



# Padstow Heights Public School

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## 2018 Invoices Explained

Invoices for 2018 have been sent home. We have included all the whole school program costs as they currently stand. Some of these activities are in Terms 2, 3 or 4. Excursions and camps will be invoiced separately. We welcome payments in full and by instalments for these compulsory activities.

### **Dance 2Bfit**

We are having the Dance2bfit Program at our school in Term 2 2018. The program is an energetic, innovative and a fun way for our students to get fit. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time. Dance2bfit has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the PDHPE syllabus. Students will learn a range of routines suitable for their age and ability level as well as develop their confidence and skill in this area of the Arts.

Every class will have a session of this dance and fitness program each Monday for 8 weeks in Term 2. Please make sure you have paid for this program by the end of Term 1. Sports Uniform is to be worn on Mondays next term.

### **Drama**

Let It Shine Drama provides a 10 week program for each class. Years 3 and 4 are currently having these lessons in term 1. Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) will be in Term 2, 1D and Kindergarten in Term 3 and 1H, 2/1J, 2V and 2P in Term 4. The trained teacher leads lessons with an emphasis on building confidence, creativity, self-expression and resilience.

### **Brainstorm show "Magic Words"**

This is an in-school performance by Brainstorm productions. The show is about the impact of bullying, emotional wellbeing and social skills. These topics are an important part of the Personal Development syllabus for each grade and teachers will use the show as a focus for the lessons that follow so it is important for all students to attend. The show is booked for Term 2, 20<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Technology Fee**

This fee covers individual student subscriptions to Wushka, an online reading tool, which provides 24 hour access for your child to readers and reading comprehension activities. It also covers a contribution to the school's technology budget for the robotics and coding programs, subscription to the eBook library, the ongoing replacement of shared devices and the purchase of programs and apps.

### **Text Books and diaries**

Any families that haven't yet paid for the textbook requirements have been invoiced for the outstanding amount.

### **Payment Plans and school support.**

We understand that family budgets can be tight. You are always welcome to make payments for the compulsory fees as outlined above. Any amount you pay will be deducted from the total owing.

We have invoiced all known amounts so you can budget for the costs to come. You can choose to pay only those amounts relevant for each term or you can pay in full or in instalments.

If you need further assistance please call Lisa in the office or Mrs Bryant.

### **School Contribution**

You are asked to make a small contribution towards improving facilities and resources in the school. The suggested amount is \$50 per child but you can pay more or less! Our school does not receive a high-level of funding and we rely on P & C fundraising and this school contribution fee. The extra funding the government has provided (Gonski/RAM funding) can only be used for staffing- employing teacher's aides for example to support student learning. This contribution is a voluntary payment but it makes a big difference to the availability of resources. **PTO**

## **Elective programs**

Student assistance and payment plans cannot be provided for extra-curricular activities. Just like for private music lessons and sport teams, fees should be paid on time. The school shouldn't be expected to pay the tutors and the buses for you and then spend time issuing extra invoices and making phone calls to recoup the money owed.

## **Band**

Band fees are now overdue for term 1(due Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March). They must be paid by week 3 for each of the other terms. It is the same amount each term and you don't need to wait for a new invoice.

## **PSSA**

If your child has been chosen in a PSSA sporting team you will be invoiced for the fees involved in this. The fee contributes to the cost of the bus, East Hill's District PSSA levy and equipment. The fee is averaged to allow for some missed games for bad weather. This fee was to be paid by today 9<sup>th</sup> March. Students will not be able to continue in the team if the fee is not paid.