2015 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.

The Parent Fees & Contributions notice for your child’s 2015 school year is attached, comprising:

- Compulsory education items, for which payment is mandatory;
- Other Contributions for our school First Aid Officer, grounds & facilities maintenance and technology;
- Further Contributions per family for Parents and Friends Association membership; and
- Voluntary donations to the Library and Building Funds, which are tax deductible.

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

Our school’s operation is funded by a roughly equal combination of around $190,000.00 from parent contributions and the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) (excluding payments for teacher and staff salaries) supplemented by an important additional funds raised by the Parents and Friends Association (PFA).

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. Tax deductible donations to our Library and Building Funds are particularly important again this year. We used almost all of the Building and Library funds during the last two years, so we need to replenish both for the future.

This year we will again be group purchasing the essential education items (including the starter pack). Details of the collection date and times of the starter packs by parents will be notified in the school newsletter, closer to the end of the year. The starter pack is to be collected from the school by parents of children in Years 3 – 6, but the starter packs for children in Prep – Year 2 will be sent direct to their classroom.

Please note, an instalment payment option is available to all families if paying by CREDIT CARD and only if paying the full amount. The details required and the dates for payment of the instalments are on the fourth page of this notice.

If you have any difficulty meeting the requested costs, or would prefer a tailored payment schedule, we encourage you to confidentially discuss this situation with Marg Pickburn.

Thank you for your co-operation and continued financial support. Your contribution will help to ensure that Roberts McCubbin Primary School continues to grow as a great school that provides our children with the best education possible.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Layton
School Council President

Margaret Pickburn
Principal
2015 Parent Fees & Contributions – Description

Shared classroom supplies and specialist curriculum program materials (payment mandatory)

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

Mathletics (payment mandatory)

Mathletics is Australia’s leading maths education package. More information can be found at www.mathletics.com.au We have negotiated a special rate of only $10.00 per student, which compares very favourably with the standard charge of $99.00 per student.

eBooks (payment mandatory)

Nelson’s PM reading material is an internationally acclaimed resource which schools have used for many years. The school will be subscribing to their new eCollection which have been re-designed for device compatibility that will be able to be used at home as well as at school.

Nurse

Our School Council employs a First Aid Officer to provide you peace of mind about your child’s wellbeing and enable our teachers to focus on their important education role.

Information technology

We are continuing to increase infrastructure and network availability for children. Unfortunately, DEECD 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 note books, printers, televisions and the like, which in aggregate costs almost $65,000.00 annually.

Grounds & facilities maintenance

We are fortunate to have large playgrounds at our school. We need to maintain our grounds and our facilities at their current level. In 2013-14, we committed over $70,000.00 to move and refurbish play equipment and install shade sales.

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.

Building Fund (tax deductible)

Donations to the Building Fund enable ongoing improvement of school facilities, carpets, painting, air conditional and fixtures.
# 2015 Parent Fees & Contributions

Student’s Given Name: ________________________________ 2014 Class: ________

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<td>Grounds &amp; Facilities Maintenance</td>
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| Total Compulsory Fees & Other Contributions | $595.00 |
| Total Compulsory Fees, Other Contributions & Further Contributions (eldest child) | $600.00 |

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<th>Tax deductible voluntary donations ... please circle your preferred amount &amp; insert total</th>
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Please complete the table above with the relevant Compulsory Fee amount for your child and the amount you wish to donate to the Library and Building Funds, completing one invoice for each child and return with payment to the school office by WEDNESDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, 2014. PAYMENT METHODS ON NEXT PAGE.
**Payment Method**

- BPAY
  Biller Code 87361
- Eftpos (attached)
- Credit Card (1 payment 26/11/14)*
- Credit Card (4 payments – sign below declaration)*

**PLEASE COMPLETE DETAILS BELOW ONLY IF PAYING BY FOUR INSTALMENTS**

**PAYMENT INSTALMENT DECLARATION**

I wish to pay the **TOTAL FEES AMOUNT** indicated above in 4 equal instalments OF $150.00 each.

These instalments to be processed on 26/11/14, 11/02/15, 22/04/15 and 03/06/15.

I accept that a $30.00 administration fee will apply for any instalments that are rejected and agree to fulfil my payment commitment for any payments should they be rejected.

**CREDIT CARD DETAILS***

- **Credit Card Number (M/card or Visa)**
  __ __ __ __ - __ __ __ __ - __ __ __ __ - __ __ __ __

- **Expiry Date**
  ___ / ___

- **Card Check Value (3 digit code on reverse card)**
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- **Cardholder’s Name**
  __________________________________________

- **Signature**
  __________________________________________

- **Daytime Contact Telephone Number**
  __________________________________________

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR RECEIPT WHEN COLLECTING YOUR CHILD’S / CHILDREN’S STARTER PACKS**