



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Kelburn Normal School 2012 Donations

Welcome to Kelburn Normal School for 2012. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive year for our students and are pleased about the opportunities we will be providing. We know how important your child's education is to you and, like you; we want the best for each student and our school.

The decile-based Government funding we receive annually provides only for core activities. Therefore parent donations contribute significantly to funding items such as teaching and learning materials (over and above the materials purchased by the operations grant), extra-curricular support, an ICT teacher and equipment, and the enhancement of our buildings and grounds (a fuller description of which is set out on the back of this notice)

Please note that this donation is separate to the class trip and activity fees which are fees payable for particular activities not covered by the operational grant to deliver the KNS curriculum. A separate communication will be sent out from each syndicate leader about the payment level set for this year.

We are hoping that you will be able to assist us in continuing to provide these additional items and investing in your child's education by making a \$370 per child to Kelburn Normal School. Please complete this form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. We would really appreciate receiving your financial contribution and thank you, in anticipation, for your continued support.

Kelburn Normal School Board of Trustees



## **How Parent Donations Directly Benefit Your Child and their Learning at Kelburn Normal School**

The parent donation is used towards the items set out below and is essential if Kelburn Normal School is to continue to deliver a high quality education for all students this year and in the future.

### **1. Teaching and Learning Materials**

This contribution helps cover additional photocopying and teaching resources which enhance the base curriculum covered by Operational Grant funding. It also allows for additional teacher aide time, administrative support which enables the classroom teachers to spend more time in the classroom and spread their teaching time more equitably among students and also to provide additional programmes such as language learning, and specialist teacher support.

### **2. Extra-Curricular Activities and special programmes**

We are very fortunate to have teaching staff which are able to offer a more comprehensive curriculum by adding creativity and expertise into learning programmes, including English, mathematics, sport, dance, drama, visual arts and discovery time for the lower middle and junior syndicates. All students at some stage of their time at Kelburn Normal School will participate in these activities. This year teachers are keen to continue to utilise their strengths but also bring in experts to share their talents with our students. This would include such specialists as sporting coaches, robotic coaches, artists and the like for block programmes. These types of programmes encourage engagement and added interest in the student's school life and development.

### **3. Information Literacy and ICT Equipment**

Kelburn Normal School has a specialist Information Literacy teacher who works two days a week and delivers a specialist programme to all students in the school. The MOE funded staffing does not allow provision for such a position, but we continue to offer the specialist programme as assessment data over the last few years has shown an increase in Information Literacy skills among our students at key stages in the school. In addition the 2012 Annual plan identifies ICT as an area of focus and the school will be continuing to invest in additional ICT equipment such as additional net books.

### **4. Buildings and Grounds**

The Operational Grant has provision for limited on-going maintenance of school buildings and grounds. Unfortunately the age of the school and the terrain the school is situated is not taken into the Ministry's funding equation, leaving a shortfall for such things as painting, repairs and cleaning.



### School Donations

**Please return this completed form to the office as soon as possible**

Payment for [student name] \_\_\_\_\_ **\$370**

Payment for [sibling student name] \_\_\_\_\_ **\$370**

Payment for [sibling student name] \_\_\_\_\_ **\$370**

Payment for [sibling student name] \_\_\_\_\_ **\$370**

Additional Contribution     \$20     \$50     \$100     other

Total Payment (which is tax deductible as a charitable donation) \_\_\_\_\_

Cash enclosed      Cheque enclosed

Automatic payment details:

Westpac 030 502 0590741 00  
Kelburn Normal School Board of Trustees  
Please include a reference such as JonesR Donation

Please provide me with details about paying in termly, monthly or weekly instalments. My contact details are as follows:

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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