



## **SCHOOL DONATION 2015**

As a result of our reclassification as a **decile 10** school the Board of Trustees has increased the school donation for 2015. The reason for this is that decile targeted funding from the government for educational achievement will be reducing to zero.

The government provides operational funding that covers a minimum of day to day running costs of the school. So to continue to provide a quality education it is necessary to generate additional income to maintain and extend the school's programmes and resources. We raise income through fundraising by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) with activities such as Pet Day and Fun Food Fridays. However, we also rely heavily on school donations.

We are asking parents to make the following minimum donation:  
**\$180 per student, \$350 for two children, with maximum \$460 per family.**  
You are welcome to donate more (and we refer you to tax rebate information below).

Primary schools, especially high decile, very much depend on this voluntary donation that equates to less than **\$1 per child a day** to provide each student with access to high quality resources such as:

- Computers, interactive whiteboards, data projectors, digital cameras, high quality Wi-Fi system
- Additional support programmes – teacher aides, Reading Recovery programme
- Reading resources
- Maths equipment
- Art supplies
- Phys-Ed/Sports equipment
- Musical instruments
- School Productions
- Library books

The school donation qualifies as a donation for tax purposes so **you can recoup a third of the donation** through the Inland Revenue IR 526 claim form (available via the internet or see the link on our website).eg If you paid \$180 and claim one third, your net cost is \$120, which is approximately 60 cents per day. Or if you pay more, for example, an extra \$90 per student, you will get this \$90 back from IRD, so your net cost is \$180.

Please make **cheques** out to 'Pukekohe East School'.  
If you wish to **pay online** the school account number is: **12-3023-0391781-00**  
Please be sure to state the reason for the payment and to include the names of the children you are paying for. (Payment can be made in one payment by 31 March or in term instalments).

If all families pay this donation it benefits all students.

Thank you.

Pukekohe East School Board of Trustees