

# 2023 Voluntary School Contributions Engaging Minds Together

**Dear Families** 

Soon you will receive information about the 2023 Voluntary School and Curriculum Contributions. To the many parents that pay these, we thank you.

# Why should I pay for the Curriculum Contributions?

It is important that families pay for the curriculum contributions as the school has arranged for all students to have e access to online learning programs such as Essential Assessment and Mathletics, which are important tools for their education, a diary which aids communication between home and school and the necessary books and stationery they need to complete work in.

# Why should I pay voluntary contributions?

By paying these contributions, it allows the school to provide the best educational opportunities for your children and purchase items to enhance their learning.

#### What has my voluntary contributions paid for?

In 2022, we have been able to spend your contributions in a number of ways:

#### **School Grounds Projects**

This year we have purchased new garden beds that have been installed behind the administration building. The foundation students have planted vegetables in these, and the Environment Captains have helped to maintain them as well! Other projects you have help fund include a new PE storage shed, a tap and materials for the memorial garden and paid for extra maintenance of the school grounds.

What we need in 2023- Possible projects include landscaping around the junior building, placing a down ball wall for students, line markings on the asphalt for more games and landscaping behind the hall.

#### STEM Room

When our STEM Room was completed, it was a bare room- a blank canvas. With your contributions we have been able to purchase furniture, buy lap tops and iPads for students to use in STEM specialist classes and the Science Extension Program and bolster our STEM budget to buy materials such a LEGO and 3D printing materials.







What we need in 2023- We would like to purchase more iPads, netbooks and robotics equipment so students can do more coding and computer aided design (CAD).

# Information Technology

This year we have been able to lease more netbooks for the senior classes as well as purchase more iPads for students to use each day in the classroom, in a range of subject areas.

What we need in 2023- With a lot of learning activities going online we always hear from students and teachers 'We need more devices!' The school would like to prioritise leasing more netbooks and purchase more iPads for general classroom use.

# **Bilingual Materials**

In order for our students to have the best opportunity to learn Japanese, the school has to make a lot of resources. Your contributions pay for materials to make cards, games, books and worksheets to support their bilingual learning. Our teachers and aides are working to make online books. Buying books is very expensive as they are sourced from overseas.

What we need in 2023- Your contributions will help us to buy more Japanese books and dictionaries for students to use.

We hope all of our families are able to make some contributions in 2023, to support the high-quality education your child receives at Huntingdale Primary School.

# **Regards, The Parent members of School Council**