

## REPORT FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

### Wednesday 28 June (2017) Meeting

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

- School Works
- Fete Funds – Amphitheatre
- Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)
- Canteen
- Welfare Clubs
- Fete

Here are a few snippets from our meeting this week!

#### School Works

- Work to replace the cladding around the buildings is progressing well. I'm sure you will agree that the school looks like it's had a facelift. The grounds are looking great!

#### Fete Funds – Amphitheatre

- And so it begins....if you are driving by over the school holidays you will see construction of the amphitheatre is beginning. It's taken some time to finalise the plans, permits and ensure the design is correct. We also held off the build to allow some of the fencing around the school to come down before we put some more up.
- Over the holidays, we expect to get the amphitheatre seating poured followed within a few weeks, the shade sail structure and backing sorted. It's going to look great!
- A special thank you to Glen King for driving this project - it's awesome!

#### Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

- We are still keen to have a few more parents join the OSHC committee. If you use this service and are willing to work with the team to continuously improve the offering, please volunteer your time to join the School Council OSHC Sub-committee - we'd love your support. Generally speaking, the commitment would be to attend a monthly meeting with Kelly (OSHC Co-ordinator) and team (~1hr after ASC session) and provide support for any special projects or regular compliance reviews.
- Please contact Kelly via OSHC or the Office, to express your interest or find out more.
- In line with our continued improvement and governance over OSHC, the School Council is reviewing the policies for managing children's extracurricular activities. We always want to ensure our policies reflect the latest, best practices and that the procedures documented are manageable given the number of children in care.

## Canteen

- Volunteers continue to be a challenge for the Canteen. Without parents, grandparents and carers offering their time to help in the Canteen, running the canteen will not be possible. The Canteen committee are looking at ways to encourage more volunteers. Possible introduction of shorter 'Food Preparation' sessions that can run before school are being explored to possibly tap deeper into the wider parent community. Any ideas on how we can encourage volunteers will be happily considered.
- The Special Friday Rice day was a great success. Adding to the success of the 'Build Your Own Burger' day, it highlights the demand for these days. Well done Canteen team!

## Welfare Clubs

- It was exciting to attend the school's first official "Parents and Friends" meeting. There were lots of new faces at the meeting and all are keen to get involved. A proposed events calendar was shared, and already we have smaller groups of folks getting together to put their hands up to run them. We also have a steering committee being formed to assist with the ongoing running of the P&F.
- Having the meetings well structured, shorter and with clear purpose is proving a drawcard. Sherril attends and is able to address answers then and there as to what we can and cannot do in respect to protecting ourselves, the school and the Department when running various events.

## Fete

- Next year is fete year and planning is about to begin. The school council has put a call out for committee members to be involved in the Fete Committee with an **information session planned for the 26 July 2017**. Please come along.
- Having personally run two fetes, I can attest to the fun we have as a committee in the planning and of course the sense of achievement and pride when the fete day arrives and we see the utter enjoyment on all the families faces. It truly is rewarding. Not to mention the great friends you make along the way.
- With each fete we like to bring in new committee members with fresh ideas to add to the mix. We want to ensure our fete organisation remains sustainable so a good mix of parents from the junior and senior years is a must. That way, the Fete Committee has the benefit of those who can show the way and those who can change the way!
- The school is putting their 'wish list' for possible fundraising objectives together – expect a focus on digital technologies or uplift of the McDonald Street part of the grounds to be on the list. Generally the School Council and Fete Committee will choose from this list, the objective for the fete and theme the fete on this.
- The fete date has been tentatively set for the **24 March 2018** and we are looking to get the rides booked in as soon as possible.

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

Thank you to the staff for another great term! It was a longer than usual term with so many additional activities – enjoy a well-deserved break!

Finally, just a reminder to those staying local, if you are using the school grounds, please be aware of the construction happening on the oval and steer clear. For those families that are travelling this holiday, please keep safe.

Happy mid-year holidays to all!

Kind regards

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