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Dear parent/guardian,

Balnarring Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Balnarring Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. *Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.*

Within our school this support has allowed us to purchase:

- Classroom reading books
- Maintain the playground areas
- Sports equipment
- Targeted reading resources for all ability levels,
- Play based learning and inquiry materials for all grades
- Science equipment
- Additional Ipads for use in specialist classes
- Lease digital devices for the children to use in classrooms
- Animal food
- Maintenance in Bimblemeer
- Classroom furniture

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Bethany Jackson
Principal

Georga Bryant
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Educational Items for students to use (Stationery)</i> A complete list of these essential student learning items is attached	\$87.33
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> - Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$35) - Printing & photocopying (\$5.00)	\$40.00
<i>Specialist Programs materials & equipment</i>	\$20.00
<i>Online subscriptions</i> Essential Assessment Numeracy	\$15.40
<i>Provision and upkeep of school devices, peripherals and ICT</i>	\$50
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$212.73

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
This valuable contribution supports Balnarring Primary School's student support and wellbeing programs, sports affiliation costs, parent communication tools (i.e. Compass, Seesaw), first aid and hygiene costs. Suggested contribution per child	\$90.50
<i>Buildings and grounds maintenance and improvements</i> This contribution allows for replenishing of sand for sandpits, placement of landing mulch under playground equipment, safety inspections and repairs of playground equipment and maintenance of the school garden areas. Suggested contribution per family	\$33.00
<i>Wetlands Maintenance</i> This contribution allows for tree planting, mowing grass, weeding, boardwalk maintenance and signage upgrades for the wetlands area. Suggested contribution per family	\$30.00
Total Other Contributions	\$153.50

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school will purchase from Office Corporate for your child to individually use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Balnarring Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum. Details of these activities, camps and sports are provided to parents throughout the year.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*
- Second hand Uniform - Near to the school office is a stand holding several second-hand items for purchase. Parents are very welcome to come by and see what is available at any time.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Bronwyn Green

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Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$212.73
Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	\$153.50
Total	\$366.23

Payment methods

Payments for contributions will be made through Compass. Parents can contribute flexibly throughout the year.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. 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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.



BALNARRING PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR F STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

Item Description	Quantity
Pentel S520 Sign Pen Fibre Tip Black Ink 0.8mm	2
Kluwell My Home Reading Yellow Level Junior	1
Micador Colour fun Eco Medium Point Markers Pkt 12	2
Scrap Book Megasaurus Bond 90gsm 330mm x 245mm 64 page	4
Osmer White Glue Stick 40gm	2
Faber Castell Eco Pencil Junior Triangular Graphite 2B	9
Faber Castell Eco Pencil Junior Grip Triangular Coloured Pencils 3.8mm + Bonus Sharpener Pack 10	2
Moki DROPS Headphones Black	1
Masking Tape 50m x 18mm	1
Sharpie Fine Point S30051 permanent marker 1.0mm Black	2
Westcott 152mm (6") Handle Antimicrobial Student Scissors Left & Right	1
Booklist Paper 160 CIE A4 White Copy Paper 80GSM Ream 500	1
Writer Premium A4 48pg Exercise Book 25mm solid ruled + margin (Umbrella)	2
Artline Supreme Whiteboard Marker Black 1.5mm Nib Each	12
Writer Premium Writing Book 330x245mm 64pg 24mm dotted thirds + margin (Turtle)	1
Writer Premium Exercise Book A4 64 Page 24mm Dotted Thirds Red Margin Coffee Cup	1

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.