



TORBAY SCHOOL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2010

DONATION: The annual donation has been set as follows:

For whole year: \$166 for 1 child \$296 for 2 children \$396 for 3 children \$500 for 4 or more children

However, if you prefer to pay each term, this will be:

\$41.50 for 1 child **\$74.00** for 2 children **\$99.00** for 3 children **\$125.00** for 4 or more children

This donation is an important part of the school's income and makes up some of the shortfall of funding between what we receive as Government funding and what the school needs to continue operating in the way that the Board has determined we should. This includes additional teaching hours, daily consumables and the purchase of items such as computers for classrooms and library etc. that Government funding does not stretch to cover adequately.

It also contributes to all the extra programmes that we run in our school eg GATE (Gifted and Talented Education), Reading Recovery, Enrichment, Learning Support (ESOL, small group work etc) and The Arts Programme.

The Board has structured the donation to enable you to recover a third by way of tax deductions. With the tax refund, the actual cost to you is much less and receipts are issued as a donation to the school for tax purposes.

We really rely on being able to use this donation money to continue our existing programmes and activities.
Your donation (and any other payments throughout the year) can be paid by direct credit (weekly or monthly) if this is more convenient to you. Please contact Marilyn Boyd, our Financial Assistant, to discuss this - mboyd@torbay.school.nz.

RECEIPTS: Receipts for the School Donation are issued – please inform the office immediately if you do not receive one within a few days of payment. The donation is tax deductible, so do make sure that you keep your receipt.

ACTIVITY FEES: The Activity Fee is to cover costs on activities which are not met by ministry funding.

The Board of Trustees has directed that only children for whom the activity fee has been paid, will be allowed to participate in the activities covered by the activity fee. Exceptions will be made where arrangements for time payment have been made with the Principal or where exemption has been granted following written application to the Principal.

ART PACK: All children will receive an Art Pack which remains at school for their use throughout the year. The cost of this (\$5) should be paid with Term 1 Activity Fee (see reverse of this letter).

WATERWISE FEES (Year 5 and 6 only): All Year 5 and 6 children pay \$40.00 for this programme which runs in terms 1 and 4.

SCHOOL CAMP (Year 5 and 6 only): This year the camp runs from 17 to 19 March and the cost will be \$170.00. Payment needs to be made by 5 March or alternative arrangements made via the school office. Further information regarding this activity will be sent out separately.

GENERAL: If you have more than 1 child, you may pay for all your children on one cheque (or cash) at the same time.

Please return your payment in an envelope with your oldest child's name and room number on it.

Please feel free to contact the school office (Marilyn Boyd or Helen Martin) if you have any queries regarding these school contributions.

P Cuff
BOT Chairperson

W Sandifer
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11 February 2010