Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached the schedule of Contributions and Charges for 2017, which has been endorsed by both the Dalkeith Primary School Finance Committee and School Board.

An explanation of the Contributions and Charges is provided below:

1. CONTRIBUTIONS
The total amount of contributions parents and carers are being asked to pay is for Kindergarten to year 6 is $60 which is in line with the School Education Regulations 2000.

Money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the curriculum learning areas. While the contributions are voluntary, the quality of teaching and learning program will be maximised when each family makes their contribution.

2. CHARGES
This term refers to any costs for which payment is compulsory. Charges can be raised when extra, optional curriculum activities are offered.

A breakdown of estimated charges for 2017 is shown on the 2017 Charges Statement. These charges reflect similar charges that have been made over previous years. Students will only incur costs when they are involved in a particular activity. The amounts indicated on the schedule represent the maximum likely charge for scheduled activities.

The charges schedule includes costs associated with:

- Specific learning activities made available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made, e.g. incursions, excursions, classroom cooking, etc.
- Specific learning activities made available to selected students, but conditional on a payment being made, e.g. School of Instrumental Music program, etc.
- Other activities made available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made, e.g. Triathlon, Pool Usage, Sports Specialist and Specialist Dance.

Many families elect to make lump sum payments at the beginning of the academic year to cover all charges; unused monies will carry forward to the next year or be refunded when students leave the school. Alternatively payment can be made to the school for activities as they arise.

3. VOLUNTARY APPROVED REQUESTS
The Dalkeith Primary School P&C request which has remained the same for 2017, is also an important component in our school funding: $180 per child in years 1-6, $260 per Pre-Primary child and $220 for Kindergarten children.

The majority of the money collected is returned directly to the school to fund our specialist programs such as Music and Art, grounds improvements, library reading and electronic materials and a very large proportion is committed on an ongoing basis to cover technology leasing costs (computers, iPads, MacBooks) and ICT support.

Our school continues to be known as a “school of excellence” and that is largely due to the outstanding level of financial support we receive from our community in the form of these P&C collections.
4. ITEMS FOR PERSONAL USE
The recommended list of Items for Personal Use will vary from year to year and includes:

- Stationery requirements used in daily lessons:
  e.g. clipboard, calculator, etc.

- Student requirements that are recommended but not essential for all students:
  e.g. tissues, art shirt, etc.

- Student requirements for selected students and not directly part of the educational program:
  e.g. class photographs, Year 6 leavers’ shirts, etc.

All materials can be ordered and purchased through Dalkeith Village Newsagency which is a local business, however you are not obliged to use this supplier. Your child will need to have the listed materials each school day therefore it might become necessary to replace some consumable items such as pens or pencils throughout the year.

We would appreciate your timely payment of accounts and are very happy to arrange payment instalment options if you would prefer. Please contact our Manager Corporate Services, Aileen Milford, on 9386 3710 if you would like set up a payment plan.

Kind Regards,

SUZANNE PEKIN
Principal
25th November 2016