

Merri Creek Primary

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2008 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS MERRI CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you to all our families who have paid the 2007 voluntary contribution. This year the school benefited from the best response ever receiving \$21000 from school families. However, if all our families pay the voluntary contribution we have the potential to receive \$42,000 next year but our past history shows that we do well to receive half of what is possible.

Merri Creek Primary School Council has set the 2008 voluntary contribution at **\$150** per student with a maximum payment of \$350 for a family with three or more students at Merri Creek Primary at the same time.

Merri Creek Primary School prides itself in offering high quality programs and facilities. To continue this commitment and to enable us to provide the kind of education you expect for your children, we require expenditure above the base funding provided by the state government's Department of Education & Early Childhood Development. This additional funding is generated through fundraising activities and voluntary contributions. Annually, School Council sets the school's income and expenditure budget and needs to raise at least \$52,000 from fundraising and voluntary contributions to help meet the expenditure needs of the school.

In 2008, your voluntary contributions will contribute in some part towards the cost of the following activities which are not fully funded by the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development:

Classroom supplies.....	\$ 34,800
Information Technology/ Computers ...	\$ 27,000
Merri Creek Art Project	\$ 9,000
Library	\$ 4,500
Art Show.....	\$ 1,000
School Magazine	\$ 1,000
Air Conditioners	\$ 20,000

The more families that contribute, the more can be done to provide a fuller range of educational resources and to improve the physical amenities for your children.

Overleaf we have summarised some common questions raised by parents and offered explanations that will help you base your decision about Voluntary Contributions on accurate data.

As an incentive to pay your contribution in advance, we are offering all families who pay their 2008 voluntary contributions by **Friday December 7th 2007** the opportunity to go in the draw for two iPod Shuffles. The draw will take place at Assembly on Tuesday 11th December. Thanks to the Lewis family, owners of *Beyond the Box*, the Apple Mac store at 1 Puckle Street, Moonee Ponds, for subsidising half the cost of the three prizes (one to be drawn in 2008). **All payments can be made by credit card, cash or by cheque**, payable to Merri Creek Primary. You may pay through your child's class or at the office and will receive a receipt.

It is the School Council's desire to maintain the education program that we've been able to offer to date. If you have not paid the 2007 contribution of \$140 we still welcome this payment.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Fitzpatrick – School Council President

Dionne Wright – Principal