on that day.

Should the whole student body raise the target of \$5000 then the whole school will have a dress up and fun day together to celebrate. There are also a number of smaller fun incentives leading towards this goal.

We look forward to your support and participation in this fun event that will benefit the students and the school.

Kind Regards,

Rachel Smith (Acting Principal)

Student guidelines for collecting sponsors

When collecting sponsors for the Walkathon remember to:

- Get your parents' permission before you seek sponsorship.
- Ask people you know (relatives, friends and neighbours).
- Ask your parents to take the sponsorship form to work with them.
- Let your sponsors know that the money is used for children in your school.
- Accept money if sponsors wish to pay you before the Walkathon (and have your parents mind it until after the day).

Please do not door knock in your street without an adult accompanying you.

Be respectful, be responsible, be safe.