

A critical element of providing the very best programs we can for our students at Pacific Paradise State School relates to our Student Resource Scheme. This scheme enhances the learning for your child in the classroom by providing the ability for the school to purchase additional resources and provide ongoing classroom stationery throughout the year. Items such as:

- **Enhancing our arts program** (Textiles, printing, pottery, puppetry, visual arts, hebel)
- **Enhancing our science program** (Primary Connections, microscopes, animal incubation, laboratory consumables, construction materials.)
- **Enhancing our numeracy program** (Hands on building and investigations)
- **Enhancing our software purchases** (Students creating their own music through software i.e. Sibelius)
- **Enhancing our literacy program through the purchase of additional** (Reading Books, novel studies, home reading, comprehension, Thrass, online and at home Reading Bugs Program)
- **Enhancing our sports program** (Skill development, specialist training for sport, lunch time activities.)

The mix of resources that are purchased on your behalf does vary from year level to year level in the school depending on the particular needs of those year levels. The details of these fees are outlined in the document which is enclosed.

We appreciate that the costs of schooling your children especially in times of other increases in the cost of living for families are still significant, even in a heavily subsidized state system. For this reason we try to keep the cost of the SRS scheme to a minimum on the basis that if everyone in our large school community contributes we are able to offer exceptional value for money considering the additional learning opportunities these resources provide.

Given the demands on the family budget we understand that not everyone is in a position to pay the at the beginning of the school year, however we need an indication of your intention to join the scheme for 2014 by returning the consent form. Please note that arrangements can be made to pay this fee in instalments in the first 2 weeks of each school term. Payment options are indicated on the SRS documents. If you are experiencing financial difficulties at this time, please contact our Business Services Manager on 54572310 and I am sure we will be able to assist with the many options available for payment.