



# Wandin Yallock Primary School

105 Beenak Rd  
Wandin North  
Victoria 3139

November 2015

## **Parent Payments 2016**

Dear Parents,

The *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* provides that instruction in the standard curriculum program is delivered free to all students in Victorian Government schools - this is referred to as 'free instruction.' The Act also empowers School Councils to request payments or contributions for education items and services from parents and guardians for students in Victorian Government schools in the three categories – Essential Education Items, Optional Education Items and Voluntary Financial Contributions. (A copy of our school's Parent Payment Policy that is aligned with DET policy is available on our school website.)

Wandin Yallock School Council works hard to keep costs low for parents and still retains one of the lowest costs in the area. School Council has now set the Parent Payment schedule for 2016 as outlined below.

### **1. ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS**

**\$170.00 per child**

Payment for **Essential Education Items** is required to be paid to the school by parents and guardians for the provision of additional materials or services that support the delivery of the standard curriculum. In effect, the Essential Education Items charge covers items that become the property of the child and go home, or programs that children can access at school and at home. It is important that parents pay this, as it ensures every child has the same learning materials as other children allowing consistency in the delivery of teaching and learning programs.

**Payment of this cost is required for every child.** It will cover student materials expenditure including; stationery, exercise books, photocopy paper and photocopying costs, art supplies, subscription to Mathletics and other I.T. programs etc. The Essential Education Items payment covers a bulk purchase (therefore providing a significant discount to parents) of **all classroom supplies** which children will require for the year and take possession of. **There will be no additional booklist or book pack requirement.**

Classroom requisites and stationery will be distributed to each child by their classroom teacher at the beginning of the school year and replenished as required by the school. The Essential Education Items charge also covers the cost of photocopying/printing by the school in lieu of text books and other resources that the children take home.

The Essential Education Items amounts to only \$4.25 per week (\$4 if you take advantage of the early payment discount) spread over the whole school year – a small but significant contribution towards your child's educational future.

*Note: This charge does not include other Essential Education Items such as entry, travel and other costs associated with activities such as camps, incursions/excursions or P-6 sport etc. which will require additional payment throughout the year.*

**A \$10 discount will be available to those who pay in full (\$160) by the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

### **Camps/Excursions/Incursions/Sports**

Camps/Excursions/Incursions/Sports also fall into the Essential Education Items category as they are services that support the standard curriculum. Parents are invited to make an upfront payment covering events such as visiting performances/specialists and extracurricular educational trips out of the school. (Camps are not included in this upfront payment.) School Council encourages families to consider using this system and has found many families prefer the convenience of this option as it helps with household budgeting throughout the year.

Throughout the year, particularly for upper year levels, other sporting or extracurricular experiences are offered to the students which may require an additional payment from parents. For such activities a note will be sent home well in advance and the cost of the activity identified.

Please note that these suggested amounts are indicative based on 2015 activities and costs. Actual future costs can only be estimated. Should the balance of the upfront payments reach \$0.00, families will be advised and required to pay additional costs.

### **Suggested Amounts for Excursion/Incursion/Sports Upfront Payment**

**Grade P/1/2 \$50**

**Grade 3/4 \$70**

**Grade 5/6 \$100**

### **'Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund', (CSEF).**

The Government has recently introduced the 'Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund', (CSEF) to support families on low incomes. Parents who hold a current Health Care Card may be eligible for an annual payment of \$125.00 per student, paid to the school, which can only be used for any incursions, excursions, sports or camps. If parents received this allowance in 2015, any unused balance will be carried over into 2016. If you have any questions regarding CSEF and eligibility please contact Veronica in the office.

## **2. OPTIONAL EDUCATION ITEMS**

**Optional Educational Items (or non-essential materials or services)** are materials, services or activities which are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program. These are offered on a user pays basis and if parents/guardians choose to access them for students, they will be required to pay for them e.g. instrumental music tuition, swimming, school photographs, Year 6 uniform etc. Notices for these will be sent home as they are offered.

## **3. VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Parents or guardians are invited to make **Voluntary Financial Contributions** to the school for specific school improvement initiatives or projects eg: library resources, grounds maintenance and projects, or technology equipment. It is not compulsory for families to contribute, but any contribution or donation would be appreciated and go towards making Wandin Yallock an even greater place for your children.

### **Voluntary Grounds Donation**

Suggested amount \$50.00 per family

School Council invites families to pay a contribution towards lawn mowing, equipment upkeep and other gardening, maintenance and improvements of the school grounds. As an alternative or in addition to making a financial donation, we encourage parents to commit to providing at least three hours of facilities maintenance and improvement at the school per year either at a working bee or attending to designated maintenance requests around the school.

**Please complete the attached Payment form and return to the office no later than 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

Should you require further information or to discuss alternative payment options, please speak to the office.

Yours sincerely



Trevor Vass  
Principal



Jane Bigham  
School Council President



**Wandin Yallock Primary School**  
**PARENT PAYMENTS 2016**



Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/ren's Name and year level in 2016: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Please select Payment Option for Essential Educational Items	
Option A <input type="checkbox"/>	Discounted Payment of \$160 by <b>18<sup>th</sup> December 2015</b>
Option B <input type="checkbox"/>	Instalment Payments (total \$170) of 4 Automatic credit card deductions. (\$80 on 18 <sup>th</sup> December, \$30 on 15 <sup>th</sup> February, \$30 on 15 <sup>th</sup> March and \$30 on 15 <sup>th</sup> April). Credit card details need to be completed on the attached form and returned to the office <b>before 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015</b> . <i>By selecting this option you authorise Wandin Yallock Primary School to debit your credit card on the above dates.</i>
Option C <input type="checkbox"/>	Full payment of \$170 by the end of Term 1, <b>March 24<sup>th</sup> 2016</b> .

Section	Payment	Enter amount paid	Office use
<b>1</b> <u>Essential Education Items Payment</u> Number of children: _____ <i>Payment is required for every student</i>	<b>\$160</b> /child paid before 18/12/2015 <b>or</b> <b>\$170</b> /child paid after 19/12/2015	\$ _____	
<b>2</b> <u>Optional Upfront Payment for Excursions/Incursions/Sport</u> • Grade P/1/2 • Grade 3/4 • Grade 5/6	<b>\$50.00</b> /child <b>\$70.00</b> /child <b>\$100.00</b> /child	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____	
<b>3</b> <u>Voluntary Grounds Levy</u> Suggested amount: \$50 per family	<b>\$50.00</b> /family	\$ _____	
<b>TOTAL TO BE PAID</b>		\$ _____	

**Please select Payment Method**

- Payment by cheque – (made to 'Wandin Yallock Primary School')
- Payment by cash or EFTPOS at office
- Direct Deposit: Account Name – WANDIN YALLOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

BSB: 633 000

Account: 117554592

Please use the Parent Family Name when entering your details.

- Payment by Credit Card – (MasterCard, Visa)

Credit card details need to be completed below and returned to the office before 18th December 2015. *By selecting this payment method you authorise Wandin Yallock PS to debit your credit card \$160 before or on the 18th December 2015 (Option A) OR if paying by instalments (Option B) on the following dates (\$80 on 18th December 2015, \$30 on 15th February 2016, \$30 on 15th March 2016 and \$30 on 15th April 2016).*

Credit Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ C.V.V. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name as appears on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholders Signature: \_\_\_\_\_