RE: PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2023

26/10/2022

Dear Families

Wahgunyah Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the school's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Our school prides itself on going above and beyond the standard curriculum with the opportunities we provide for all our students. To achieve this however, we do rely heavily on financial contributions from families. The support from our families has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we have been able to offer.

Family contributions have allowed us to provide the best possible programs and opportunities for our students. Your ongoing financial contributions will enable the school to continue being able to:

- Provide all students with access to individualised learning platforms that enrich their classroom learning and are accessible from the home (for example, Reading Eggs and Essential Assessment)
- Ensure all classrooms are well stocked with creative project making materials such as coloured paper, cardboard, paint, string, cellophane, feathers, pipe-cleaners, PVA glue, sticky/masking tape, pom-poms, paddle-pop sticks, plasticine, paper/plastic cups/plates, balloons, elastic bands etc.
- Enable students to participate at whole school or representative events such as; Swimming Carnival, Cross Country, Athletics Carnival, Division carnivals, the Colour Run, Ride to Rutherglen, Winter Sports Day, Sports Victoria Division Competitions, eg. Lawn Bowls, Tennis, Netball
- Ensure our classrooms and grounds are maintained at an extremely high level
- Provide all students with access to equipment and resources associated to specialist subject areas, eg. Kitchen Garden, Music, Art, Drama and Physical Education
- Offer camps and excursions, including 15 Mile Creek, Sovereign Hill and Canberra, and have visiting artists and incursions.
- Provide many wellbeing-based programs and initiatives such as Play is the Way, our schoolwide positive behaviour program, the school Breakfast Club, and our Therapy Dog program

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

Yours sincerely

Josh Reid
Principal

Nathan Sandral
School Council President

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	**Amount**
Year 3/6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment Throughout the year all students will participate in a variety of project-based learning activities where they will create dioramas, marble runs, posters and special presentations. This contribution covers the materials used by the students to complete these projects and includes items such as: *coloured paper, cardboard, paint, string, cellophane, feathers, pipe-cleaners, PVA glue, sticky/masking tape, pom-poms, paddle-pop sticks, plasticine, paper/plastic cups/plates, balloons, elastic bands etc.*	$30
Year 3/6 Online Subscriptions Annual subscription to Essential Assessment (Literacy and Numeracy) allowing 24-hour student access (school and home use).	$10
Specialist art van materials The school is charged $30 per student to cover Art Lesson consumables including items such as: Coloured paper, cardboard, glue, water-colour paints, stencils and pencils, food dye, wax candles, wool, raffia, string, buttons, supertac, pompoms, google eyes, ribbon, felt, foam, wire, tissue paper etc.	$30
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
School grounds maintenance and improvements We take a huge level of pride in how our grounds and buildings are maintained. Unfortunately, there is a significant cost towards keeping them looking so amazing and the Department's funding allocation for this is insufficient. We are extremely grateful to families who contribute to this which helps make our school so inviting for students and the wider community.	$30 *(per family not per child)*
Fundraising Contribution Due to the busy nature of family life, we understand that many families will be unable to volunteer their time at school fundraising events. As such, you can choose to make a financial contribution in lieu of (or in addition to) volunteering which will go towards providing enhanced opportunities for all children.	$20 *(per family not per child)*
Total Amount	**$120**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Wahgunyah Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden 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 and payment will be requested prior to each activity.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES	**Amount**
Optional school camp	*$TBA*
Optional School Sports Victoria Competitions	*$TBA*
Optional Year 6 Polo Shirt (Year 6 students only)	*$TBA*
Optional Winter Sports Day	*$TBA*
Other optional excursions and activities (eg. Life Education Van, Visiting Artist)	*$TBA*

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	**Amount**
Year Prep - 2 classroom consumables, materials & equipment Throughout the year all students will participate in a variety of project-based learning activities such as, shops, critical thinking challenges and special events. This fee covers the materials used by the students to complete these projects and includes items such as: *coloured paper, cardboard, paint, string, cellophane, feathers, pipe-cleaners, PVA glue, sticky/masking tape, pom-poms, paddle-pop sticks etc.*	$30
Year Prep - 2 Online Subscriptions Annual Reading Eggs subscription (retail value of $80) allowing 24 hour student access (school and home use).	$12
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Optional Prep – 2 excursion	$TBA
Optional swimming program	$TBA
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Financial Support for Families
Wahgunyah Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State School's Relief
- Flexible Payment Arrangements

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact **Angela Grantham** on 02 6033 1265 or by email - angela.grantham@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

- Direct Deposit into the school bank account

  BSB No: 063-093
  Account No: 1 000 1696
  Account Name: Wahgunyah Primary School
  Please use your child's name as the reference

- Cash

- Eftpos available in the school office

Refunds
Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and are 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.

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.