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Dear Parents,

At their recent meeting, the School Board determined the school fees and levies for 2017. In their deliberation the Board members took into account:

- Keeping pace with the educational consumer price index of 3.3%
- The government's CTC (Capacity to Contribution) which sets the amount the school must contribute to its own operating costs
- The phasing in of an equitable three tiered fee structure

As always, the settling of school fees and levies is a balance between providing an affordable education and ensuring the students of St Therese's receive a quality education using the latest and most effective learning resources.

In order to assist families in managing their home budgets against the rising costs of raising children, the School Board is strongly encouraging parents to pay their fees by Direct Debit. This allows families to pay their 2017 fee and levies over 26 fortnights until the end of January 2018.

Please find attached an information sheet which contains the approved fees and levies for 2017 and the preferred methods of payment. If your current fee paying arrangement is Direct Debit, you will receive a letter in the near future to advise you of your revised payment amount for the 2017 school year. If you wish to commence a Direct Debit payment please find a form attached for your convenience.

At St Therese's, the staff feel privileged to work in partnership with parents to achieve the best possible outcomes for students. Therefore, if you are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Fr Andrew to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew M', is written over a horizontal line.

Matthew Mann
Principal