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Dear Parents / Guardians,

On an annual basis School Council reviews and evaluates the current budgets and sets the level of both voluntary and compulsory financial contributions which are required to meet the needs of the school community for the next school year.

Kew Primary School’s income is currently funded from two sources:

- The Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) Student Resource Package (SRP) pays for school administration, utilities and services, staff salaries, urgent works, cleaning and general school operations;
- Our parents’ compulsory and voluntary contributions are a major source and essential component of our educational and school program funding.

Following careful consideration, the School Council has set these Contributions for 2015 as follows:

**COMPULSORY CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL: $300**

Parents are required to pay the Essential Curriculum & Services charge for items the school provides over and above DEECD State Government funding, which includes but is not limited to:

- All materials, books, pens, pencils, printed materials for the year;
- Classroom learning materials, resources and consumables;
- Information and computer technology requirements inclusive of software licenses, inks, toner, computer equipment and additional technical support necessary to provide an appropriate learning environment for each class;
- Items and requirements for all curriculum areas including Art, French and Physical Education;
- Photocopying, Mathletics subscription, assessment programs and all other costs associated with classroom and specialist programs; and,
- First aid supplies and partial funding of a First Aid Officer salary.

Please note that in order to keep the contributions as low as possible, we will make bulk purchases of most classroom requisites. This will enable us to buy at competitive prices and has the added advantage that all students in the class will be using the same materials. This process will also allow us to maximise and optimise the resources in all classrooms each year.

**It is absolutely vital that the school receives payment from all families for the compulsory portion of our school fees.**

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL: $240**

These payments are incredibly important for our school. They assist in ensuring that we can maintain and update school facilities, our grounds and a range of other vital projects.

**LIBRARY FUND: $75**

This money is used to support our school library literature resources, provide new books and reference materials and maintain ICT hardware and software for managing all Library resources.

**GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE: $65**

These contributions are required to fund regular maintenance of the school grounds and to meet appropriate safety standards. DEECD does provide adequate funding to address all of the urgent works and essential items needed for our school. These shortfalls are met from locally raised funds.

**BUILDING FUND: $100**

The Building Fund is used to ensure our school facilities are maintained to the appropriate standards and are used on larger scale capital works projects.

James Penson
Principal

Julie Coleman
School Council President