Dear Parents

In accordance with the Department of Education, “Voluntary Contributions, Charges and Fees Policy” (September 2001), schools can request up to a maximum contribution of $60.00 for each Kindergarten to Year Six Student.

What are Contributions, Charges and Personal Items?

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS** – these funds are used towards the cost of materials, services and facilities used by students in the educational program. In previous years we have had a good response from parents at Eddystone. These funds are one of our main sources of funds.

**CHARGES** – refers to the provision of extra cost option activities which are seen as an important part of an education program and voluntary contributions do not cover. If no payment is received, an education activity with a similar outcome will be provided to that student. (see chart over page for details…)

**PERSONAL ITEMS** – include the stationery list, which has been approved by the School Council as being required by students for personal use in the educational programs provided by this school.

The items can be purchased through Heathridge Newspower who donate a percentage of sales to the school, or a supplier of your own choice.

Further items which may be needed by your child are on the chart over page.

**OTHER ITEMS** – These are costs for services or purposes which are not part of the educational program of the school, as it relates to an individual student. These are divided into two groups.

- **Group 1** includes: Lapathon, P & C Activities and Community Service Projects.
- **Group 2** includes: School Uniforms, School Photos, Scholastic Book Schemes, Student Council Fundraising, Vacation Swimming, Graduation Shirts, Dinner and Year 6 presentation to the school.

The school recognises that some families can experience difficulty paying contributions and charges for a range of reasons. Should you be experiencing difficulty you are invited to contact the school principal to discuss, in confidence, the best way to manage the situation.

The school now has EFTPOS facilities available at the front office, or we welcome direct deposits into the school’s bank account.

Yours faithfully

Glen Bewick
PRINCIPAL