



## 2023 Kelburn Normal School Donations

28 February 2023

Dear parents and caregivers

We are writing to request an annual donation of \$380 per pupil and to explain why the school relies on donations to support its operational budget.

Kelburn Normal receives the lowest possible level of funding from the government to run our school and the school is not eligible to receive funding under the Ministry of Education's Donations Scheme.

By making a school donation, you are assisting us to continue to provide higher levels of education, and additional support to children, than we could provide were we to use only the government-funded baseline.

### **What costs do whānau donations go towards?**

Whānau donations are used to support the everyday running of the school. They contribute significantly to the school's ability to offer rich and extensive learning opportunities for our children.

In 2023 a significant proportion of the whānau donation will be used to keep classes smaller than funded. The donation allows the school to provide additional teaching and learning support to work with individuals and small groups of learners, including running specialist programmes with tamariki such as Buzz, Early Words, Lexia, Steps Web and Numicon. The whānau donation also means the school can employ specialist staff to enrich the school's programme - choirs, kapa haka, te reo and ensembles. The school can continue to maintain additional staff and learning support only if we raise additional revenue through donations or other fundraising.

The whānau donation is also used to top up spending on discretionary items like art materials, digital technology and sports equipment as needed. The donations along with support from the PTA, support the school to replace assets as required such as iPads, Chromebooks, library books and classroom resources for children to use in the learning spaces.

### **Request for activity donations**

During the year we will also ask for donations to cover the actual cost of activities your child will experience this year. These donations cover the costs associated with swimming, camps, EOTC, trips, visits and other activities. Seeking donations to cover these costs means the school can provide more opportunities and a greater variety of learning experiences outside the

classroom than if we were reliant on just the government funding we receive.

All donations received are eligible for a tax rebate.

We are very aware that the current economic climate can be a stress on finances. A number of families choose to pay by regular instalments rather than a single lump sum. If you would like to discuss payment options or you are experiencing hardship please email Loraine Best at [loraineb@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:loraineb@kelburnnormal.school.nz) or call the office. All enquiries will be kept confidential.

Please contact the Board by emailing [bot@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:bot@kelburnnormal.school.nz) if you have any questions or comments about donations.

The school is very fortunate to have a high proportion of whānau who contribute and we thank you for your continued support.

Ngā mihi nui  
Kelburn Normal School Board of Trustees

