



BETHANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

ABN 96 438 152 962

5 BEARDMORE STREET

BETHANGA VIC 3691

PRINCIPAL: RACHEL SAUNDERS

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2024 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

| Category | Totals |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Curriculum Contributions | \$180.00 |
| Other Contributions | \$20.00 |
| F- 2 Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | \$130.00 <i>*additional excursions TBA</i> |
| 3-6 Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | \$175.00 <i>*additional camps & excursions TBA</i> |
| F -2 Total | \$330.00 (\$82.50 per term) |
| 3-6 Total | \$375.00 (\$93.75 per term) |

Dear Parents and Carers,

Bethanga Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2024. The above table offers a breakdown of the contributions we are inviting parents to contribute towards in 2024. The following pages offers a more detailed description of these contributions.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

This year fundraising has allowed us to purchase a range of whole school STEM resources as well as a CommBox for the Millewa classroom. Voluntary financial contributions made by parents assist us in purchasing a substantial amount of classroom resources for both Mudgee and Millewa, and to source evidence based digital apps and programs to enhance teaching and learning as well as whole school health and wellbeing resources.

In 2024 we have made the decision to provide shared classroom resources and stationery rather than request parents purchase these separately. We hope that this eases the financial strain that many families are currently facing. Your financial contribution towards the curriculum items outlined will ensure that we can continue to provide these in the future.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Saunders
PRINCIPAL Bethanga Primary School



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| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics – numeracy classroom resources (dice, maths games, numeracy blocks, measurement sets) (\$20) • English – book boxes, flash cards, take home readers, guided reading sets (\$20) • STEM, Art and Sports – equipment and resources (\$20) • Shared classroom stationary and supplies | \$60.00 |
| <i>Online subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessment (\$15) • Soundwaves (\$15) | \$30.00 |
| <i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i> | \$10.00 |
| <i>Swimming and water safety program</i> | \$60.00 |
| <i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i> | \$20.00 |
| Total Curriculum Contributions | \$180.00 |

| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Student wellbeing programs</i> | \$10.00 |
| <i>First aid equipment</i> | \$10.00 |
| Total Other Contributions | \$20.00 |



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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Bethanga Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum. **These are provided on a user-pay basis.**

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | Amount |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Optional Year 6 Shirt (each Grade 6 students receives one Year 6 Shirt through School Council funding)</i> | TBA |
| <i>Cluster School Excursions – these excursions occur once a term and take place at a different cluster school each term (\$15 per term)</i> | \$60.00 |
| <i>End of Year Whole School Fun Day</i> | \$40.00 |
| <i>NERSSA school sport events (whole school)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival – entry and transport (\$15) • Cross Country – entry and transport (\$15) | \$30.00 |
| <i>NERSSA school sport events (Grades 3-6 only)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swim Carnival – entry and transport (\$15) • Kanga Cricket – entry and transport (\$15) • Winter Sports Carnival – entry and transport (\$15) | \$45.00 |
| <i>Grade 5/6 Camp</i> | TBA (approx. \$360.00) |
| <i>Grade 3/4 Camp</i> | TBA (approx. \$200.00) |
| <i>F-2 Melbourne Day Trip</i> | TBA (approx. \$50.00) |
| <i>Additional excursions and activities to be scheduled</i> | TBA |
| Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities Grades F-2 | \$130.00 * |
| Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities Grades 3-6 | \$175.00 * |



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Financial Support for Families

Bethanga Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment Plans

Bethanga Primary School endeavours to deliver a curriculum that is varied, inclusive and is enhanced with real life experiences where possible. Where possible we will work with families to ensure that students are given every opportunity possible to participate in extra-curricular items and activities and have the resources needed to participate fully in the curriculum. For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Rachel Saunders

Ph: 02 6026 4263 | Email: Rachel.Saunders@education.vic.gov.au

Total

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Payment method - Direct Deposit Details:

Account Name: Bethanga Primary School

BSB: 063 534

Account Name: 00900162

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.