Dear Parents and carers

For 2015, the voluntary contributions will remain unchanged from 2014: $200 for a single child or $300 if you have two or more children attending the school. If you would like to make a further contribution to our school you may like to donate to the library or building trust fund. Both of these are tax deductible.

Voluntary contributions are a critical component of the school’s annual budget. They are vital – the amount the school receives directly affects the projects and initiatives that are funded from year to year. The School Board has noted over recent years that voluntary contributions receipts have been reducing significantly and are now at historical lows.

During the 2013 and 2014 school years, less than 25% of families made voluntary contributions. This directly affects the setting of the school budget and therefore impacts greatly on the resources available to students as well as the capital available to undertake minor improvements and ongoing maintenance of school property and grounds.

During the latter part of 2014, the school has undertaken a consultation process with the school community in order to seek comments on the programs and facilities that are currently perceived to work well within the school and those areas where some improvement is desired. As expected the results were varied, however there were some general themes which recurred through several respondents, including student responses, particularly with respect to where improvements could be made. Amongst many other items, these included:

- General condition of school grounds
- Resources available for science programs
- Bike Access

Importantly, it is noted that the survey feedback was generally positive when it came to overall trending of academic performance and parental satisfaction of the school as a whole. This is a good indication that the school is performing well in its core areas with the limited funding available.

The School Board seeks to raise the awareness of the voluntary contributions and the improvements that can be budgeted for given a higher uptake of families choosing to make contributions. A master planning phase has recently commenced to identify opportunity for new, exciting and interactive outdoor learning and play areas as well as general school ground upgrades. These improvements simply won’t be possible without a greater percentage of families making a voluntary contribution.

It is also important to consider that the whilst contributions are split into three funds – Library Fund, Building Fund and General Fund, a contribution to the General Fund provides more flexibility to the school to target those funds toward specific programs or resources seen as priorities for the school. It is noted that a donation to the General Fund is not tax deductible.

The Aranda School Board is committed to ensuring Aranda School continues to promote a relevant, challenging and enjoyable learning environment for our children both indoors and outdoors, and urge you to consider choosing to make a contribution in 2015 toward achieving a sustainable future for the school, its students and the broader school community.

To pay the 2015 voluntary contributions, simply complete and return the confidential payment slip attached to this letter, and pay using one of the payment option methods described on the form.

For additional information about how contributions are used, as well as different payment options and payment plans, please see the additional information on the school website at www.arandaps.act.edu.au.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

Peter Shaw  
Board Chair

Matt Stocks  
P & C President
CONFIDENTIAL PAYMENT RECORD
PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>COST</th>
<th>$200.00 for a single child attending Aranda Primary School</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$300.00 for two or more children attending Aranda Primary School</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

FAMILY NAME:

ELDEST CHILD:

ROLL GROUP:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of Children attending Aranda Primary School (Please tick one)</th>
<th>Voluntary Contribution Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Child</td>
<td>$200.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>More than 1 Child</td>
<td>$300.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

STUDENT KEY | FAMILY KEY | FEECODE | VOLUNC

I have paid the amount of $____________ by (please tick one)

CASH ☐ CHEQUE ☐ BANK TRANSFER ☐ CREDIT CARD (Westpac Quickweb) ☐

Payment Methods
Cash: - Pay in person at the Front Office or place cash in the envelope provided
Cheque: - Please make the cheque payable to Aranda Primary School and either remit in person at the Front Office or place in the envelope provided
Bank Transfer - BSB: 032-777 Account: 000997
Please use your FAMILY KEY and the FEECODE VOLUNC as a reference.
Credit/Debit card - Use the PAYMENT option on the school website at www.arandaps.act.edu.au
This will re-direct you to a secure payment processing site hosted by Westpac Bank.

Signature of Parent: __________________________________________________________

Please note that no personal information is provided to the School Board or P&C Association. Whether or not and how much you contribute is confidential information.