



Dear Parent and Carers,

Gilgai Plains Primary is looking forward to another wonderful year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Gilgai Plains' voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

All student resources will be provided at the beginning of the 2024 year by the school. Payments can be made via Compass or at the office **from the beginning Term 1, 2024**.

Parents **do not** need to purchase any additional items with the exception of the Student Diary, which can be purchased at the office.

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, as we move into our third year of operation and continue to welcome new students and families.

Your contributions this year will make a **huge difference** to our school and the programs we can offer. **Our school is implementing evidence based and highly effective learning programs which includes the purchase of exemplary programs, student workbooks, texts and novels.** This is itemised in the tables below.

Within our school, your support will allow us to organise and coordinate the best possible experiences both inside and outside of the traditional teaching and learning programs. Your financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of resources and equipment to help establish exemplary classroom teaching in our Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Humanities subjects as well as our Social and Emotional, Science, Arts, Innovation and Design, Auslan and Physical Education programs. It will also allow us to offer enhanced digital learning opportunities and a wide variety of Lunchtime Clubs such as gardening and performing arts. It also provides sports equipment for recess and lunchtime use and supports special events including Harmony Day, Book Week, House Events and End of Year Performance. Your continued financial support is vital for Gilgai Plains Primary School to continue to offer your children all these programs and learning experiences, which are an imperative part of providing an effectively balanced and rigorous overall education.

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

Yours sincerely,

Anthea Jamieson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthea Jamieson".

**Principal
Gilgai Plains Primary School**

Foundation - Year 2 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maths - New Waves Mental Maths workbook, calculators, stationery, mathematical concrete materials ● English – Little Learners Love Literacy Resources, decodable texts, take home books ● Classroom Stationery and Supplies - mini whiteboard, whiteboard markers and erasers, chairbags, pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrapbooks, highlighters, folders, display books, scissors, rulers, erasers, paper, posters, pencil case ● Social and Emotional Learning - Resilience Project journal and workbook ● Visual Art –paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading, scissors, erasers, pencils, textas, ribbon, paper, posters ● Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials, paper, posters ● Sports – equipment, materials, paper, posters ● Performing Arts – instruments, books, pens, markers, and folders, scrapbooks, paper, posters ● Innovation and Design - robotics, cooking supplies, books, classroom shared materials, resources ● Auslan - books, classroom shared materials 	\$100
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Essential Assessment (Numeracy) ● Decodables Australia (English) ● Numbots (Numeracy) ● Resilience Project (Social & Emotional Learning) ● Story Champs (English) ● Auslan Learning Platform (Languages) ● Seesaw (School & Home Partnership) 	\$50
ICT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ICT equipment and devices e.g. robotics, building materials, lego ● Provision and upkeep of ICT server/system costs 	\$20
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20
Library Borrowing	\$5
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● House Athletics Carnival ● Harmony Day ● Book Week ● House Cross Country ● End of Year Performance 	\$5



Curriculum Contributions Total	\$200
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<u>Year 3 - 6</u>	Amount				
Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum					
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maths - New Waves Mental Maths workbook, calculators, stationery, mathematical concrete materials ● English – Spelling Mastery workbook, decodable texts, take home books ● Classroom Stationery and Supplies - mini whiteboard, whiteboard markers and erasers, chairbags, pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrapbooks, highlighters, folders, display books, scissors, rulers, erasers, paper, posters, pencil case ● Social and Emotional Learning - Resilience Project journal and workbook ● Visual Art –paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading, scissors, erasers, pencils, textas, ribbon, paper, posters ● Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials, paper, posters ● Sports – equipment, materials, paper, posters ● Performing Arts – instruments, books, pens, markers, and folders, scrapbooks, paper, posters ● Innovation and Design - robotics, cooking supplies, books, classroom shared materials, resources ● Auslan - books, classroom shared materials 	\$100				
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Library Borrowing	\$5
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none">● House Athletics Carnival● Harmony Day● Book Week● House Cross Country● End of Year Performance	\$5
Curriculum Contributions Total	\$220

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria	\$5
COMPASS Student and parent communication tool	\$15
First aid and hygiene costs/equipment	\$5
Student wellbeing programs (Lunchtime Club)	\$5
Family Assistance Fund (Support families who demonstrate Financial Hardship) Please nominate amount you would like to contribute	\$
Sustainability and School grounds mowing, maintenance and repairs Please nominate amount you would like to contribute	\$
Curriculum Contributions Total	\$

Educational items for students to own

The school requires you to purchase headphones for your child to individually own and use.

Note: Due to health regulations, headphones cannot be shared.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Gilgai Plains 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	
School Photos	The cost of these Extra-Curricular Items and Activities will be advised throughout the year
School Diary	
Optional School Camp (selected years only)	
Optional Interschool Sports, Cross Country, and Athletics	
Other optional Incursions and Excursions to be scheduled	
Special Uniform (Year 6)	
Graduation/Yearbook (Year 6)	

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State School Relief
- School Family Assistance Fund



- Individual payment plans



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

Gilgai Plains Primary School Business Manager

Ph: 038779 000 | Email: gilgai.plains.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Payment details:	
Student's Name:	Year Level:
<u>Contribution Category</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$

Payment methods

- Full amount at the beginning of Term 1
- Other payment arrangements Payment can be made by:
 - Cash
 - Credit/debit card – via the Administration Office
 - Compass
 - Direct Deposit (EFT) into school bank account – please contact administration to receive your Biller Code Details

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 Payment 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.