

**Payments are to be made via Compass  
by Monday  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

## 2017 Parent Fees & Contributions

Dear Parents

Roberts McCubbin PS is recognised in the community as a high quality public school, with a reputation for achieving outstanding academic results by providing a diverse and engaging curriculum for children to grow and learn. Parent contributions are vital to maintain our high academic standards and to provide the best possible learning environment for our children. Your contributions are necessary to ensure that our facilities, teaching resources, educational programs, teacher development programs and IT systems adequately support our school curriculum and learning goals.

An outline of the Parent Fees & Contributions for the 2017 school year is attached, comprising:

- Compulsory Education items, for which payment is mandatory
- Voluntary Contributions for our First Aid Officer, Grounds & Facilities and Information Technology
- Voluntary donations to the Library and Building Funds, which are tax deductible.

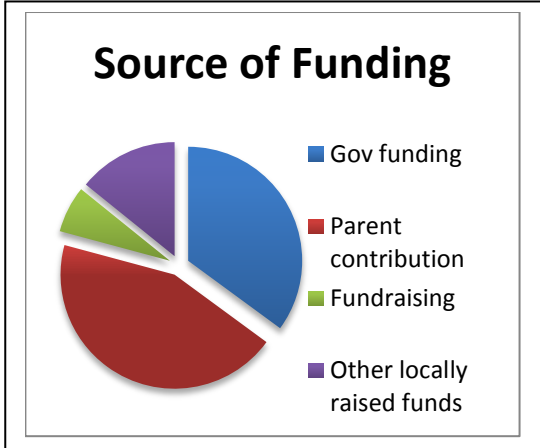
To help your understanding of each component, each is described further, on the back of this letter.

The percentages and sources of income to operate the school are illustrated in the chart below. It is evident that parent contributions are vital.

Your contributions will help to ensure that our facilities, teaching resources, educational programs, teacher development programs and IT systems remain at the standard required to support the school’s efforts to provide our children with the best possible primary school education. After our extensive building upgrading over the last few years, we have continued to upgrade our grounds, play equipment and purchase new furniture to create the state of the art learning facilities we offer. Continued support will also ensure that our grounds and buildings are maintained at a high level.

**Tax deductible donations to our Library and Building Funds are particularly important again this year.** Continued donations to these funds will help fund future projects.

Government funding	<b>\$303,151.86</b>
Parent Contribution	<b>\$381,314.40</b>
Fundraising	<b>\$57,225.00</b>
Other locally raised funds (Newsletter Advertising, Commission, Hire of School Facilities, other Government grants applied for by Staff eg. Multicultural, Artist in Residence, etc. <u>Non-profit trading ops</u> : Book Club, Learning Enhancement Programs, School Magazine, Uniform, Canteen)	<b>\$122,708.00</b>
	<b>\$864,399.26</b>



After strong positive feedback from many parents, this year we will again be group purchasing the essential education items (including the Starter Pack). The pack will be **available for collection in the Library from 9am to 11am & 4pm to 6pm on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.** **Payments must be made via Compass by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017, in order for the packs to be available for collection.**

If you have any difficulty meeting the requested costs, we have set up a payment plan on Compass to assist you. The payments will be split in three with the first instalment occurring on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 the second instalment will occur on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 and the third on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. These amounts will be deducted from your nominated credit card.

**Thank you for your continued support. Your contribution will assist to ensure that our school has the resources necessary to maintain our high standard of academic achievement.** Our goal is for Roberts McCubbin PS to continue to be a great school that provides our children with the best possible primary education.

Yours sincerely

**Jo Cook**  
School Council President

**Adam McCann**  
Treasurer

**Margaret Pickburn**  
Principal

## 2017 Parent Fees & Contributions – Description

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### Shared classroom supplies & specialist curriculum program materials (payment mandatory)

*This covers the cost of books and classroom materials used by your child. It supplements the minimum standard funded by DET contributions. Our school provides a broad range of additional programs to help your child prepare for the future, including art, performing arts, physical education, Japanese, Robotics and the library.*

### Mathletics (payment mandatory)

*Mathletics is Australia's leading maths education package. More information can be found at [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au). We have negotiated a special rate of only \$15 per student, which compares very favourably with the standard charge of \$99 per student and the \$15 allows the students to use the program at both school and home.*

### Individual classroom supplies Starter Pack (payment mandatory)

*This covers the cost of your child's individual stationery pack. In previous years and again this year we will purchase these packs in bulk through the school in order to reduce costs and ensure all students have the packs.*

### eBooks (payment mandatory)

*Nelson's PM and Sunshine reading materials are internationally acclaimed resources which schools have used for many years. The school subscribes to their eCollections which have been re-designed for device compatibility that are able to be used at school for classroom activities and at home as part of our take home reading.*

### First Aid Officer

*Our School Council employs a First Aid Officer to provide you peace of mind about your child's wellbeing and enables our teachers to focus on their important education role. There is a much higher incidence of children with allergies and medical conditions at the school which require specialised attention as well as the usual scrapes and illnesses. Up until the end of Term 3 this year, 1,464 students had made a visit to the school's First Aid Officer. Please support us to provide this level of care to your children.*

### Information Technology

*We are continuing to increase infrastructure and network availability for children. Unfortunately, DET provides minimal funding, hence it is important to supplement this to improve the standard of our ICT program. This levy pays for the maintenance, leasing and purchase of netbooks/notebooks, printers, televisions and the like, which in aggregate costs almost \$65,000 annually. In 2016 the school undertook a new leasing arrangement for the replacement of classroom netbooks/notebooks.*

### Grounds & Facilities Maintenance

*We are fortunate to have large playgrounds at our school. In 2017 we will be looking at replacing the original green synthetic grass and outdoor seating.*

### Library Fund (tax deductible)

*Donations to the Library Fund enable us to buy more books and broaden the scope of resources available for your child. This is particularly important as we do have high turnover and endeavour to ensure material is of high quality. Next year we hope to continue purchasing a number of books to support the work we are undertaking in our Kids Matter Program.*

### Building Fund (tax deductible)

*Donations to the Building Fund enable ongoing improvement of school facilities, carpets, painting, air conditioners and fixtures.*

## 2017 Parent Fees & Contributions

### CHARGE SUMMARY

#### Compulsory Education Items (CEI Charge) **\$370.00**

Starter Pack	\$30.00
Shared classroom materials	\$310.00
Mathletics	\$15.00
eBooks	\$15.00

#### Voluntary Contributions (EC Charge) **\$280.00**

First Aid Officer	\$100.00
Information Technology	\$110.00
Grounds & Facilities Maintenance	\$70.00

#### Optional Education Items not included on this invoice:

Instrumental Music Lessons  
PFA Fundraising Activities (eg. Special lunches, Movie Nights, Disco etc)  
Music Production Tickets  
District and Zone Sports Events  
Uniform

Camps and excursions are Essential Education Items however they will be charged separately closer to the event date.

Annual CEI Charge	\$370.00
Annual EC Charge	\$280.00
Combined Charge	<b>\$650.00</b>
Due Date	<b>16 January 2017</b>

OR

Term 1 CEI Instalment	\$126.00
Term 1 EC Instalment	\$95.00
Combined Instalment	<b>\$221.00</b>
Due Date Term 1	<b>16 January 2017</b>

Terms 2 & 3 CEI Instalment each	\$122.00
Terms 2 & 3 EC Instalment each	\$92.50
Combined Instalment for Terms 2 & 3 each	<b>\$214.50</b>
Due Date Term 2	<b>20 March 2017</b>
Due Date Term 3	<b>26 June 2017</b>

#### Fund Donations

Library Fund

Building Fund

Any Contribution you wish to make to the school will be gratefully accepted.  
Trust Fund donations are fully tax deductible.

Library Fund **\$100.00**

Building Fund **\$100.00**

#### HOW TO PAY



Please log onto Compass and pay either in full or by instalments through Course Confirmation/Payments. **Your payment must be actioned by 16<sup>th</sup> January to collect books on 30<sup>th</sup> January.**