

ACHIEVEMENTS

from Parent Contributions and Fundraising



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Primary
School

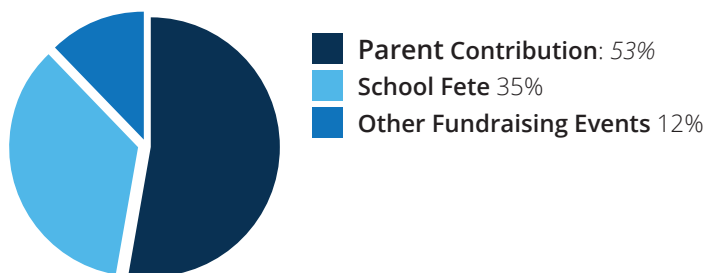
Voluntary Financial Contributions (*Parent Contribution*) and fundraising pay for items essential to the running of our school, like iPads, chrome books, sporting equipment and improving the school grounds.

The Victorian Government spends less than the national average on public education and *our school receives the lowest possible level of funding* per student from the Education Department. In a report release earlier this year the auditor-general found parental payments in Victoria had evolved from supporting education to "being essential to its provision".

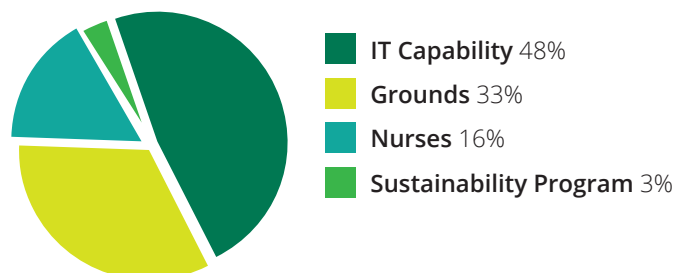
Your Parent Contribution and fundraising efforts are critical to providing a dynamic learning environment were our children continue to thrive.

How those funds have been used in 2015 and our fundraising goals for the year ahead...

Parent Contribution & Fundraising in 2015: \$158,938



Parent Contribution & Fundraising 2015: Allocation



WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION WE PROVIDED....



IT CAPABILITY

The IT equipment your child uses in their classroom is purchased with funds from voluntary contributions and fundraising – the Department of Education provides a classroom, we as a community ensure it is one in the 21st century.

As the school continues to grow, we see the addition of two more classes in 2016, so does our IT spend.

In 2015 your funds purchased:

- 32 iPads
- 102 Chromebooks (laptops)
- New printers
- Maintenance for our infrastructure
- 8 hours of technical support a week.

We aim to use 2016 Family Contributions and fundraising to purchase:

- 12 iPads
- 100 Chromebooks
- 1 interactive whiteboard, 1 apple TV

This will meet our goal of one device per student in our senior grades and more than one between two in junior grades.



APPS GROUNDS

The school has never looked so lovely. Government funding provides less than 5% of the \$55,623 we spent on our playground in 2015. The beautiful school grounds our whole community enjoys is thanks to the generosity of school parents.

In 2015 your funds provided:

- Major repairs to our school fence damaged by a hit-and-run driver
- Resurfacing (and odour proofing) the floor in the boys toilet
- Landscaping around the new double-story portable in paradise:
 - Cleared, levelled and laid granitic sand in “the triangle” and installed picnic tables to create an eating and teaching area
 - Created an additional seating area outside the hall side entrance
 - Planting 3 fruit trees on our boundary with the Moubray Street townhouse
 - Installed scooter and skateboard racks by the new classrooms
- Artificial turf improvements:
 - Re-levelled and re-laid sections to extend their longevity
 - Laid synthetic grass in the playground on the corner of Cardigan Place and Victoria Avenue
- 1 tan bark top-up (providing safe levels of soft-fall)
- Improved access to bike storage by removing fence and installing new bike racks
- Repositioned picnic tables, decking and the boat to create extra eating and play spaces e.g., a “ball play” area next to the FLS to ease congestion on our oval
- Rubbish collection and minor repairs.



We will use 2016 Parent Contribution and fundraising to purchase:

- New artificial turf for our oval is our top priority!
- The turf on our oval is over 10 years old and very worn; it will very soon start to tear.
- New turf is expensive but has proved to be the only lasting solution to providing an all year playing surface.



SUSTAINABILITY

Our garden initiative continues to thrive and the school grounds are alive with produce.

In 2015 your funds purchased:

- Straw, netting, stakes and plastic sheeting for planters,
- Local community and parents support included:
- Weekly gardening volunteers
- Many one-off donations (ie., compost bins, trees, plants, mulch and coffee grounds).

With your support in 2016 we will:

- Ensure our school gardens continue bloom
- Lobby for grants for additional water tanks.

SCHOOL NURSES

For the last two years parent contributions have funded our school nurses program, however, Education Department regulations mean we can no longer ask parents for funds towards this service but Elaine, our Principal, recognises their tremendous contribution to the wellbeing of our school and is committed to keeping our nurses.

In 2015 your funds paid for nurses to:

- Administer first aid and prescription medicines
- Monitor and administer allergy medication
- Provide ice packs, band-aids, sick bags and administer Panadol and Nurofen
- Supply fully stocked first aid bags to off-campus activities and excursions
- Conduct head lice checks.

In 2016 our nurses will stay on campus

To ensure we comply with government guidelines, the nurses will now be funded by the school.



THANK YOU!

Thank you APPS parents for your 2016 Parent Voluntary Contribution and 2015 fundraising efforts – your support means our school continues to thrive.

Rebecca George, Marty Fields, Alan Richardson, Andrew Wilson, James Jardine, Pippa Connolly, Deb Cafferkey, Carolyn Menzies, Leah Morgan, Sue Pattison, Elaine Mills – APPS School Council.