Friday, 30 November 2012

Dear Parents,

Re: School Fees & Levies for 2013.

Following the Parish Principal’s & Parish Priest Finance Meeting, I wish to write to you regarding the 2013 School Fees.

The School Family Fee for 2013 is: $1180 per family.

The School Fees will be payable in three instalments over the first three terms of the school year. The total School Fee will be $1180.00 per family. This billing process has operated successfully over the past years as it aims to remove expenses from Term 4 where people have other priorities including Christmas.

Parents who are eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) are asked to ensure that paperwork is completed by the due date. Please check the school newsletter for updates in regard to EMA.

To provide better transparency as to how the school finances and income received by parents is utilised, we have again this year broken down the Student Levy to identify what contributes to the levy and how it is spent. Within the breakdown, you will be able to identify the specific initiatives we are undertaking for the 2013 school year with particular emphasis on improving student learning outcomes in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

In itemising the specific cost of education for each year level, you will see a variance in the student levies.

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Having undertaken an analysis of the fees and levies of ten Catholic school’s in the local area to identify the cost of educating a child in a Catholic school, we have found that our fees and levies remain the lowest of the ten.
We take pride in the fact that we are able to achieve excellent educational results whilst providing an affordable Catholic education. In keeping our costs low, it is essential that families contribute to their child’s education by ensuring that payment of the fees and levies are made each year.

For 2013, the Student Levy is to be paid by Friday 8th February 2013. This is essential as the school is billed well prior to this date for the resources purchased for the coming year.

The 2013 Grade 5 & 6 School Camp will be held at Camp Rumbug (North Foster) — from **Wednesday 24th till Friday 26th April 2013**. The cost of the camp is $235. The camp fee must be paid no later than two weeks prior to the date of the camp.

All School Fees are due at the beginning of each billing period or by instalments as arranged with the Principal. Any alternative arrangements need to be organised with the Principal during the first term.

For families who are currently in arrears for the 2012 school year and have not made an arrangement with the school, it is essential that you please attend to your account as soon as possible or to contact the office prior to Friday 7th December 2012. Families in arrears will be asked to enter into a payment plan so as to ensure that arrears do not become unmanageable. Please note that we do everything we can to hold costs down whilst providing the best education opportunities possible for your child.

May I also take this opportunity to thank the many parents who have supported the school in a non-financial way through their participation in classroom activities, parent groups such as the School Advisory Committee and Parent & Friends Committee.

Our community, as a whole, has gained greatly from the gift of their time, effort and support.

Yours faithfully

Father John Madden  
**PARISH PRIEST**

Mr Desmond Noack  
**PRINCIPAL**
School Fees & Levies 2013

(i) **School Fee**

Recurrent Family Fee of $789.00 and Capital Family Fee of $391 (inc. of insurance levy)

- Total Family Fee - **$1180** per year
  
  Invoices will be sent out at the beginning of each term.

(ii) **Student Levy**

The Student levy encompasses the following items and varies dependant upon the learning activities, needs and resources for the specific level your child is enrolled in.

- Student stationary & books (P-6) $70
- **Curriculum Levy** – Purchase of resources for Religious Education materials, Physical Education equipment, Science equipment, Art materials, Computer Software and other small classroom items required for use in the nine Key Learning Areas. (P-6) $110
- Classroom Sundries (P-6) $20
- Mathematics Levy (P-6) $27
- Numeracy Levy (P-6) $10
- Footsteps Levy – Dance Program (P-6) $30
- Literacy Levy – Purchase of class based reading/reference resources (P) $20 (1-6) $30
- Sports Levy (P-6) $10
- Hall Facilities Maintenance Levy (P-6) $15
- Excursion Levy – Cover the cost of excursion fees and transport. (P-6) $55
- I.C.T. Levy – This levy, combined with grants received and contributions from the Fundraising Group, goes toward the purchase, maintenance and replacement of computer hardware (P-6) $30

**(Student Levy)**

**Prep – Student Levy:** $387
**Junior (Gr 1 & 2) – Student Levy** $387
**Middle (Gr 3 & 4) – Student Levy** $397
**Senior (Gr 5 & 6) – Student Levy** $397

(iii) **2013 Grade 5 & 6 Camp** Per child - **$235**

The Camp Levy must be paid two weeks prior to camp.