

REPORT FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

Wednesday 25 October (2017) Meeting

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

Works

- As we continue to grow, we need to ensure the facilities provide for the numbers. As such we have a new toilet block being installed near the amphitheatre and oval.

Fete Funds – Amphitheatre

- Wow – what a fantastic addition to our school grounds. The Amphitheatre is looking great and is a testament to the investment our families and communities are making in our school. Without the support of the parent community in organising and running the fete, we would not be able to raise the funds we do. These funds are always invested directly back into the school.
- The teaching staff are so excited to have this new outdoor teaching space.
- To further complement the space, we are allocating funds from the pledged 2018 building maintenance fund to landscape around the back of the amphitheatre and adjust the student traffic flow through the bike shed into the school to avoid the pedestrian use of the car park.
- A special shout out and thank-you to Glen King (a parent volunteer - Fete committee 2016 and School Council) who has managed the build from start to finish.
- To see the amphitheatre in action, come along to Carols 2018 which will be presented on the new Amphitheatre.

2018 Fete

- The 2018 Fete committee is up and running at full speed. Melissa Joy is the Fete convenor and has a great team working together to make it a success. With so many new folks on the committee this year, we are sure to see new ideas and fun times ahead. Please provide them all the support you can.
- Being involved in Fete widens your network and develops life long friendships.
- Expect to see many call outs over the next few months as we work towards this major event on 24 March 2018
- The Fete can only be a success if each and every family contribute and participate. There are so many ways in which to assist- be it taking on a task from home, giving your time for a job around the school, or finding donations.
- For more information on running a stall, helping with tasks as we go through the planning or just getting more of an idea of what is required – please contact Melissa on <.....>

Moving to a digital world

- One of our goals has been to increase communication to our families. As part of this ambition, we have slowly moved to more easily accessible forms of communication and more regular sound bites of communication through compass managed by our Communications Manager, Shannon Hewlett.
- Our teams are now far more active in ensuring key messages are communicated via Compass and, I'm sure you would agree, our online newsletter format is so easy to read.
- This month we are proud to launch our new website and extend our use of Compass by introducing the online permission forms.

School Uniform Shop

- Being one of those parent's that is seldom at the school during school hours, I generally order school uniform items through QKR. A fantastic service provided by our school uniform shop co-ordinator, Annie Thomas, that makes the live of working parents so much easier.
- This month, I got a chance to visit the uniform shop in person. It's been revamped over the last year and is so well organised. The second hand shop is available and ensures only top quality items are made ready for sale. Definitely worth a look.
- Annie has made it so easy for our parent volunteers to work in the uniform shop with intuitive systems and easy to manage processes. To join the team, please contact <....>
- A new Yr 5 & 6 sports top was endorsed by the school council this month. This will be worn twice a week by the senior grades.

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

Kind regards

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