

16th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Plenty Parklands Primary School is looking forward to a great year of teaching and learning in 2021 and would like to advise you of Plenty Parklands Primary School parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for year Prep attached. So we can prepare for next year, please complete this form and return to the school by: **FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2020**

We have made every effort to keep the cost of items that need to be purchased at a minimum.

Financial Support for Families

Plenty Parklands understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- payment plans
- uniform support from State Schools Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact:

The Business Manager, Sharon Shaw by phone on: 94044311 or by email: Sharon.Shaw@education.vic.gov.au
 or Assistant Principal, Julie Nixon by phone on: 94044311 or by email: Julie.Nixon@education.vic.gov.au

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please see a one page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Claire McInerney

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Principal

Roger Baker

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School Council President

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Payment Methods

Payment options – please tick one option

- ☐ Qkr – download the app and type in PLENTYPPS (*preferred method of payment*)
- ☐ Cash/credit card
- ☐ EFTPOS available in person at school office



PLENTY PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL – CREDIT CARD

2021 Parent Payment

Student's Name: _____

HomeGroup: _____

Please charge my: ☐ Bankcard ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard Amount: \$ _____

Card Number _____

Expiry Date: ____ / ____ Name on Card: _____

Signature of Cardholder: _____ Phone No. _____ Date: _____

FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR PREP

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Plenty Parklands also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Please complete this form and return to the school by 16th October 2020 so the school can prepare accordingly.

SECTION A: Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
PART 1: Classroom and Specialist Materials –	
Classroom consumables (for example, PVA glue, paint brushes, paint, coloured paper, poster paper, card, adhesive tape and craft supplies)	78
Science inquiry and consumables (for example, paper, poster paper, adhesives, string, glue, paperclips, coloured paper, card, sponges, bi-carb soda, salt, coloured dye, pipe cleaners)	30
Art consumables (paint, poster paper)	25
Indonesian classroom consumables (coloured paper/card)	10
Mathletics and See-saw subscriptions	20
TOTAL	\$163
PART 2: Stationery/Book pack consists of stationery items selected by the teaching staff to be used by your child in 2021. Attached is the booklist which lists the stationery items. To try to keep costs to a minimum we have negotiated a price for a complete pack; items are not sold separately. You may choose to purchase these through the school or provide your own. If purchased through the school, the book packs will be available for collection from the hall on Friday December 11 from 8:00-10am and 2:30 to 6:00pm	59
Total of Section A	\$

SECTION B: Optional Items	Amount
Plenty Parklands offers a range of optional activities such as sports events, swimming program, fees for guest speakers, entry fees for performances, camps and excursions and an instrumental music program, that are an important part of the educational program. These are in addition to delivery of the standard curriculum and designed to broaden the school experience for your child.	<i>Attached is an estimate of these costs for 2021.</i>

SECTION C: Voluntary Financial Contributions	Amount
PART 1: Voluntary Contribution to Buildings and Grounds	\$100
This money contributes to the cost of maintenance in lieu of parent working bees, other than special project days, including grass mowing, planting of garden beds and grounds maintenance.	\$75
	\$50
	\$25
Please circle the amount you wish to donate	\$10
PART 2: Voluntary Fundraising Contribution	
Thank you for your voluntary contributions and fundraising support in previous years, which has enabled us to update the area adjacent to the gym and sports ground. In 2021 we would like to continue with the development of this general area, and move to the second stage, the western end of block A adding seating and landscaping. We do not receive funding from the Government for items like this and therefore ask for a donation of \$50 per family. If you choose to make this donation, we will not send fundraising requests to you during the year. However, you are welcome to join in any fundraising activities as you wish. Thank you for your donation.	\$50
Total of Section B	\$

TOTAL	
Amount paid SECTION A	\$
Amount paid SECTION B	Not applicable at this time
Amount paid SECTION C	\$
Total paid:	\$

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.



Dear Parents/Guardians of **2021 Prep students**,

School Council thought that it would be helpful to provide you with an idea of the expected costs involved in your child's program next year.

Like you, they understand that it can be useful to know ahead of time so that you can budget accordingly or alternatively come into the office and set up regular advance payments to build up a family credit to cover these expenses as they arise during the year.

Please understand that we are basing these costs on the 2020 prices and activities, which may differ next year. We trust it will help you to prepare for 2021.

Depending on the health advice that we receive next year, if it is possible to stage the whole school concert in term 3, we are letting you know that there is a limit of two tickets per family. The price of each ticket will be approximately \$30.

	Activity or item	Approximate Cost
Term 2		
	Prep farm excursion	\$23
	David Skinner dance program	\$20
Term 3		
	Prep Breakfast	\$6
	Concert rehearsal bus	\$6
Term 4		
	Fun Day	\$34
Total		\$89

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Principal

2021 Plenty Parklands PS Prep stationery/book pack

Description	Quantity
Targeting Handwriting Vic Book PREP	1
Exercise Book 225 x 175mm 8mm 48 Page	1
Educ8 Scrapbook 64 Page 100gsm	5
Display book clear front black A4 refillable 20 pocket	3
Belgrave 12 Triangular Jumbo Coloured Pencils	2
Texta Marker Thick Wondertip Pack 10	1
Sharpener Pencil Metal Double Hole	1
Belgrave Triangular Jumbo Graphite 2B	3
Scissors - Kindy 135mm	1
Gluestick BIC 36 gram	2
Facial Tissues 2 Ply 100s	2
Headset Verbatim with volume control	1
Whiteboard Marker Staedtler Lumocolor 351 black bullet	1
Early Years home reading books	1

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.