SCHOOL FEES due 21/03/14

Friday, 1st November, 2013

Dear Parents,

School Council has agreed that all families will be required to pay for their child’s booklist, classroom requisites and some additional curriculum materials in 2014.

Requisites have been carefully identified by teaching teams to ensure that all students have exactly what is required to access the curriculum throughout the school year. In 2014 we will continue to request that parents replace items which are lost or broken through deliberate student misuse or carelessness.

Our bulk purchasing program is both time saving and cost effective for parents and alleviates the possibility of peer pressure with regard to brands of books, pens, pencils, textas etc. Such a process is also consistent with our commitment to inclusive education.

A payment of $250.00 is levied on all students and covers the cost of materials and activities listed on the accompanying booklist. The fee for preps and new students ONLY will include the additional headphone/USB fee of $20 as the headphones and USBs received are expected to move through the school with the student. Lost or damaged items will be replaced at your family’s expense.

| In 2014 all students in years 3-6 are expected to rent a laptop computer at a cost of $250.00 per annum ($62.50 per term). The school will be contributing $100.00 per annum, per student as part of this initiative. |

School Council has decided to make the swimming levy of $100.00 non-refundable.

A voluntary levy of $50 per family will be used for ongoing grounds and building works.

Payment for camps, excursions and cultural activities will be levied separately.

Methods of Payment

- Cash
- Cheque made payable to Point Lonsdale Primary School.
- EMA payment by Direct Deposit to school (Optional)

Families who may experience difficulty making the full payment by Friday 21st March, 2014 should contact Mrs Agterhuis to arrange an alternate payment process. All discussions of this nature are confidential.

Fay Agterhuis
Principal

Leanne Gunthorpe
School Council President
2014 - Laptop Program - Years 3 - 6

Dear Parents,

All students in Years 3-6 have a laptop computer as part of their booklist. The laptop will be rented through the school at a fee to families of $250 per unit (ANNUAL FEE) and the school will contribute $100.00. This fee covers all software and insurance.

Rented laptops will return to the school at the end of each year for re-imaging and software upgrades as required.

Privately owned laptops may not be used, as a rental alternative, as they must not be, by copyright, imaged with Department of Education software.

Students and parents will be expected to sign and complete a user agreement and make payment prior to students being allocated their laptops for 24/7 usage.

Yours sincerely,

Fay Agterhuis
(Principal)
Financial assistance for parents/guardians with children commencing Prep or Year 7 in 2012

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):**
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to low-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is split evenly between the parent and the school, and is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The parent portion is often used for uniforms and excursions, while the school portion may be used for expenses such as textbooks, stationery and special programs. You can elect to have the parent portion of the EMA paid into your nominated bank account or receive a cheque.

In 2012, the total annual amount is $235 for primary students and $470 for secondary students – these amounts are split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

**School Start Bonus:**
The School Start Bonus is provided by the Victorian Government to assist low-income families with the costs associated with their child starting Prep or Year 7 at a government or non-government school.

If you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, and you have a child starting Prep or Year 7, you may be eligible to receive this one-off $300 payment.

The School Start Bonus will be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) into your nominated bank account in late January 2012.

The School Start Bonus is separate, and additional to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to complete an application form for the EMA/School Start Bonus.

**Closing Date:** Parents/guardians with prep or year 7 children commencing in 2012 need to lodge an EMA/School Start Bonus form **before 15 December, 2011**. For late enrolments, applications will be accepted up until 29 February 2012.


**Education Tax Refund:**
The Education Tax Refund is a Commonwealth Government tax refund to help with the cost of educating primary and secondary school children. Eligible parents, carers, legal guardians and independent students can be reimbursed for half the cost of items such as computers, educational software, textbooks and stationery.

# BOOKLIST & CURRICULUM REQUISITES
## 2014

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## CURRICULUM RESOURCES

**Booklist Items:** Purchased in bulk and allocated individually. USB Drive, Headphones, exercise books, binder, paper refills, pens, ruler, plastic pockets, eraser, pencil sharpener, markers, colour pencils, glue sticks, scrap books, spelling book.

**Classroom Requisites:** Purchased in bulk and distributed as required.

Paper and card for photocopying and computer printing, group work, presentation of individual work and project work, story writing and class art work.

Materials such as glue, clag, laminating, display papers for class and individual tasks.

* **Gr1 to Gr 6** $100.00 $ *

* **Preps and New Students ONLY** (includes USB and headphones) $120.00 $ *

* **Laptop Rental Gr 3 - 6 students ONLY** (annual fee) $250.00 $ *

* **SPECIALIST CURRICULUM PROGRAM LEVY** $50.00 $ *

* **SWIMMING PROGRAM** (non refundable) $100.00 $ *

* **CLUBS & DISCOVERY LEARNING** $20.00 $ *

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**Voluntary Contributions** - Optional - per family $50.00 $ |

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**NB:** EMA recipients ONLY if you choose “option 2 payment method” from the attached letter “Financial Assistance – Information for Parents”. Please request from office staff, an additional form for allocating this Credit before calculating the balance of your child’s school fees.