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**Changes to Good Shepherd Fundraising**

Good Shepherd Primary School is heavily dependent on fundraising to meet our objectives of continuously improving our school’s resources and environment. Fundraising has been a constant challenge in our school community.

We have had a small number of hard working parents coordinating and conducting our fundraising events. This model has proved to be increasingly unsustainable and the outcome of these events is sometimes unreliable.

The Good Shepherd Community Council and School Leadership Team have been discussing this issue at length and have decided to replace the fundraising initiatives held throughout the year (such as sponsorship from the walkathon) with a compulsory School Community Levy from Term 1, 2016.

The levy will be $30.00 per family per term. This levy will be added to the Good Shepherd fee calculator.

Together, Community Council and School Leadership make decisions on how the proceeds from fundraising are to be spent. These decisions are based on school priorities drawn from the School’s Strategic Plan, often with large, long term goals.

The introduction of the School Community Levy will allow our school to meet our objectives for the benefit of the children learning at Good Shepherd. It frees our parent volunteers to focus on school community based events and develop programs that add value to our school.

**Outline of Fundraising Levy policy**

Examples of Fundraising Functions that will no longer be run include:

- Fetes
- Chocolate Drives
- Raffles
- Walkathon
Good Shepherd will continue to support our two nominated charities.

These charities will be supported as they help us to teach the children of the importance of helping those less fortunate than ourselves – in line with our school philosophy. This support comprised of actions, as well as monetary donations.

1) Mini Vinnies
Weekly food donations, winter woollies day, cupcake drives, and various projects initiated by the Mini Vinnies leaders.

2) Global Partners
Fundraising for School of Hope in Africa. This may be in the form of donating school materials to be shipped directly to our partner school or a monetary donation.

As a school community we will discourage the introduction of any additional causes or events that are focused on raising revenue.

Programs that will continue

Book Fair

To be run once a year in support of Literacy Week. The focus will no longer be on fundraising – for example, no ‘wish list’ will be sent home.

Community Events

Two Discos for all GS children to be held per year.

Mother’s Day & Father’s Day Stall

This stall is run to allow children to provide their parent with a “secret, personally selected” gift. The money requested for this stall replaces some of the expense incurred by Community Council in the purchase of gifts for sale.

The Parish for Holy Spirit Church runs an annual Trivia night and raffle which will be advertised in the Good Shepherd newsletter.