



15<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Plenty Parklands Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our school's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer, such as enhanced digital learning opportunities.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please see the one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

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Julie Nixon  
Acting Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Taylor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fiona Taylor  
School Council President



# Plenty Parklands Primary School

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Year 3 classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$25)</li><li>• Science – ie chemicals (\$30)</li><li>• Mathematics – ie counting equipment (\$8)</li><li>• English – ie books (\$10)</li><li>• Sports – equipment (\$20)</li></ul>	\$93
<i>Year 3 Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mathletics (\$10)</li><li>• See-Saw (\$10)</li></ul>	\$20
<i>Year 3 ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$40
<i>Year 3 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$10
<i>Total</i>	\$163
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>First aid equipment, including the provision of a dedicated First Aid attendant</i>	\$
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$
<i>Fundraising - Thank you for your voluntary contributions and fund raising support in previous years, which has enabled us to update the area adjacent to the gym and sports ground and build a new sandpit and shade cover. In 2022, 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. Thank you for your donation.</i>	\$

## Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from backpack supplier for your child to individually own and use.

If you would like to purchase a backpack for your child, Year 3 - \$73, please pay for your backpack on Qkr or at the office by 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 so the school can order accordingly. Backpack pickup will be Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.

## Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Plenty Parklands Primary School offers a range of items and activities such as sports events, UNSW assessment and ICAS, swimming program, fees for guest speakers, entry fees for performances, camps and excursions and instrumental music programs, that are an important part of the educational programs. These enhance or broadens the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis, as per the attached.



Extra-Curricular items and Activities pricing will be finalised and advised to parents/caregivers when the activity is booked and permission slip and payment is required.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Estimated Amount
Term 2 – <i>David Skinner Dance Program</i>	\$20
<i>Melbourne Aquarium</i>	\$28
<i>Museum – Imax</i>	\$24
<i>Gymnastics program</i>	\$55
Term 4 – <i>Arrabri Lodge Camp</i>	\$345
<i>Fun Day</i>	\$21
<i>ICAS (Maths/English/Science) Apply directly online in term 3 – selected students</i>	\$14.50 each
<i>Cre8tive Master Minds – (selected students)</i>	\$240 per term
<b>Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	

### Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- 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, contact:

Sharon Shaw – Business Manager on Ph: 03 404 4311

| Email: [Sharon.Shaw@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Sharon.Shaw@education.vic.gov.au)

or

Julie Nixon – Acting Principal on Ph: 03 9404 4311

| Email: [Julie.Nixon@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Julie.Nixon@education.vic.gov.au)

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



### Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Optional Backpack – Year 3 - \$73	\$

### Payment Methods

#### Payment options

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

## Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

## **2022 Plenty Parklands PS Year 3 Stationery/book pack**

Description	Qty
Targeting Handwriting for VIC Year 3	1
Avery (47931) Hard Display Book Clearfront	1
Slimpick Wallet FC Manilla Red	1
Educ8 Grid Book A4 10mm 48 Page 70gsm	3
Educ8 A4 18mm Dotted Thirds 64 Page Exercise Book	4
Educ8 A4 18mm Dotted Thirds 96 Page Exercise Book	2
Clag 40g Gluestick	3
Staedtler Red Checking Pencil	2
Sharpener Pencil Metal Double Hole	1
Faber Castell Classic Colour Pencils Box 12	1
Staedtler Tradition HB Pencil	6
Facial Tissues 2 Ply 100s	2
Scissors - Right Handed 135mm	2
Micador Colourfun Marker Wallet 12	2
Notebook Spirax A5 150 leaf	1
Exercise Book 225 x 175mm 8mm 48 Page	1
Reinforced Refills 14mm Dotted Thirds Pack 50	3
Ruler 30cm Wooden Micador	1
Olympic Scrap book wings 335 x 245mm, plain, 72 pages	1
Eraser Staedtler Mars Eraser	2
Headset Verbatim with volume control	1
Repositionable Notes marbig 75 x 75mm	4
Clear plastic document holder (1 red 1 blue)	2
Chair Bag	1



# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



## FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



## PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

### Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

### Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



## 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 must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.