



Plenty Parklands Primary

31 October 2023

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 voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/Carers voluntary contributions make significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Your support in 2023 allowed us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Inquiry, eLearning, Indonesian, Music, Drama and PE.
- Maintain and develop the school grounds.
- Ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities.
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills.
- Provide hands-on maths equipment i.e.: measuring materials for teaching purposes.
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions.
- Provide a First Aid attendant.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached or visit <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>.

Yours sincerely,

David Whewell
Principal

Fiona Taylor
School Council President

Year 6 2024

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p>Year 6 classroom/specialist consumables, materials & equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom consumables - Includes items such as A4 & A3 coloured paper, cover paper, sticky tape, coloured markers, laminating pouches, sheet protectors, ruled paper, craft glue, stickers, printing and photocopying of learning materials, materials for maths, inquiry and literacy activities (\$70) • Individual Stationery pack (\$57) • Resilience Project Diary (\$10) • Specialist Consumables - Indonesian – Includes items such as paper, masks, glue, paints, pencils, scissors, sticky tape; Art - Includes items such as sketching pencils, paper – plain/ patterned/ printed/ gloss/ matt, paint – watercolour, liquid tempera, markers, paint markers, pom poms, feathers, pipe cleaners, buttons (\$35) • Use of ICT, class sets, readers, Maths equipment, Sport equipment, Music equipment, Library books, posters (\$50) <p>Year 6 Online Subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessment (\$10) 	\$232
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$232

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
First Aid resources /equipment	\$25
Fundraising contribution - Thank you for your fundraising support in previous years, which has enabled us to update the area under the Serambi, upgrade classroom carpets and furniture, and rejuvenate the lawns and gardens. In 2024, we would like to continue with the development of the area adjacent to the sportsground and add seating and landscaping to provide further quiet spaces for students. A new playground is also on the agenda for next year.	\$50
Buildings and Grounds contribution - 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. \$10, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or choose your own amount	
Total Other Contributions	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Plenty Parklands Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items such as sports events, UNSW assessment and ICAS, swimming program, fees for guest speakers, entry fees for performances, camps and excursions, Athletics and instrumental music programs, that are an important part of the educational programs, will be advised throughout the year.

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 for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- State Schools Relief (SSR)

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

Ann Moritis (Business Manager) Ph: 03 9404 4311 | Email: ann.moritis@education.vic.gov.au
or

David Whewell (Principal) Ph: 03 9404 4311 | Email: david.whewell@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	To be advised during the year

Payment methods

Our preferred payment method is Compass, alternatively, you can pay by credit card (MASTERCARD, VISA) EFTPOS, or cheque payable to Plenty Parklands Primary School. Payment may also be made using cash, however we ask that parents wishing to pay cash, do so at the school office so a receipt can be provided directly as proof of payment.

Refunds

Plenty Parklands Primary School will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally, we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party.

**Individual Stationery packs will be available for collection on
Friday 8 December 8.30am - 6.00pm**

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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.