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29th November, 2023

Dear families,

**re: PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2024
STATIONERY PACKS AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Neerim South Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2024 and would like to advise you of our parent payment arrangements. This includes stationery packs provided by and paid to Select Office Supplies in Warragul as well as voluntary financial contributions.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Within our school in the past the support of voluntary contributions has allowed us to provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student that is highly valued by our school community. The commitment from parents to contribute benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning. At Neerim South Primary School, we design and develop learning and teaching programs drawing on the best educational knowledge and practices and strive to offer broad and enriched opportunities to students that are above and beyond what is required in the standard curriculum and what is provided for by Government funding.

Our School Council is proud of the excellent quality of our facilities and resources available for our students to enjoy and few schools match the numerous programs we offer to cater for students' needs and interests. However, these do not come without some extra costs involved. Each year Neerim South Primary Schools parents show positive support for our school through voluntary parent payments and fundraising efforts. This support has led to considerable improvements being carried out, especially in the areas of computer technology, numeracy, literacy and wellbeing, and through the provision of outstanding resources.

To understand how NSPS has arrived at the financial contributions we are requesting you refer to the DET Parent Payment policy document attached.

As in previous years, stationery packs will be ordered for all students. For next year we have engaged Office Choice (Select Office supplies) Queen Street, Warragul to provide these packs. We ask that families pay and collect their packs from this supplier, label the items and bring to School on the first day of Term 1, 2024 which will be **Wednesday 31st January 2024**.

We would appreciate you returning the attached form with what your children need to us by **Friday 8th December** to enable us to order and plan for the necessary supplies and budget for 2024.

Stationery Packs (paid to and picked up from Select Office Supplies, Queen Street, Warragul)

PREP	\$127	Year 3	\$105	Year 5	\$110
Year 1	\$88	Year 4	\$97	Year 6	\$100
Year 2	\$88				

Please fill in and return pages 3 & 4 to the school to enable us to order supplies on behalf of your child/ren. You will need to return these pages for each child. A hard copy with the name of your child on these pages will be sent home to make it easier for you.

Kind regards,

Jennie Prout
Principal

Sue Ellis
School Council President

Debbie Beck
Business Manager

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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.

Please return this Page to NSPS by Friday 8 DECEMBER 2023

Name:

Grade:

1. Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Suggested Amount	Purchase (Please tick)	TOTAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ART – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading. • Science / Mathematics – numeracy blocks, stationery items, equipment • Literacy – book boxes, class sets, novels, reading • Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials, Sporting Schools Victoria Membership • Library – books and subscriptions • Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials, • Laminating and special awards 	\$50		
• Online Subscriptions	\$50		
• Life Education program	\$18		
• ICT Devices – provision of devices for student use	\$50		
2. Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Suggested Amount		
• First aid equipment	\$5		
• School grounds maintenance, mowing and improvements	\$30		
Tax deductible contributions			
• Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure (Cowan Hamono building/stadium/Orana Centre)	\$50		

If you would like to purchase the School Magazine, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school by **Friday 8th December, 2023.**

3. Extra-Curricular Items	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)	TOTAL
• School magazine	\$15		

Category		Purchase (Please tick)	TOTAL
1. Curriculum Contributions	\$168		
2. Other Contributions	\$ 85		
3. Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ 15		
TOTAL	\$268		

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Centrepay fortnightly payments (if you receive centrelink, family tax benefit or other government support payment)
- state schools relief (for uniform items)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Jennie Prout, Principal or Debbie Beck, Business Manager. Individual payment plans are available and are assessed on an individual case by case basis.

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Payment Methods: EFTPOS / DIRECT TRANSFER / CASH / CHEQUE / CENTREPAY

Direct Bank Transfer (preferred) **BSB: 633 000 Account: 111653499**

Account name: NSPS Council Official Account (Bendigo Bank)

Centrepay is available if you receive Centrelink benefits. Please ask at the office for details and the necessary application form. Deductions are made fortnightly at your nominated amount.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis by the Principal and/or the Business Manager. 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.

Educational items for students to own - Stationery Packs available from Select Office Supplies.

ADDITIONAL AND/OR REPLACEMENT ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE OFFICE	
Hats	\$15
School back pack	\$55
Library satchel	\$15
Swimming bag	\$12
Replacement Headphones	\$20
Replacement calculator	\$15
Replacement Maths ruler	\$8
Pencil Case	\$10