Dear Parents/Guardians

2014 Voluntary Financial Contributions

Kew Primary School is committed to excellence in teaching and learning through innovative educational programs to improve student outcomes. Parent contributions are vital in helping us to continually improve our students’ learning environment.

Parent Payments

In accordance with DEECD policy, each year School Council can request the following parent payments:

1. **Essential education items** which are compulsory. These payments were part of the booklist and covered such costs as stationery, text books, associated learning materials and an excursion levy.

2. **Optional extras** which families may choose for their child to access (including swimming and camps). *These will be communicated throughout 2014.*

3. **Voluntary financial contributions** to help meet the cost of grounds improvement, library, technology and building maintenance. *This letter deals with these payments.*

In 2013, 55% of families paid the voluntary contributions which, along with donations, grants and fundraising, allowed the school to make improvements in the following areas:

- Cooling solutions for the junior school and performing arts centre;
- Contemporary learning tools in classrooms including ipads and digital TV screens;
- Funds to install a running track around the perimeter of the oval (50% raised to date);
- Library furniture upgrade;
- Lighting and relocation of the CARE benches to provide a meeting spot for students; and
- Plumbing water tanks to the kitchen garden to support sustainability programs.

We are extremely grateful to all of our school families who have contributed to the above programs. In 2014, we are hoping to receive voluntary contributions from a greater proportion of families in order to complete future projects including cooling solutions in the senior school building and the installation of the running track around the oval.
Categories for Voluntary Contributions

School Council has maintained the 2014 Voluntary Contributions at the same levels as 2013 as follows:

- Grounds & Oval Maintenance $65 per student
- Building Fund (tax deductible); $100 per student
- Library Fund (tax deductible); $75 per student
- Technology Support/Maintenance $50 per student

Council also extends an invitation to parents/guardians to make further philanthropic donations as was the case last year where two families committed to making separate donations of $15,000 and $1,000 respectively towards the installation of the running track. Please contact the school office if you would like to make a donation to our school.

Payment Details

Please complete the attached form and return to your teacher or the office. Payments can be made using BPAY, Cheque, Cash, VISA, Mastercard or EFTPOS at the Office, or by contacting Debbie in the office on 9853 8325. Your prompt payment will enable the school to progress key projects this year.

Please select one of the options below

- BPAY
- CASH CHILD’S NAME............................................ Amount......................
- CHEQUE CHILD’S NAME............................................ Amount......................
- CREDIT CARD CHILD’S NAME............................................ Amount......................

Credit Card Number

Expiry Date

Name on Card..........................................................

Signature ........................................................... Date ................................

☐ I do not have the immediate capacity to pay and will make alternative and confidential arrangements with the school. Should you require information about a payment plan please contact our office staff, Debbie, Aisha or Ruth, or if you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact our Principal, James Penson.

Yours sincerely

Nikki Schwarz

James Penson

School Council President

Principal