



St Patrick's School

Masterton - 2017



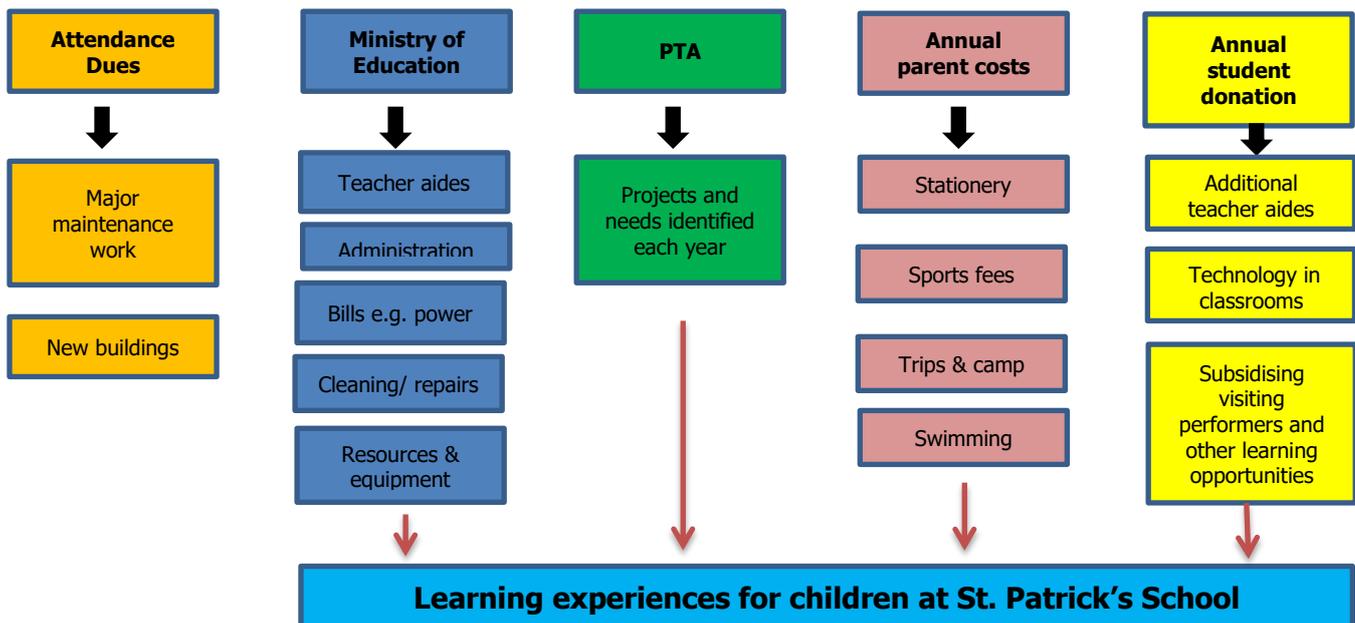
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Like all schools, we request a donation each year from families to help cover additional resources and teaching support to enhance the learning opportunities at school.

We are aware that to attend St. Patrick's you have to pay annual '**Attendance Dues**'. These are collected by the Archdiocese of Wellington and are used to fund major maintenance and new building work for all Catholic Schools. As a school we have benefited from this recently with heat pumps installed in all classrooms, the building of the special needs toilet and the new bark and repair of the junior playground. This year, there is also going to be a major roof replacement of the main school building area.

Unfortunately, **we cannot access any of this money** to help fund resources or other valuable learning support. This is why we ask for donations from families.

To show where **our** funding comes from and what is used for we have included a diagram with examples:



As you can see, the money we receive from your fees and donations is the money that helps impact on your child's learning on a day to day basis.

The annual donation for each student is set depending on the number of children you have at school:

1 child at school = \$80 **2 children** at school= \$140 **3 or more children** at school = \$180

Added to this will be the annual school costs that are listed above such as stationery, sports fees and trips. All payments can be made by either cash or cheque to the office, by internet banking or by **Automatic Payment (AP)**.

Setting up an AP through the school office is an easy and efficient method of payment to cover the cost of annual school costs and the annual student donation, which many of our families already use. This method also takes away the worry of regularly sending money to school as well as spreading costs out into small amounts across the whole year. An **AP of \$5 a week for one student, \$9.00 for two students or \$12 for 3 students** over 40 school weeks should cover most if not all of the costs of stationery packs, school donations, sports team fees, school trips, shows and swimming lessons.

All donations are tax deductible at 33% up to 31st March in any financial year and a receipt will be provided to enable you to claim this money back if needed.

We do understand that at times families go through hardship and can struggle financially. If you find yourself in this situation please make contact with the school for an appointment to speak to myself or Kim Burrows so that we can assist you. Any financial arrangements are treated in confidence.

Steve Wheeler
Principal