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Kia Poipoi Kia Tipu Kia Puāwai

Kia ora Willow Park Families,

School Donation Letter

The school board meets annually to set the annual school donation. The donation is a voluntary contribution and helps the school to provide the best possible education and learning environment for our children. The school has limited funding from the Ministry and your donations help bridge funding gaps. In 2022 and 2023 we have had increasingly high sick leave costs that have drained the school reserves, meaning your donations are extremely important to maintain the level of teaching support not covered by our funding and to prevent cutbacks in other areas such as learning assistance support, learning resources, and funding of quality relief teachers.

School Funding

Our funding comes from three sources: the Ministry of Education, fundraising, and your donations.

1. Government Funding: is dependent on an equity index and provides only part of the funding we require for teaching and support staff salaries, property maintenance and curriculum resources.
2. Fundraising and Grants: we secure extra funds through grants and our hardworking Friends of Willow Park (FoWP) group for improvement projects.
3. Donations: your donations fill the gap. They're vital for our school to provide the best education opportunities. Our school relies on your support, and we're grateful for it.

School Donation for 2024

The annual donation for 2024 has been set as follows, and helps in important ways:

- \$240 School Donation per child (or \$80 for the 3rd child). Goes where it's needed most, into areas that receive minimal or no funding like technology and digital, library, play areas, classroom furniture, teacher training, funding for relief teachers, learning assistant support, and curriculum resources.
- \$40 Class Trips and Activities.
- \$26 Mathletics (Year 3 - 6).
- \$40 Classroom resources.

Payment

Your donation payment can be made via Kindo, either in full, or there is the flexibility to pay by choosing a nominated amount and period to suit your family. The Board recognises that the increased cost of living is impacting our school community and we are very grateful for any amount that you are able to donate. We believe that the donation, structure and flexible payment options take into account affordability and fair cost for every family.

Note school donations are tax deductible and you can claim 33% of this payment in your return. See <http://www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax-individual/tax-credits/dch-taxcredits/> for details.

If you have any questions about school donations, reach out to Duncan Millward or BOT@willowpark.school.nz. Thanks for being a part of our school community and for your ongoing support, it is highly valued and appreciated.

Warm regards,
Cheryl Francis
Presiding Member Board of Trustees