

REPORT FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

Wednesday 24 May (2017) Meeting

Please find below, information on the key focus of our May meeting:

- VRQA Child Safe Standards
- Building Works
- Welfare Clubs and Parent Involvement
- Fete Funds – Amphitheatre

VRQA Child Safe Standards

- On Thursday 18 May, the school's compliance to the Child Safe standards was reviewed by external representatives from the Department. This was a very thorough review that went for a number of hours. Congratulations to the team involved - the school is to be commended on their implementation and adoption of all the required policies.
- Although a compliance milestone, this is not a one-off activity. Child safety is always at the front of mind in everything the school does and how the staff behave. Practises are continuously reviewed and amended throughout the year to ensure the school provides a safe environment for our children. A recent example is the increase in yard duty teachers during recess and lunchtime to ensure all areas of the school can be monitored adequately.

Building Works

- We had agreement to have the brick tiles on the building opposite the art room replaced as they were buckling however, a little out of the blue, the Department has nominated our school for a larger facelift with all the exterior cladding of the main school buildings being replaced. This is a great investment from the Department and will certainly give our buildings the facelift they deserve.
- I'm sure you would all agree the rehabilitation of all areas impacted by the asbestos (now complete) have really improved the school grounds. Thank you to Sherril and the staff for pushing for the best outcome and persevering with the challenges in getting this done.

Welfare Clubs and Parent Involvement

- Sherril Duffy held a session for parents to find out how they would like to be involved in the school. This was well attended with about 30 families represented - it was great to see many new families. The session was a great opportunity to brainstorm improvements to our welfare clubs. As a result of the meeting, a number of activities have been kicked off with smaller groups. We have a group pulling together a volunteer register with a skills matrix and another group revamping our welfare clubs based on parent feedback. We are very excited to launch a new look 'BNPS Parents & Friends' for all families.
- Please join Sherril at the inaugural meeting of BNPS Parents & Friends on Wednesday 14 June (7.30pm in the Staffroom) to continue the discussion and be part of planning the activities for the year ahead.

Fete Funds – Amphitheatre

- Every month we inch closer to this becoming a reality. The architects are mobilising the builders and it looks the project build is close to beginning. Watch this space –at this stage it looks like building will commence in the July school holidays.
- Despite the money raised through the ‘We Need Shade’ raffle, our budget has not quite stretched far enough for both the amphitheatre and the shade sails. School Council has agreed to fund the shortfall temporarily whilst our fundraising efforts continue throughout the year.

As always, please feel free to contact me via the school email address: beaumaris.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Kind regards

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