IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING 2015 PARENT PAYMENTS and changes to the provision of student supplies

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Kalinda Primary School is very proud of the quality programs that we have put in place to cater for the needs and interests of our students. On an annual basis School Council prepares a budget to provide resources for educational programs, administration, facilities development and maintenance. Kalinda Primary School’s income is currently funded from two sources:

- **Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) Student Resource Package (SRP)** to pay for school administration, utilities and services, staff salaries, urgent works, maintenance, cleaning, general school operations.

- **The payments and contributions provided by our parent community are an essential component of funding. Locally raised funds** are the major source of our educational and school program funding and this comes from:
  - Student Requisites, Curriculum & Facilities payments
  - Regular fundraising

We are conscious of the current economic situation and School Council has spent time considering the school’s financial position. School Council has made the decision to change the way in which Student Materials and Essential Education Items are provided to students and to also maintain the 2015 Student Materials and Essential Items Levy at the same level as 2014.

The payments listed are the minimum amount considered essential to enable School Council to continue providing the high quality standards that we have come to expect at Kalinda Primary School.

As it is absolutely vital that the school receives payment from all families for the compulsory portion of our school fees, it has been decided that Book Packs will now be provided to students as well as providing bulk supplies to each classroom and specialist area. **Students will be issued with their Book Pack once the compulsory component of the fees has been paid in one of 3 ways:**

- Payment in full to be received by 29th January 2015; or
- Centrepay; or
- An Instalment Agreement that fees will be paid by regular instalments (please see Office to arrange).

Fees can be paid using any of the following options: Cash, Cheque, EFTpos, Credit Card or BPay (BPay family reference number will appear on your Statement of Fees). Centrepay Instalments are also available for parents who receive Centrelink benefits and can be used for any school expenses, including camps, swimming etc.

**Book Pack collection days will be held on December 8, 9 and 10 and January 28 and 29.**

Gail Pollard  
Principal

Stephen Grix  
School Council President
SUMMARY OF PARENT PAYMENTS FOR 2015

STUDENT MATERIALS & ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS - $195

- STUDENT MATERIALS (Book packs):
The provision of essential stationery items for your child – there will be some variation between book packs, depending on which year level your child is in for 2015.

- ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS (Curriculum requirements and consumables):
  ‘Essential educational items and curriculum requirements’ are those used in the course of instruction in curriculum programs – classroom and specialists, ie Performing Arts, Japanese, Physical Education and Visual Arts.

WHOLE SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES LEVY - $30.00

Once again we have included a Whole School Based Activities Levy which covers the cost of:
International Cultural Infusion Day, Music Incursion, Library Author Incursion and Christmas Craft.

SPORTS LEVIES

The Sports Levy covers various sports events throughout the year, for all Levels of the school. (Please note, these amounts do not cover School Sport Victoria events for District, Region and State Competitions or opt-in events such as Hooptime and MiloT20 Blast Cricket.) Events included in the Sports Levies are:

Level 1 (Prep) - $5.00 - Junior Athletics Day Ribbons and some ground works to support the day’s events.
Level 2 (Yrs 1&2) - $5.00 - Junior Athletics Day Ribbons and some ground works to support the day’s events.
Level 3 (Yrs 3&4) - $16.00 - House Athletics, Cross Country, Affiliation fees for School Sport Victoria (SSV) and buses to and from some sports events.
Level 4 (Yrs 5&6) - $60.00 - Summer and Winter Interschool Sports, House Athletics, Cross Country, Affiliation fees for School Sport Victoria (SSV) and buses to and from sports events.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM - $60

Our Level 3 (Years 3 & 4) children are enthusiastically getting their hands dirty and learning how to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh, seasonal food. The fundamental philosophy that underpins the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program is that by setting good examples and engaging children’s curiosity, as well as their energy and their taste buds, we can provide positive and memorable food experiences that will form the basis of positive lifelong eating habits.

This program is currently conducted for Years 3 and 4 only. The payment of $60 is used to cover various costs incurred throughout the program, including kitchen equipment and supplies, and garden equipment, plants, fertilisers, etc.

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTION - $40 (Voluntary Component)

School Council is asking each family to contribute $40 towards purchasing school resources. The payment is a ‘per student’ charge. These resources include items above and beyond book list items, such as take-home readers, ICT and science equipment, software subscriptions (such as Reading Eggs), etc.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND - $40 (Tax deductible) (Voluntary Component)

The Library Development Fund amount of $40 ‘per student’ charge is also requested to purchase fiction, non-fiction, electronic resources and other resources for the Library and Literacy Program. This amount is tax deductible and you will be provided with a special receipt to keep for tax purposes.

FACILITIES CONTRIBUTION - $30 (Voluntary Component)

This component of the parent payment is directed to the maintenance and upkeep of the school grounds, such as soft fall mulch for all playgrounds to meet safety standards, tree maintenance, mowing, etc. The payment of $30 is a ‘per family’ charge.

Additional School Charges

Some additional school charges will arise during the year. For example:

- Camp – Years 3&4 and Years 5&6
- School Photographs (Years Prep-6)
- Excursions / Incursions (not covered under the Whole School Based Activities Levy) (Years Prep-6)
- SSV Sport (District, Region & State) Competitions (Years 4-6)
- Opt-in sports opportunities, such as Hooptime and Milo T20 Blast Cricket
- Swimming Program (Years Prep-2)
**KALINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**PARENT PAYMENTS AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2015**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SURNAME:** ..........................................................................................................................  

**CHILD’S Surname (if different):** ........................................................................................................................  

**CHILD’S FIRST NAME:** .................................................................  **YEAR LEVEL (2015)** ........  

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(*Voluntary Component)
AGREEMENT TO PAY BY INSTALMENTS

Parent / Guardian Name __________________________________________________

Child’s Name ______________________________ Year Level 2015 __________

Child’s Name ______________________________ Year Level 2015 __________

Child’s Name ______________________________ Year Level 2015 __________

Child’s Name ______________________________ Year Level 2015 __________

I, ______________________________ agree to make regular instalments of:

$_______ on 27th November 2014 (Minimum of $50 required for 1st Instalment)
$_______ on 29th January 2015
$_______ on 26th February 2015
$_______ on 25th March 2015

to cover the cost of my child’s/children’s school fees during 2015.
The first instalment must be paid before Book Packs can be collected.

These instalments will be made via:
(Please tick 1 box)

☐ Cash / Cheque / EFTpos payments at the school office
☐ Scheduled BPay payments via internet banking
☐ Centrepay payments via Centrelink (if eligible) – forms available at the office

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________

(Kalinda Primary School Representative:)

Name: ____________________________________________ Date: __________

Position: __________________________________________

Signature: _________________________________________

(Office Use Only)