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Dear Parent / Caregiver,

### ***Student Book Packs and Voluntary Contribution***

Students in K-6 require specific books, stationery and learning tools to complete their class work. In order to ensure all students have access to the class specific requirements the school purchases workbooks, stationery and software subscriptions. As we purchase in bulk the cost of these items is significantly less than the retail price families would pay.

Each student is provided with the books and equipment that they need **to participate in the curriculum**. This includes subscriptions allowing every student access to Matific and SSP, as well as art supplies and additional classroom stationery for student use. The cost of these book packs is **\$50 per student**. The breakdown of this cost is \$20 for books and class supplies such as scissors, individual whiteboards, exercise books, whiteboard marker refills, art supplies and other classroom consumables, and \$30 for app subscriptions for Matific, SSP, Seven Steps and SeeSaw.

Public Schools in NSW ask for voluntary contributions in order to purchase additional equipment or items that could not normally be purchased due to budget restraints. **The state-wide average that secondary schools are asking is \$103 per student and the primary school average is \$48 per student**. We are asking families to please support our request for a voluntary contribution of **\$30 per student or \$60 per family**. Once again any voluntary contribution money we receive will be used to continue to add to, and upgrade, the school's IT resources. As the school grows in size, so do our IT needs. If all families were able to contribute this would result in the school raising over \$4000. Of course if you would like to contribute more, we would happily accept higher donations.

Without these voluntary contributions the school is financially limited in purchasing these resources to extend our students learning.

It would be appreciated if the Book Pack fee could be paid in full by the end of Term 1, Friday, 12 April 2019. If you do not think this is possible, please contact the school office to discuss a payment plan. Payment plans can be as little as \$5 per child per fortnight. Please send payments to the school office in a clearly marked envelope stating your child's name, class and what the payment is for.

Kind regards,

Jodie Corrigan  
Principal