

Paynesville Primary School

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Monday December 11th, 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Paynesville Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Paynesville Primary School'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. 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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to: a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; faster WIFI and internet, quality materials for art lessons.

For 2024 we have changed how our students' requisites (including booklist items) will be supplied. All students will have requisites supplied by the school for the beginning of the school year. These items will be with your child's classroom teacher on the first day of school in 2024.

With this change we are asking if families would consider contributing to our school. This can be done as a per term payment or annual payment. This is not compulsory, but something we ask for you to consider.

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

Yours sincerely,

Deb Mathers
Principal

Nick Fordham
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Annual Amount
<p><i>General Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Books, pens, pencils, art/craft, online subscriptions and student printing and photocopying. <p><i>Specialist consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kitchen/garden – flour, sugar, butter, spices, milk fruit, vegetables, seedlings, vegetable garden 	\$ 200

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Paynesville 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school by **Friday December 15th, 2023**.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>Optional Swimming Program</i>	\$150	
<i>Cultural Performances – these are visiting performers to our school</i>	\$ 30	
<i>Overnight Camps Grades 3-6</i>	TBC	
<i>Please note;</i> Paynesville PS will have various activities run throughout the 2024. Families are notified of these activities as they occur and if there is a cost involved.		
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$
<i>Please note that payments for items listed are not required until 2024 school year.</i>		

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- BPay, EFT, Cash, Centrepay

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Jenny Bowler or Lauren Bills

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PAYNESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2024 – VOLUNTARY CHARGES CONTRIBUTION

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY DECEMBER 18th, 2023

PARENTS NAME _____

STUDENT/S NAME _____ **YEAR LEVEL** _____

Category – Voluntary Curriculum Contributions	Full Amount	Other Amount
OPTION 1: Curriculum Contributions – <i>Annual payment</i>	\$200 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
OPTION 2 - Curriculum Contributions – <i>per term contribution</i>	Term 1 \$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
	Term 2 \$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
	Term 3 \$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
	Term 4 \$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Category – Optional Extra - curricular activities	Full Amount	
Optional Swimming program - \$150 approx	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	
Optional Cultural Performances - \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	
TOTAL TO BE PAID TO SCHOOL	\$	\$

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent / Guardian

OFFICE USE ONLY:	Payment type EFT <input type="checkbox"/>	Bpay <input type="checkbox"/>
Amount to be charged \$	Centrepay <input type="checkbox"/>	Cash <input type="checkbox"/>
Charges entered C21 <input type="checkbox"/>	Staff member:	

Payment methods

BPay, EFT, Cash, Centrepay, CSEF

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, Please contact: Lauren Bills or Jenny Bowler on 51566334 if you have any questions.

Some families may be entitled to the DE&T ‘Camps, sports & excursions’ funding. Applications open on 29th January, 2024. Please see Jenny or Lauren in the office for more 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

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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.