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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope all families have started settling back into some normality. It is so great to see how happy both Teachers and Children are to be back this Term.

This letter is to inform you of the School Fees and Levies for the 2021 school year. 2020 has been a challenging year for our community. We thank families for continuing to pay fees and levies throughout 2020.

2020 Levies Re-credited

Whilst costs reduced in some areas, the school faced increased costs in technology infrastructure, equipment and resources, and increased cleaning costs. The school's fundraising capacity also reduced significantly this year as expected. The school has analysed the costs incurred in all areas and have made a decision to re-credit the following 2020 Levies to parents via a credit to their existing Fee account with St James Primary for unspent portions of 2020 Levies charged/paid as follows :

- Grade 3 Camp Levies - \$185 per student
- Grade 4 Camp Levies - \$315 per student
- Total other Levies Re-credited/refunded:

Prep to Grade 2 \$160 per student

Grade 3 to Grade 4 \$190 per student

Grade 5 to Grade 6 \$240 per student (includes Interschool Sports)

The total credit will appear on your next fee statement. For families who have fully paid their fees a credit will appear as a prepayment on your fee account to be offset against the following year's fees. Those families who are leaving the school at the close of the school year and have fully paid their account will be refunded their respective credit.

We have a small number of parents who have indicated that their re-credit be donated to the school. If you would like to make this generous donation please send an email to the Principal advising same and we thank you for your generosity.

2021 School Fees

The School in conjunction with the School Advisory Board and CEM Business Manager are always conscious to ensuring that Catholic Education is affordable for all families and any fee increases are minimal.

The CEM Business Manager in consultation with the School Advisory Council has ratified the following School Fees for the 2021 school year:

- There will be no increase to the Capital levy per family.
- The total school fees will only increase by 1.9% in line with educational CPI and as recommended by Catholic Education guidelines. This equates to \$68 for the family fee for the year and \$16 to \$29 per year for levies depending on the year level.

The breakdown of school fees for 2021 are as follows:

2021 SCHOOL FEES & LEVIES						
						\$
		2020	%AGE INCREASE	PROPOSED 2021	FROM PREV. YR	INCREASE
Family Fees						
Family Fees (All Year Levels)	Per Family	\$ 3,570	1.9%	\$ 3,638	\$ 68	
Student Levies						
Prep	Per Student	\$ 820	1.9%	\$ 836	\$ 16	
Grade 1	Per Student	\$ 820	1.9%	\$ 836	\$ 16	
Grade 2	Per Student	\$ 820	1.9%	\$ 836	\$ 16	
Grade 3	Per Student	\$ 1,020	1.9%	\$ 1,039	\$ 19	
Grade 4	Per Student	\$ 1,150	1.9%	\$ 1,172	\$ 22	
Grade 5	Per Student	\$ 1,505	1.9%	\$ 1,534	\$ 29	
Grade 6	Per Student	\$ 1,505	1.9%	\$ 1,534	\$ 29	
Additional (previously sourced directly by parents)						
Stationery Levy	Per Student	Sourced by Parents	0.0%	\$ 100	n/a	
Capital Levy						
Capital Levy (Per Family)	Per Family	\$ 600	0.0%	\$ 600	\$ -	

The Student Levies per grade covers the following expenses:

Curriculum Levy

ICT Levy

Camp Levy

Interschool Sports Levy (Grade 5 and 6 only)

Sacramental Levy (Grade 3, 4 and 6 only)

Swimming Levy

Payment Options

The School continues to offer the following options to paying your schools fees:

1. Direct Debit – form attached – payment deducted monthly from March to November 2021;
2. EFT – By Term – Bank Details

We encourage parents who are experiencing financial hardship and/or have recently become entitled to a Health Care/Concession Card to advise the School and a confidential meeting can be arranged with the Principal to discuss your circumstances.

Please contact the School Office for any questions or concerns you may have and look forward to an exciting year ahead at St James Primary School, Brighton.

Thank you for your continued valued support.

Yours sincerely



Brendan Flanagan
Principal