

NORTH ROCKS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term One Invoice 2009

Dear Parents,

Please find attached costs for school activities for your child for Term One, 2009. **Please return the attached Invoice Form with the correct money in the enclosed envelope. Please make cheques payable to *North Rocks Public School*. Credit card facilities are available by completing card details on the envelope. Minimum payment of \$30.00 applies to credit card use.** Permission notes containing greater detail of each activity will be sent home separately from this invoice.

Please be advised that the Federal Government has announced an amount of \$500 per primary aged student as a tax deduction for receipted school related expenses for those families receiving family benefits. Please keep receipts and refer to the Tax office for further information regarding the new tax legislation which may apply to you and your family

P&C Voluntary Contributions (collected by the school for on-payment to the P&C Association)

Voluntary contributions support P&C activities in providing resources and facilities beyond those provided by the Department of Education and Training. In recent years contributions have provided the extension to the school hall, playground upgrades, significant literacy and numeracy resources and support for programs such as the school band. Current P&C targets include further literacy and numeracy resources, reading texts, technology upgrade, shade shelters and continued playground maintenance. Our current voluntary contribution rate of \$75.00 for the first child, \$25.00 for the second child and no charge for other children has been unchanged for many years. Part payments can be made during the year.

The P&C has established a Building Fund to allow donations to be tax deductible. Building Fund payments can be used only for building related projects.

If you wish to target your payment to the Building Fund, and thus gain the tax deduction, please tick the box at the bottom of the attached Invoice Form.

Competitions

Students in Years 3-6 may choose to enter the Educational Assessment Australia (University of New South Wales) competitions in English, Mathematics and Writing. The tests provide opportunities for children to be challenged with advanced concepts and as such are not appropriate for all students. Participants receive certificates of achievement. Costs for 2009 will include a small administrative charge. Participation is voluntary and will total cost \$15.00 for Mathematics and English and a \$12 cost for Writing. **All competition entries will be finalized by Friday, 13 March, 2009. No late entries will be accepted.**

Voluntary School Contribution

The State Government permits schools to invite a contribution from parents to assist with the purchase of resources for students. This voluntary contribution is separate to the P&C family contribution and is set by the Government for Primary Schools at \$38.

The contribution scheme gives you the opportunity to further support your child's education.

The school is allocated a global grant to pay for all aspects of the running of the school and to educate your children. This equates to **\$1.42** per day per child to supply everything the children and the school needs to operate. Included in this \$1.42 per day is the cost of casual teachers replacing sick teachers, water, electricity, paper, lease of photocopiers, stationary, sporting equipment, art supplies, reading and maths equipment, printers, lawn mowers and other plant equipment, books, library resources, maintenance and many other things. When deducting the cost of these items I have approximately \$0.24 per day to spend on materials to assist students learn. This is not a princely sum and is why the school asks for your support with the contribution scheme.

Please help us to continue providing your child with the best.

Student Work Books, School Magazine, Stationery

All children will need the allocated work book package which usually covers areas of Numeracy and Literacy. Each work book is purchased to support classroom activities and should not be seen as a syllabus document. Some aspects of each work book may remain incomplete at the end of the year. Classes in Years 3-6 will also be invoiced for a twelve month subscription to the School Magazine.

All students are supplied with some items of stationery, including school labeled covers, folders and scrap books.

Year 6 Jumper

Traditionally Year 6 students have purchased a special commemorative jumper for their last year of primary school. It is a lovely keep sake and a special item for our graduating class of 2009.

Brainstorm Productions

This is a visiting performance promoting students welfare and dealing directly with bullying and other relationship issues. The program is targeted to all levels of primary education with shows for K-2, 3-4 and 5-6.

ICT LEVY

Over the next two years the school will be required to upgrade the network infrastructure to support the ever increasing demands of providing up-to-date technology driven education for your children. New switches, replacement fibre cabling, a new file server, interactive whiteboards and new cabinets will be required. The cost is likely to exceed \$80,000 of which we may receive one or two switches from the Department at a total cost of \$6000. I outlined the plan at P&C meetings and also in the school's newsletters. We are asking for a levy of \$15 which will raise approximately \$8400. The school will contribute some funds from retained earnings and the P&C will also contribute. I ask that you once again support this program by committing to the levy.

Special Education Class Resources Fee

Students in K-6M and K-6H are asked to contribute a resources fee to assist meet the increasing costs of the consumable resources that they use in the everyday running of the class. These will include learning toys, games and craft materials.

Instrument Hire

The school leases a number of instruments to a small number of band members. Other band members either own their instruments or hire them from Teaching Services who run the band program. Band members who use a school owned instrument will be required to pay the hire fee. The fee is passed onto the band committee who used these funds to subsidize the cost of band activities for all band members.

K-2 Excursion

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will attend a live production of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie at the Riverside Theatre on **Thursday, 26 March**.

Swimming Carnival

Our school Swimming Carnival will be held on **Monday, 2nd March** at the WAVES Pool, Baulkham Hills. All students in Years 3-6 and eight year olds in Year 2 who swim confidently over 50m attend the carnival. Bus and pool hire cost is \$8.00.

Please note that spectator payments are for adults or non-school children only who attend the carnival and should be paid at the pool.

Also included in this package is a Family Validation sheet (pink paper). Please make any changes to family or emergency details and return to school if changes are needed.