

November 2023

## **PARENT PAYMENTS 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mentone Primary School is looking forward to another wonderful year of learning and teaching in 2024 during which we will continue to build the strong relationships, curiosity, creativity, and the confidence that characterise the essence of our school community. In preparation for the year ahead, we would like to advise you of Mentone Primary's 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. However, ongoing support from our MPS families by way of financial contributions ensures that our school can offer greater variety and cater to individual needs to provide the best possible education and support for our students. Your support has allowed us to offer a greater variety of subjects, specialists, activities, learning programs, special curriculum experiences, high quality digital learning opportunities and intervention and extension programs for all our students. In short, your contributions help to make Mentone Primary School what it is- a progressive, inclusive, and dynamic learning environment for our children.

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.

Enclosed are the following:

- Curriculum Contribution details, (referred to in previous years as Essential Learning Items.)
- Stationery details form from our preferred stationery supplier Ka-Ka Kids. Stationery through Ka-Ka Kids should be **ordered and paid for directly to Ka-Ka Kids** – full details are on the form provided.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the attached document.

### **STATIONERY (Educational items for students to own)**

**If you order stationery directly through Ka-Ka Kids** the supplier will deliver all student stationery directly to each classroom and then teachers will distribute these to students on the first school day in 2024. Each stationery pack will include named labels for each student. Orders for stationery are due by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

### **CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS**

Curriculum contributions cover costs of a variety of materials including but not limited to; cooking ingredients, online subscriptions for learning activities, art, inquiry, creative supplies used in the classroom, expendable materials used for science, maths, engineering and technology and all other specialist classes.

### **OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NON-CURRICULUM ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES**

The Mentone Primary School Council is extremely appreciative of the generosity of parents who are able to support the school through the payment of the Voluntary Levy. Voluntary Levies will be specifically targeted at provision of Information Communication and Technology resources, reading materials, grounds development, physical education equipment and library purchases.



If you are experiencing financial hardship and require a parent payment arrangement, please call the school on 9583 2995 for a confidential discussion with our Business Manager, Ann Penrose.

Payments are preferred via Compass or in person via EFT of Credit Card at the school office.

Your Sincerely,

Marcelle van Maanen  
Principal

Nick Foster  
School Council President