

16th October 2020

Dear Families

We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Wahgunyah Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule attached. Wahgunyah Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all families.

Financial Support for Families

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

- State School's Relief
- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Payment of fees by regular payment plan

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 angela.grantham@education.vic.gov.au.

Payment Methods

- Direct Deposit into the school bank account

BSB No: 640-000
Account No: 111 260 892
Account Name: Wahgunyah Primary School
Please use your child's name as the reference

- Cash

Whilst payment is not required until 25th January 2021 (book pack collection day), we are happy to accept payments between now and the end of the school year.

Refunds

- Where the school is charged for the provision of a service as a bulk cost and not per student cost, no refund/credit is to be given.
- Where a 'per student' fee is charged, refund/credits are able to be given except if the event is governed by the number of instructors required, e.g. swimming
- Where there is a combination of a bulk charge and a 'per student' charge in an excursion e.g. trip to the zoo and the bus charge is a bulk cost and the entry fee is per student cost, only the 'per student' cost is able to be refunded/credited.
- Deposits paid for school camps will be non-refundable unless cancelled by the school.
- All claims for reimbursements must be discussed with the Business Manager or Principal within 7 days of the event.
- All refunds will be made by crediting the school family account. If the refund is over \$20, a direct deposit can be made, if requested, to a nominated bank account.
- No cash refunds can be given.
- The Business Manager and Principal will have the capacity to view special circumstances on an individual basis.

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

Yours sincerely



Josh Reid
Principal



Chris Cull
School Council President

FEE SCHEDULE – FOUNDATION

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items for your child. Wahgunyah Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS	Fee
BOOKLIST ITEMS This is the amount listed on your child's booklist order and includes items such as pens, pencils, sharpeners, rulers, erasers, highlighters etc. and the compulsory student reading diary. This fee must be paid for at the time of collection (Monday 25th January 2021).	\$66
READING EGGS subscription Annual subscription (retail value of \$80) allowing 24 hour student access (school and home use).	\$12
PROJECT MATERIALS 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: <i>coloured paper, cardboard, paint, string, cellophane, feathers, pipe-cleaners, PVA glue, sticky/masking tape, pom-poms, paddle-pop sticks etc.</i>	\$20
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
ESSENTIAL ITEMS TOTAL	\$128

Optional Items

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OPTIONAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
EXCURSIONS CAMPS AND ACTIVITIES Year F-2 Day excursion Life Education Van / Healthy Harold Other excursions/activities for the year (cost approximately \$50.00)
SPORTING EVENTS AND VISITING PERFORMERS / ARTIST IN RESIDENCE These include Swimming program, Sports Carnivals, Athletics etc. and are dependent on the cost of the activities (cost of bus, venue hire, and entrance fees).

Voluntary Contributions

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FUNDRAISING LEVY 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
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL	\$50

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ESSENTIAL ITEMS TOTAL	\$106

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FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 2

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PROJECT MATERIALS 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: <i>coloured paper, cardboard, paint, string, cellophane, feathers, pipe-cleaners, PVA glue, sticky/masking tape, pom-poms, paddle-pop sticks etc.</i>	\$20
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ESSENTIAL ITEMS TOTAL	\$105

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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL	\$50

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FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 3

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PROJECT MATERIALS 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 fee covers the materials used by the students to complete these projects and includes items such as: <i>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.</i>	\$30
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ESSENTIAL ITEMS TOTAL	\$104

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OPTIONAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
EXCURSIONS CAMPS AND ACTIVITIES Year 3/4 Camp Life Education Van / Healthy Harold Other excursions/activities for the year (cost approximately \$50.00)
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FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 4

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PROJECT MATERIALS 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 fee covers the materials used by the students to complete these projects and includes items such as: <i>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.</i>	\$30
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ESSENTIAL ITEMS TOTAL	\$94

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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL	\$50

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FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

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PROJECT MATERIALS 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 fee covers the materials used by the students to complete these projects and includes items such as: <i>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.</i>	\$30
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ESSENTIAL ITEMS TOTAL	\$111

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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL	\$50

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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.