Dear Parents,

Re: PARENT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE 2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Jells Park Primary School Council has finalised its budget for the year 2011 and is now seeking payment for student requisites and voluntary parent financial contributions.

Evidence of the spending of these contributions for 2010 is spread across the school. The most obvious expenditure was on the replacement of 50 computers, and 2 new smartboards for the Music Room and LOTE Room. Plans for 2011 will focus strongly on equipment for our new facility and grounds work, new Literacy and Music resources, as well as updating more computers.

As in previous years, the Parent Contributions are made up of essential and voluntary tax deductible components:

ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS

1. SCHOOL REQUISITES
   This covers the cost of all text books, stationary, classroom materials and art supplies provided for your child over the course of the year. It also covers specialist subject class materials. This is an essential component.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS (TAX DEDUCTABLE)

2. BUILDING MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND
   This payment is used to assist with the upkeep and development of the buildings and grounds. The upkeep of the grounds has always been supported by 4 working bees per year. Over recent years, attendances at working bees have become very low so School Council has decided to implement a new Grounds Levy for 2011. This levy will be payable for all families who do not attend at least 2 working bees per year. We understand that families are very busy so this levy will facilitate financial contributions to our grounds care by all our families.

3. LIBRARY TRUST FUND
   Books
   This payment is used to purchase resources such as books, posters and kits used within the library.
Computer Levy
This payment is used to fund our regular update of computer hardware and resources within the library so that our students have the latest equipment to support their learning. *This relies on parents contributions.*

To ensure that our resources remain current and can be updated on a regular basis, School Council has voted to keep the Parent Computer Levy at $100.00 per student. This contribution is required if we are to sustain our high level of resources for our students.

As parents would be aware, Jells Park has invested a great deal of money into the purchase of Electronic Whiteboards for all classrooms. This, together with the large number of PC’s available for student use, puts Jells Park at the forefront of ICT resources in Monash.

We acknowledge and greatly appreciate the high level of financial support all our parents provide to the school and ask for your support of this request in order to provide the best possible opportunities for your children.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).
Parents who hold a current “Centrelink” card may be eligible for the EMA. Application for this payment must be made at the beginning of Term 1, and if payment is approved, the school will receive $115.00 per child on your behalf. An EMA claim form (available from the School Office) must be completed if you believe you are eligible for EMA. This amount will be offset against the School Requisites component of the Subject Contribution unless you advise us otherwise. *(Therefore the amount payable on School Requisites is $65.00).*

Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Jells Park PS) credit card or BPay. (Please contact the School Office for our BPay Biller Code and your family Reference No). We would greatly appreciate payment being made by the end of February. School Council is aware of the burden this request may have on some families. If this is the situation, please make an appointment to speak to the Principal, Gillian Brookes, about individual payment arrangements. You will find Gillian approachable and any discussions will be in the strictest confidence.

Yours sincerely,

John Leslie
School Council President.
JELLS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Parent Financial Contribution for the year 2011

Please complete and return this form with your payment in the attached envelope to the School Office by the end of February. If there is anything you do not understand, or any questions you may have, please contact School Office Staff who will be happy to assist you.

Family Name:…………………………………………

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Total amount payable: $ __________

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

☐ I enclose cash / cheque payable to Jells Park Primary School for $ _____________________

☐ I enclose payment by credit card for $_______________________

(Please enter card details and sign the envelope provided)

☐ BPAY

Signature: ______________________

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Receipt Number: ……………………….... Date: ……………… Initial: ………………