PARENT SUPPORTED MATERIALS
AND SERVICES 2015

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 2015.

Class Packs – Book Boxes
Families order student Class Packs online through “OfficeMax”. Students will receive a box of materials that will be used in the classroom. All items are required, unless noted as “Optional”. Families may choose to reuse some items from home ie pencils, textas if in good condition. Order by December 31st to guarantee delivery prior to school commencing.

1. SCHOOL CURRICULUM MATERIALS: $100 per student (Compulsory)
The School Curriculum Materials 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 Prep 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 (ICT) CONTRIBUTION: $200 per student
You are able to claim this Library/Technology contribution as a tax deduction.
This contribution contributes to 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 enhances teaching and learning throughout the curriculum. In 2015 we will launch the 1:1 iPad program for Grade 5/6 students and more than double the access to devices and technical support in all other grades. Funded through a Lease Agreement, 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
   Prep               - $127
   Grade 1            - $133
   Grade 2            - $154
   Grade 3            - $126
   Grade 4            - $165
   Grade 5            - $249
   Grade 6            - $249
   (does not include the sports levy)

The excursion levy includes a major excursion, a minor excursion, visiting presenters etc. A summary of the proposed activities for 2015 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 and maintain 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 for the School Curriculum Materials is necessary when ordering each student’s box of supplies. We would also appreciate payment of the voluntary contributions (Library/Technology, Building & Working Bee) at this time through online payments with OfficeMax by December 31st. After this date, payments for levies and contributions must be made at the School Office. 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.

Yours sincerely
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