

25<sup>th</sup> 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 the Plenty Parklands Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for year 1 attached. So we can prepare for next year, please complete this form and return to the school by : **FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2020**

The School makes 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](mailto:Sharon.Shaw@education.vic.gov.au)

or Assistant Principal, Julie Nixon by phone on: 94044311 or by 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.

Yours sincerely,

*Claire McInerney*

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Principal

*Roger Baker*

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School Council President



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 1

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 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 so the school can prepare accordingly.

SECTION A: Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
<b>PART 1:</b> 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 Seesaw subscriptions	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$163</b>
<b>PART 2:</b> 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, <b>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</b>	59
<b>Total of Section A</b>	<b>\$</b>

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
<b>PART 1:</b> 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
<b>Please circle the amount you wish to donate</b>	\$10
<b>PART 2:</b> 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. <b>Thank you for your donation.</b>	\$50
<b>Total of Section B</b>	<b>\$</b>

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

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 year 1 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
<b>Term 1</b>		
<b>Term 2</b>		
	Scienceworks	\$24
	David Skinner dance program	\$20
<b>Term 3</b>		
	Concert bus	\$6
<b>Term 4</b>		
	Coopers Settlement	\$26
	Year 1 barbecue	\$5
	Swimming program (with DET subsidy)	\$25
	Fun Day	\$26
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$132</b>

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Principal

**2021 Plenty Parklands PS Year 1 Stationery/bookpack**

Description	Qty
Targeting Handwriting for VIC Year 1	1
Simpick Wallet FC Manilla Blue	1
Clag 36g Gluestick	2
Triangular Jumbo Graphite 2B	4
Micador basics sharpener double hole cannister	1
Facial Tissues 2 Ply 100s	2
Educ8 Writing Book 24mm Dotted Thirds 64 Page	4
Educ8 Scrapbook 64 Page 100gsm	4
Educ8 A4 8mm 128 Page Exercise Book 70gsm	1
Super tip – Crayola educational markers washable super tip 10 pack	1
Educ8 Triangular Standard Coloured Pencils Pk 12	2
Faber Castell Jumbo Box Crayons 12	1
Repositionable Notes Marbig 75 x 75mm	1
Scissors Right Handed 135mm	1
24mm dotted thirds ream of paper	1
Headset Verbatim with volume control	1
Display book clear front black refillable 20 pockets	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.