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## Education Tax Refund reminder

With the return of the school year imminent, Federal Chisholm MP Anna Burke is reminding parents to keep the receipts of any school materials purchased, as they may be eligible for the Gillard Government's Education Tax Refund (ETR).

Ms Burke said parents eligible for the ETR could claim a refund of up to 50 per cent on a range of children's educational expenses.

"I really encourage local parents to take advantage of the Education Tax Refund, so they're claiming everything they're entitled to," Ms Burke said.

"Starting a new school year and buying material for your kids can really add up, and we want to help struggling families with those costs.

"Families can claim 50 per cent of eligible education expenses, up to a maximum refund of \$794 for high school children and \$397 for primary school children on back-to-school items.

"It is important parents remember to keep their receipts when purchasing school materials," Ms Burke said.

Parents on Family Tax Benefit Part A are eligible for a refund through the ETR, and can simply claim the expenses when they lodge their 2010-11 tax return.

Ms Burke said there are a number of items parents can claim, including:

- home computers, laptops and computer-related equipment;
- home internet connections; and
- school textbooks and associated learning materials.

More information is available at [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au) or by contacting Ms Burke's office on 9802 0566.

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