ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

September 2016

School Councils are able 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.) School Council has now set the cost for Essential Education Items for 2017 as listed below. (Details of Optional Education Items and Voluntary Contributions are detailed in the attached separate letter.)

Be assured the School Council at Bimbadeen Heights works hard to keep costs low for parents, and also remains one of the least expensive schools in the area whilst continuing to deliver a superior education for your child.

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS

$195.00
Payment of this is required for every child. It will cover expenditure including stationery and exercise books, part of which is supplied in an individual box distributed to each year 1 – 6 child. Bulk supplies used by students are kept in classrooms to be used throughout the year, e.g. cover paper, paint, tape, etc. Foundation (Prep) students supplies are all delivered in bulk and kept in the classroom. The Essential Education Items charge also covers the cost of art supplies, first aid supplies, photocopying costs, etc. The school’s subscription to online educational programs such as ‘Mathletics’, ‘Sunshine on Line’, ‘Literacy Planet’ and ‘Digital Excellence’ are also included in this charge. 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 consistency of teaching and learning as their child will have all the same learning materials as other children.

A $10.00 discount will be available to those who pay in full by Thursday 1st December 2016.

THERE ARE 3 OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT OF THE ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS

Option 1) Full Payment of $185.00 by Thursday 1st December 2016 to receive a $10.00 discount

Or

Option 2 *) Automatic Credit Card deduction of 4 instalments. ($90.00 on 1st December 2016, $35.00 on 24th February 2017, $35.00 on 7th April 2017 and $35.00 on 7th July 2017)

Or

Option 3 *) Automatic Credit Card deduction of 2 instalments. $100.00 on 1st December and the balance of $95.00 on 7th April 2017.

*By selecting these options you authorise Bimbadeen Heights PS to debit your credit card on the above dates.

Credit card details need to be completed on the attached form and returned to the office before Thursday 1st December 2016.

Please note – If the initial payment is not made by Thursday 1st December your child will not receive their boxed stationery when they are distributed on Wednesday 7th December. If paid after 1st December, parents are able to then collect the boxed stationery from the office after 8th December.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of this please contact Brenda Michael (Business Manager) in the office.

Yours Sincerely,

Bruce Lee
School Council President

Leigh Johansen
Principal