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 2013.

1. **SCHOOL CURRICULUM MATERIALS:** $160 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. **MATHLETICS:** $10 per student
   Mathletics is a web-based program that covers all aspects of the Foundation to Year 12 mathematics curriculum and can be tailored to suit individual classes and students. The Mathletics program is used to further enhance students learning of numeracy in conjunction with the current, daily numeracy program. Teachers incorporate Mathletics in classroom programs, set homework tasks and use the program for independent learning.

3. **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 laptops, interactive whiteboards, iPads, software, flip cameras and other audio visual materials. Our students will have access to a variety of devices so that they can be creative and adaptable in the 21st Century. The use of ICT in the classroom will enhance teaching and learning throughout the curriculum. In 2012 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. 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.

4. **EXCURSION LEVY:** per student
   - Foundation: $120
   - Grade 1: $140
   - Grade 2: $140
   - Grade 3: $160
   - Grade 4: $160 (does not include sports levy)
   - Grade 5: $220 (does not include sports levy)
   - Grade 6: $220 (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 2013 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.

5. **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.

6. **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
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GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL MATERIALS AND SERVICES 2013

EXCURSION LEVY: per student

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If this fee is not paid prior to the first excursion, excursions are paid for as they arise.

ELDEST CHILD: ____________________________ GRADE _________

1. Curriculum Materials $160
2. Mathletics $10
3. Library/Technology Fund $200
4. Excursion Levy (see above) $_____
5. School Building Fund (per family) $ 90
6. Working Bee Fund (per family) Yes/No $ 70 Total (1st Child): $_____

SECOND CHILD: ____________________________ GRADE _________

1. Curriculum Materials $160
2. Mathletics $10
3. Library/Technology Fund $200
4. Excursion Levy (see above) $_____
5. School Building Fund (per family) $ 90 Total (2nd Child): $_____

THIRD CHILD: ____________________________ GRADE _________

1. Curriculum Materials $160
2. Mathletics $10
3. Library/Technology Fund $200
4. Excursion Levy (see above) $_____
5. School Building Fund (per family) $ 90 Total (3rd Child): $_____

FOURTH CHILD: ____________________________ GRADE _________

1. Curriculum Materials $160
2. Mathletics $10
3. Library/Technology Fund $200
4. Excursion Levy (see above) $_____
5. School Building Fund (per family) $ 90 Total (4th Child): $_____

TOTAL: $_____________