

Rakaia School

Financial Update for Parents:

May 2019



Dear Parents and Caregivers

We had a great turnout to the finance meeting on Tuesday May 7th. At this meeting we highlighted the true cost of having a pupil at Rakaia School. The school is funded quarterly by the Ministry of Education and we are paid by a calculation of pupils on seats. Our grant covers salaries for ancillary staff and all teachers salaries are paid separately.

True Costings for pupils at Rakaia School

We as for a Contribution to Activities - \$60.00

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| IPC per pupil - international fee | 15.00 |
| Fibre per pupil | 18.00 |
| Hapara per pupil - intranet management | 5.00 |
| School Management System per pupil | 15.00 |
| Linewize per pupil- internet firewall | 6.80 |
| Life Ed per pupil | 5.00 |
| Copyright PP | 2.00 |
| Seesaw PP | 7.00 |
| Reading Eggs/Mathletics | 30.00 |
| Duffy- Books in school programme | 27.00 |
| Visitors | 10.00 |



Total **140.80** True Cost for a year at Rakaia

School currently pays \$40 per pupil per year as does School Support Group = \$80

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| Swimming 2018 Buses + Lessons cost | \$9 174.61 |
| Income received 2018 | \$7 329.96 |
| Short fall for swimming 2018 | \$1 844.65 |

If everyone paid their swimming fees this would cover swimming

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| Duffy Books in homes cost | = | \$5 298.46 |
| Income received from School support | | \$3 000.00 |
| Short fall for Duffy Books in homes | | \$2 298.46 |

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| Reading Eggs/Mathletics cost | \$5 780.10 |
| Income received from School Support | \$3 500.00 |
| Short fall for Reading Eggs/Mathletics | \$2 280.10 |

The word from the Ministry:

School donations (School Financial Information for Schools Handbook)

School donations, or voluntary contributions, are optional — you can pay all, some, or none of the suggested donation.

Donations can be for general use or particular items — including curriculum-related items, such as:

- textbooks
- classroom equipment and materials
- camps
- swimming lessons — where all students are expected to take part
- class trips

Other school costs (School Financial Information for Schools Handbook)

Schools can also ask you to pay for:

- take-home items
- canteen food
- school uniforms sold by the school

- activities or events that are not part of the school curriculum.

You need to agree to pay these charges. If you're asked to pay for one of these items and can't pay it, contact the school principal — you might be able to get financial help.

- You'll also need to provide exercise books, pens and pencils for your child to use at school.

The **key discussions at the meeting** centred around what is considered to be curriculum and what we need to pay and what is a donation. . Comparisons were made with other schools and our donation is low to medium.

Our **School Support Group** creates wonderful opportunities for our pupils and what we need to ask ourselves is how much they should contribute every year and and what should they pay for?

Currently we ask for a \$60 donation per pupil and a \$60 contribution to school activities . This equals \$120 per pupil and if all were paid then we would generate $\$120 \times 181 =$
\$21720

In 2018 124 did not pay the donation of \$60 and not all activity fees were paid . So a loss of \$7440 of donations and approximately \$5000 of accounts not cleared for 2018 so we were short \$12000.

The big questions for Rakaia School so we can continue to offer what we do?

- **How do we raise \$25000 per year as Locally raised Funds?**
- **What does school pay for? What does SSG pay for? What do parents pay for?**
- **Do we subsidise buses and trips by a certain figure of set a rate for each trip?**

Options that might be considered

- Set contributions to activities at \$140 per pupil and generate \$25000
- Set at \$100 with SSG covering \$40 generating \$18100 and \$7500 SSG
- Set at Year 1-\$110 , Year 2 \$120 up to Year 8 \$180 and spread the cost over the years at school.
- Ask School Support to donate toward swimming and buses up to \$14000 per annum

and therefore drive people to support this strongly to achieve this result

- Review what we could drop. Consider- Reading eggs and athletics and seesaw. \$37 drops off the list. May lift the contribution to \$100 and no swimming or bus costs because we put our effort into supporting SSG to cover other costs.
- Donations then could be just whatever people want to make with a level of maybe \$30 a year sought from each student.
- Extra costs covered with pupils who opt in due to their age. EG: Year 7-8 koru games, Young Leaders day.

Parents at the meeting felt that consideration of the following points might help us make some decisions for future funding for the school.

Your chance for Feedback to guide our 2020 Decisions



Meeting points from parents: Please tick what you agree with so we can gather more data for another meeting to make some final decisions for 2020 and further on.

- Make sure all accounts are as itemised as they can be.
- More user pays like a set fee for bus use
- A tiered rate of contribution \$110 for year 1, \$120 year 2 up to \$180 Year 8
- Consider a capped donation rate for families with 3 or more children.
- Lower donation and up the contribution.
- Phase out see-saw at \$7 each
- Phase out athletics/Reading eggs at \$30
- The school should pay fibre costs and internet safety as part of what we do.
- Make more use of families paying a portion every week. \$10 per week is \$400 a year.

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