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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Anakie Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Anakie Primary School's family financial contributions for **2026**.

The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

Anakie Primary School Council is most appreciative of the high level of support that the school has received from parents in recent years, allowing us to not only promote teaching and learning opportunities, but also our wellbeing programs. Examples of these programs supported by family financial contributions include enhanced digital learning opportunities (such as providing our students with iPads), resourcing our library and purchasing classroom texts, RACV and Royal Flying Doctor incursions, the purchase and hire of science kits, and more. We also continue to maintain and improve our beautiful buildings and grounds, including expanding our outdoor play spaces and developing the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. We make every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents, and greatly appreciate the contribution to the essential and extra-curricula items listed on the following pages. We have been able to absorb some of these costs as a school this year, providing resources from our school budget. The aim of this is to support families as much as possible and you will note that our Family Contribution total is less than previous years because of this. This will be reviewed again for the following school year.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Karina Darling
Principal

Mr Luc McKay
Principal

Mrs. Kristy Vasils
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, clay, etc. (\$20) • Student Diary (\$15) • Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (\$20) • MARC Van Subscription (Mobile Library – small schools) (\$30) • Science – chemicals, seeds, rubber bands, plastic cups, etc. (\$10) • Library – library books and updates (\$5) • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, counters, rope/string, flash cards, etc. (\$10) • English – book boxes, decodable texts, classroom library resources, etc. (\$20) • Sports – equipment (\$20) • Spelling Mastery Resources & Workbook (\$20)	\$170
Online subscriptions • Compass (\$20) • Printing and photocopying worksheets and learning materials (\$10) • Seesaw (Free!) • Writing - Bright Path Resources (\$10) • Reading & Spelling - Nessy Resources (\$20)	
Book Pack Anakie Primary School purchases book packs in bulk and provides these to students. This allows us to get an affordable price and ensures that all children have identical and correct items of appropriate quality. This is very important for consistency across the grade. We invite you to contribute to this cost. Includes: Exercise Books, Scrap Books, Ruler, Sharpener, Crayons, Connector Pens, HB & Triangular Pencils, Fold Back clips, Sticky notes, Various Pens, Clip Board, Coloured Pencils, Coloured Paper supplies, Eraser, Glue Stick, Purple Pen, Magnetic Whiteboards, Whiteboard Marker & Erasers, Display Books <i>NOTE: Each year level's booklist may vary due to classroom requirements at different age levels</i>	\$50
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$220.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation	\$5
Student wellbeing programs (The Resilience Project)	\$10
First aid equipment	\$5
School grounds, maintenance, equipment and improvements directly related to your child's education and extra-curricular activities	\$100
Total	\$120.00

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

Anakie Primary School offers a range of 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-pays basis. All events will be processed through Compass, including fees with the option to pay via the platform, or alternatively at school if required.

Below is a list of extra-curricular activities and the estimated cost for 2026.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School camps	To be advised (approx. \$320 - \$380)
Swimming and water safety program	To be advised (approx. \$80 - \$100)
Summer/Winter Lightning Premierships, Cross Country/ District events - includes ribbons and registrations (usually transported by families)	To be advised (approx. \$6 each)
Incursions and Excursions to be scheduled throughout the year	To be advised
Somers Regional Camp (Year 5, if places available)	To be advised (approx. \$260.00)
End of year celebration activity – contribution by family and supported by PFA	To be advised
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

(*Approximate costs based on 2025 figures are provided as a guide – subject to change)

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$250.00
Other Contributions	\$120.00
<i>Non-curriculum items and activities</i>	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$0.00 (to be advised throughout the year)
Total per student	\$340.00

Financial Support for Families:

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

- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), if you hold a Centrelink card
- State Schools Relief (SSR) – may cover the cost of new school uniform, shoes, books and more for students facing hardship
- DET scholarships (parents may apply for these on the DET website, <https://www.vic.gov.au/student-scholarships>)
- Second hand uniforms

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements,

Contact: *Karina Darling, Principal or Karen Popple, Business Manager on:*

Ph: 03 5284 1291

Email: anakie.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods: REGULAR PART PAYMENTS / PRE PAYMENTS

Making regular payments can greatly assist parents with spreading payment costs throughout the year. It may be as small as \$20 per week or a \$50 per fortnight amount. Any spare money can be put on your account at any time. For example, you may wish to make small prepayments for the swimming program from the beginning of the year. Prepayments can also be made by:

Payment Option	Explanation	How to set this up
B Pay <i>Preferred Payment Option</i>	Listed on your statement – see the office for a copy. BPay Biller Code - 87361	Send a note in stating where Bpay is to be allocated. If this is not received by the end of the month and does not match, funds will be allocated
Direct Debit into the School Bank <i>Preferred Payment Option</i>	CBA – Corio Anakie Primary School Official Account Please use Surname and details	BSB: 063-523 ACCOUNT: 1011 6497
Cash / EFTPOS / Credit Card/	Cash are paid directly into the office or in an envelope. EFTPOS is also available at front office	Payment envelopes are available at the front office counter. Payment can be made over the phone using a credit card.

NOTE:

- All part and prepayments are receipted against the Family Account and then allocated off fees as needed.
- Payment envelopes are available from the office; pick them up or put a note in your child's diary and we'll send some home.
- Any questions please do not hesitate to ask questions at the front office.

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.

Items to be brought from home

Please bring these on the first day of school:

- Long sleeved art smock
- Library book bag – can be purchased at office if required
- Navy blue broad-brimmed or bucket school hat
- Box of tissues

