



## 2017 School Donations and other Payments

This school notice provides information of the expected school payment requests for the 2017 school year.

### School Donations

Donations are requested from parents<sup>1</sup> to supplement other funding received and allows the school to deliver against its Mission<sup>2</sup> to the fullest extent possible.

Donations are voluntary, but you are requested to give careful consideration to paying all or part of the donations as your circumstances dictate.

#### General Donations

School donation – annual amount of \$100 for one child, \$200 for a family.

Donation helps to boost the limited funds available for spending on school-wide programmes, classroom materials, activities, teaching or curriculum resourcing and dramatically enhances our ability to maintain and improve these important resources. This donation to the school is tax deductible.

#### Specific Donations

(a) **Bi-Annual Camp (Year 7 & 8 Students only - next held in 2018)**

The Senior School Camp takes place bi-annually during Term 1 at Tea Pot Valley, Nelson. In 2016 we were able to reduce the raw cost to \$260 due to fundraising and trust applications. The cost includes return ferry trip, full accommodation, all meals, events, programmes and bus hireage. Details and updates of fundraising will continue to be sent home until the departure date. Fundraising is organized and run by parent volunteers, please see your classroom teacher if you can help with this or have any concerns. The final amount to be sought from parents to assist with covering costs will be advised as soon as the final fundraising activities are completed.

(b) **Events (trips & visits) – annual amount of \$47.00 per child**

Donation covers the cost of trips and visits undertaken by students during the year as part of the core school curriculum.

(c) **Mathletics - Year 3-8 Students only - annual amount of \$26.00 per child**

Donation covers the cost of this e-learning tool, which supports our balanced Maths curriculum. This is a great learning tool and is highly recommended. Payment must be made on or before Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to ensure our order can be processed in time. To renew this licence, we require a minimum of 20 donations per class. If we do not reach this number we will refund any payment.

(d) **Reading Eggs - Year 1 & 2 Students only – annual amount of \$28.00 per child**

Donation covers the cost of this e-learning tool, which supports our balanced Literacy curriculum. This is a great learning tool and is highly recommended. Payment must be made on or before Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to ensure our order can be processed in time. To renew this licence, we require a minimum of 20 donations per class. If we do not reach this number we will refund any payment.

<sup>1</sup> "Parent" includes guardian or caregiver.

<sup>2</sup> Our Mission: We are a Catholic School providing students with the challenge to strive for personal excellence, to celebrate their successes, grow spiritually and become positive contributors to society.

- (e) **Religious Education Digital Resource** – annual amount of \$5.82 per child

Donation covers the costs of acquiring access to the software resource which is an essential of the Religious Educational Curriculum

- (f) **Swimming** – annual amount of \$35.00 per child

Donation covers the cost of swimming instruction and bus transport. Swimming is a compulsory part of our curriculum. Swimming instructions take place take place at Stokes Valley Pool during term one for two consecutive weeks.

- (g) **Technicraft - Year 7 & 8 only** – annual amount of \$80 per child

Donation covers the cost consumables used by our students attending Technicraft at Fergusson Intermediate School. The donation reflects the actual amount charged to us by Fergusson Intermediate School.

#### **How can you make donation payments?**

- An itemised payment request will be emailed, or handed to students, at the commencement of the new school year. These can be requested by parents at any time.
- Cash or cheque to the school office.
- Directly into the school bank account **123140-0356504-000**. Please put child's name and if possible what you are paying for / area.

#### **Other payments including attendance to extra-curricular trips & visits**

Payments will also be requested for voluntary activities that students may elect to take part in that are not part of the core curriculum. Letters for these will be sent in advance outlining the amount to be paid. Parents will need to return the permission slip signed agreeing for their child to take part and accepting the cost, before the student takes part in the activity. As these will be optional activities, if the parent does not agree to pay the student will not take part in that activity. The payment of an amount to meet the cost of a specific, non-compulsory activity is not tax deductible.

If you have any questions regarding donations and other payments please contact the school office on 9391909 or email [office@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:office@stbrendans.school.nz)

#### **Archdiocese of Wellington (ADW) attendance dues – 2017 Primary School Child \$475 incl gst**

The attendance dues are set and collected by ADW and are compulsory. Families are invoiced by ADW and payment must be made directly to them, the school cannot accept these payments. These funds are used by the ADW for the upkeep and further development of the Catholic School System in New Zealand. Further information about attendance dues charges will be sent to you directly by ADW, any questions can be directed to ADW by phone 0800 462 725 or email [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz). Attendance dues are not tax deductible.