Dear Parents/Carers,

Attached to this letter are your child’s Essential Learning charges form. A requirement of enrolment at our school is that all essential educational items are paid prior to student pack collection day. In order to support our families with this, the school offers a range of payment options including eftpos/credit cards, Bpay, cheques, cash payment and Centrepay for eligible parents/carers. These are all listed in the payment options. All payment plans whether organised through the school office or centrepay, must be organised at the beginning of term 4 -2015. The school will require at least half the total payment, by ‘student essentials’ pick up day on Thursday 28th January 2016.

The following links may be of help to our families in organising payments.

**SchoolKids Bonus**

To be eligible for Schoolkids Bonus, you must be a parent or carer who gets Family Tax Benefit Part A for a dependent child attending primary or secondary education or a parent or carer of a primary or secondary school student or a young person receiving eligible income support payments. From 1 January 2016, eligible families will receive Schoolkids Bonus in: 2 instalments of $215 for each child in primary school or as a lump sum with your tax rebate. For further information follow the link to:


The Schoolkids bonus will be phased out by the end of 2016.

**CSEF- Camps, Sports, Excursions Funding**

Access to CSEF is capped at $125 for primary students and is available to eligible parents/carers. Unlike EMA, these funds are only held at school and can only be used to pay for students’ participation in camps, sports, excursions and incursions. This does not cover ‘essential learnings charges’ as EMA did in the past.

**Centrepay**

To support our families in covering the essential learning charges, Westgrove Primary School is now registered with Centrepay. This is a voluntary bill-paying service provided by the Department of Human Services. It is free for Centrelink customers. Parents/carers who are Centrelink customers can use Centrepay to arrange regular deductions from their Centrelink to pay for their child/children’s essential learning charges. Further information can be found at the link below.


We urge all families to submit their ‘Essential Learning Payment’ forms to school by the due date as this assists us in getting organised for a smooth start to the new school year. This is very important for our students.

Our school would not be able to provide the excellent range of services, activities and resources that our students enjoy without prompt payment for all essential educational items from families.

Westgrove Primary School
School Council
Dear Parents/Carers,

There are three areas where parents/carers are reasonably requested to make a payment:

1. Essential Education Items
2. Optional Education Items
3. Voluntary Contributions

School Council has approved the following charges for 2016

1. Essential Learning Payment - $150

This includes:
- **Student Essentials Pack**
  This includes
  - all stationary that your child requires for the school year
  - annual subscription to Mathletics and Reading Eggs/ Eggspress
  - whole school values and social skills incursion
- **School Supplied Essentials**
  Bulk purchased classroom consumables to support instruction in the standard curriculum for Visual Arts, cooking, science, mathematics and multimedia
- **Additional Technology Resources**
  Ipods/IPads, desktop computers and laptops to support instruction in the standard curriculum

2. Optional Extras

These include our extra curricula activities: camps, excursions, swimming, sports activities, and instrumental lessons. Costs vary depending on the activity or program and parents/carers will be notified well in advance of these costs and schedule for payment. The BYOD iPad program for students in Years 3-6 is an essential component of the curriculum at Westgrove and parents/carers are urged to provide an iPad device to support their students’ learning.

3. Voluntary Contributions:
- Grounds Maintenance - $10 or $20 or Other
  Westgrove prides itself on the quality of its facilities. We are grateful to the many families who have contributed to the continual maintenance and improvement of our buildings and grounds for the benefit of all students.
- Westgrove Building Fund - $10 or $20 or Other
  These funds are to be used for a proposed extension to the existing Gymnasium and are tax deductible.

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BOOK PACK COLLECTION DAY THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY 2016
9.00- 3.00pm
WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
2016 ESSENTIAL LEARNINGS
ORDER FORM

PREP
Student First Name ___________________Surname ____________________________

Telephone______________________ Mobile ____________________

Student is:  Left Handed   [ ]       Right Handed   [ ]

All student packs need to be paid for prior to pick up. Please see payment options below.

PLEASE RETURN BY TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2015

Parent to complete

Essential Education Items          $150.00
Voluntary Charges                        Grounds maintenance Please nominate amount
                                               $_ _ _ _ _ 
                                               Building Fund Donation Please nominate amount
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Total Payment

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PAYMENT PLANS MUST BE ARRANGED IN ADVANCE THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please advise how you wish to pay by ticking appropriate box below:

[ ] Centrepay       Eligible parents/ carers can visit humanservices.gov.au/centrepay
                     Westgrove Primary School Centrepay CRN5551111674V.
[ ] Eftpos/Credit Card - Please complete credit card details below and return it to Westgrove Primary School as soon as possible. The form will be held by the school and processed between 18th and 28th January 2016.

AUTHORITY TO DEDUCT PAYMENT USING CREDIT CARD

Card Number _ _ _ _   _ _ _ _    _ _ _ _    _ _ _ _
Expiry Date _ _/ _ _ Visa   [ ]    Mastercard   [ ]

[ ] BPay –If you don’t have your BPay details, please contact the office. BPay must be received at school before 27th January 2016(Please allow 3 days for bank processing)

[ ] Cheques – Will be accepted by the school up to 27th January 2016

[ ] Cash payments  - can be made until Thursday 17th December or between 18th and 25th January 2016. No cash payments will be accepted on collection day.

Book pack collection day is Thursday 28th January 2016