Dear Parents

As you probably realise, government grants are not sufficient to provide the quality of education that we desire at Glen Iris Primary School. School Council has approved the following levies for 2012.

1. **SCHOOL CURRICULUM MATERIALS**: $155 per student
   On payment of this levy, students will receive a box of materials that will be used in the classroom. The balance of the levy is used to purchase bulk paper supplies, classroom art, craft, project and display materials and class sets of books, etc.

2. **LIBRARY/TECHNOLOGY CONTRIBUTION**: $200 per student
   You are able to claim this Library/Technology contribution as a tax deduction. This contribution goes, in part, towards the cost of purchasing new library books, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) such as computers, interactive whiteboards and peripherals and audio visual materials. In 2011 we continued our purchase of interactive whiteboards providing every class and specialist programs with this equipment. We lease 125 laptop computers for classroom and computer laboratory use. This is an ongoing expense to ensure Glen Iris Primary School students are provided with up to date technology. Other items purchased include ipads, flip cameras and classroom software licences. We are committed to developing a culture of digital excellence by ensuring students have the technology and skills necessary to support present and future learning needs. Technology is expensive and we appreciate School Council’s ongoing commitment to developing resources. The payment of the individual student contribution funds this important aspect of learning.

3. **EXCURSION LEVY**: per student
   Preps: - $116
   Grade 1 - $136
   Grade 2 - $136
   Grade 3 - $146
   Grade 4 - $146
   Grade 5 - $213 (does not include sports levy)
   Grade 6 - $213 (does not include sports levy)

   The excursion levy includes a major excursion, a minor excursion, visiting presenters etc. A summary of the proposed activities for 2012 is included. Families are encouraged to pay the excursion contribution at the start of the year as it simplifies the administration of the excursion process for all of us. Excursion costs also reflect the decision to use only seat belted buses.

4. **SCHOOL BUILDING FUND**: $90 per family
   You are able to claim this School Building contribution as a tax deduction. This contribution goes towards maintaining and upgrading our buildings and grounds. It supports School Council initiatives such as the current building program providing library, performing arts and classroom facilities. Despite government funding for such expansion, significant local funds are required to furnish and develop the facilities to a high standard.

5. **WORKING BEE FUND**: $70 per family
   If your family elects not to assist in working bees, a donation of $70 is requested to help finance our school maintenance. Information about Working Bees will be sent out via the classroom during the year.

Payment of the student Curriculum Contribution is necessary to collect each student’s box of supplies. We would also appreciate payment of the voluntary contributions (Library/Technology, Building & Working Bee) when collecting the student’s box of supplies or, otherwise, by the end of March. In the event of any parent experiencing financial hardship in the payment of school contributions, a confidential approach can be made to the Principal to make alternative arrangements. Information regarding EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) is available from the office. (You must be eligible for a Centrelink pension, benefit or allowance.)

Yours sincerely
Meredith Carracher
(Principal)

Jack Risos
(School Council President)

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ELDEST CHILD: __________________________ GRADE ________

1. Curriculum Materials $155
2. Library/Technology Fund $200
3. Excursion Levy (see above) $______
4. School Building Fund (per family) $90
5. Working Bee Fund (per family) Yes/No $70 Total (1st Child): $______

SECOND CHILD: __________________________ GRADE ________

1. Curriculum Materials $155
2. Library/Technology Fund $200
3. Excursion Levy (see above) $______ Total (2nd Child): $______

THIRD CHILD: ___________________________ GRADE ________

1. Curriculum Materials $155
2. Library/Technology Fund $200
3. Excursion Levy (see above) $______ Total (3rd Child): $______

FOURTH CHILD: __________________________ GRADE ________

1. Curriculum Materials $155
2. Library/Technology Fund $200
3. Excursion Levy (see above) $______ Total (4th Child): $______

TOTAL: $_______________