Dear Parents,

Re: PARENT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Jells Park Primary School Council has finalised its budget for the year 2012 and is now seeking payment for student requisites and voluntary parent financial contributions.

Evidence of the spending of these contributions for 2011 is spread across the school. The most obvious expenditure has been on the grounds improvements surrounding the new gym. This includes artificial turf, seating areas and a shade sail near the canteen. In addition 30 new computers and projectors for the smartboards have been purchased as well as new library resources. Plans for 2012 will focus strongly on equipment for our new facility, more 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 deductable components and the School Council in very appreciative of all the parents who make these contributions so that we can continue to provide outstanding facilities and resources for our students.

**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.*

2. **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE LEVY**  
This levy pays for a groundsman who performs regular maintenance, pruning, cleaning of drains and minor improvements. *This has previously been done at working bees but we acknowledge that families are very busy and often find it hard to attend so a Grounds Maintenance Levy was introduced last year that has proved very successful.* Parents now have a choice: attend 2 working bees per year or pay a $50 levy per child. Parents who do not pay the Grounds Maintenance Levy will have their names added to our list of working bee attendees monitored by Mrs Stone. School Council appreciates your support in this area as the grounds have been able to be maintained at a higher level during 2011 providing a safer and more attractive play area for our community. *This is an essential component.*
3. BUILDING FUND
This payment is used to assist with the upkeep and development of the buildings and improvements to the grounds including new seating, shade and playground equipment. This relies on parent contributions.

4. LIBRARY/COMPUTER FUND
This payment is used to purchase resources such as books, posters and kits used within the library and to fund our regular update of computer hardware and resources within the school so that our students have the latest computer technology to support their learning. This relies on parent contributions.

As parents would be aware, Jells Park has invested a great deal of money into the purchase of Electronic Whiteboards for all classrooms and specialist areas. 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.

Payment
Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or BPay. If you select to pay by BPay your unique biller code and reference number is available from the School Office. We would greatly appreciate payment being made by Friday 24 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.

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 $117.50 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 $62.50).

Yours sincerely,

John Leslie
School Council President.
Please complete and return this form with your payment in the attached envelope to the School Office by Friday 24 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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| Ground Maintenance Levy | Payable for all students whose parents do not attend 2 working bees in 2012 | $50.00 | |

| Building Fund | Grounds improvement (Tax Deductable) | $50.00 | |

| Library/Computer Fund | Update of Library resources and computer hardware (Tax Deductable) | $150.00 | |

**Total**

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 - your unique biller code is available on request from the school office.

Signature: ______________________

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