

## SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM – 14 March 2018

### Principal's Report

The 2017 school year was an extremely busy but successful year. It was also a year of change as we continue to meet the needs and demands of the new generation of families attending our school.

I would like to sincerely thank our staff for their ongoing professionalism and commitment to every aspect of Teaching and Learning, and their willingness to undergo a variety of online training modules in their own time. I would also like to thank our staff for their adaptability when it came to sharing our spaces with the Principal Class team from Beaumaris Secondary College throughout the year.

#### School Council

Thank you to the School Council and the many members of the School Council Sub-committees, who give freely of their time and expertise in order that our students receive the best available knowledge and skills.

#### School Council Subcommittees

- Policy and Program
- Canteen
- OSHC
- Works
- Uniform Shop

I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Carolynn Smith, Glen King and Andrew McClure for leading our School Council in 2017. I greatly appreciate the additional hours given to their roles throughout the year, above and beyond the normal School Council commitments. The sharing of their many skills and areas of expertise have ensured that the leadership of our Council is of an extremely professional nature.

#### School Uniform Shop

During 2017 Mrs Annie Thomas accepted the newly created position of managing our school Uniform Shop. Annie has done an outstanding job in this role and has lifted the management of this position to an extremely high standard in every aspect of running this committee and Uniform Shop.

## Parent Community

I would like to thank the parents for their contribution to our community in the many leadership and coordination roles they have voluntarily given to the school.

## BNPS Parents and Friends

During 2017, the BNPS Parents & Friends was developed. Parents & Friends' is a unique opportunity to act upon the research conducted by the school as to how to increase engagement within the parent body, with purpose, passion and pragmatism. Three key insights derived from the school's research, guide our principles:

- Accessibility: Parents & Friends want to have a voice within inclusive, efficient channels
- Transparency: Parents & Friends want to know exactly what the result is of their efforts
- Simplicity: Parents & Friends want digital platforms, specific instructions and tangible direction

The purpose of the BNPS Parents & Friends is to speak the **voice of the parents and friends** and in doing so, contribute to a **stronger sense of community and connection at BNPS.**

I would like to publicly acknowledge the wonderful work achieved by Laura Fitzpatrick and her team for initiating this new direction of our previously known, Parents' Club, and the parent members. Members of our P & F still manage the Class Reps Program, the Head Hunters Program, Student Discos and coordinate the Mother's Day and Father's Day Stalls.

## Fathers Activity Club

I would also like to convey my thanks and appreciation to all members of the Fathers' Activity Club. Thank you Tom Johnson, for leading our group of wonderful dads.

# Major School Achievements in 2017

## Amphitheatre

Proceeds of the 2016 School Fete were used for the construction of our new amphitheatre. The first official use of this wonderful facility was our 2017 Carols evening.

## Grounds Development

The discovery of asbestos in our grounds has turned out to be a positive result for our school community. During 2017 a great deal of government funds has been spent on our school grounds. We now have a wonderful landscaped garden surrounding the Year 4 classrooms on the Reserve Road boundary. In December, an additional Mod 5 was delivered to this area and we are in the process of developing a Year 4 Learning precinct.

The Morey Road boundary of the school has had all contaminated soil removed and new tanbark installed around the perimeter of our oval. All dead or unsafe trees have been removed and many new trees have been planted. The area adjacent to the Art Room, referred to as the picnic area, has been cleared of rubbish and reinstated with new tanbark. We were also included on the building repairs program, and as a result, most of the original cladding of our buildings has now been removed and replaced by an asbestos free sheeting.

## Underground Tanks Removed

The two underground tanks located near the man building were removed.

## Permanent Modular School Buildings Program - Notification of Building Removal

In the 2017-18 State Budget, \$1,250,000 was allocated to our school for a permanent modular school building. The project at Beaumaris North Primary School is part of the Permanent Modular School Buildings Program. This building will replace Block B with new classrooms, staff facilities and a multi-purpose room. The architect-designed modular facilities require less time for planning and construction, resulting in reduced disruption to students, staff and teaching programs. They are sustainable and innovatively designed, with a comparable lifespan to bricks and mortar structures.

## Portable toilet

New relocatable toilets were delivered to the school at the end of November. These toilets are located at the end of the Library near the oval.

## New Communication

Our new website was designed this year with many hours of work given to this project by Shannon Hewlett, our PR/Communications Officer. Shannon also introduced the 'iNewsletter' <https://inewsletter.co/beaumaris-north-primary-school>. The introduction of this communication mode has been extremely well received as shown by the available data which details not only the number of readers, but also the time spent reading the newsletter.

## Online Permissions for Excursions and Incursions

In Term 3 of 2017, we introduced Compass online permissions for our parents and this has proved to be extremely successful and more time efficient for all concerned.

# 2017 Highlights

## Whole School Events

- Kismatter Day
- Family Picnic with special guest Samuel Johnson from 'Love Your Sister'
- Swimming Sports, Cross Country and Athletics
- School Resilience Program including a Parent Information Evening
- Anxious Child Information Session
- Anzac Day Ceremony
- Remembrance Service
- Year 6 Exhibition
- Choir visits to several residential accommodation venues
- Book Week Parade
- The Watermelon Challenge
- Spring Racing Luncheon (P&F)
- Mother's & Father's Day stalls
- Junior & Senior Discos
- Junior School Council organised events such as 'Sports Clothes', 'Footy Colours' 'Touch of Easter' and 'Touch of Xmas' Days
- Special Prep events (*Grandparent's Morning, Mother's Day Pampering, Father's Day Morning, 100 Days at School celebration, Cubby Day, and an Old Fashioned Dress-up day*)
- Choir Soirees (Junior and Senior)
- OzChild Wishing Tree Program
- Carols Evening
- Art Installation Program

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Many extra-curricular activities and programs were made available to our students including:

- Lunch Clubs
- Early Morning Maths (Y3 - 6)
- Choir (Y3 - 6)
- Singing Lessons (Y2 - 6)
- Instrumental Music Program
- Bike Ed (Y4 & 5)
- Whole-school Swimming Program
- Exhibitions (Y4 - 6)
- Leadership Program (Y3 - 6)
- School Camping Program (Y4 - 6)
- Hip Hop and Tennis Lessons via OSHC
- Premiers' Reading Challenge
- Mini Fete (Y5 & 6)
- Calligraphy Competition (Y1 - 6)
- Buddy Program (Prep/Year 5 & Year 1/Year 6)

## Staff Professional Development

- Compass introduction and training in a variety of modules
- OH&S Modules
- Emergency Management Procedures
- First Aid Update including Anaphylaxis and CPR
- eSmart accreditation requirements
- Mandatory Reporting
- Philip Holmes-Smith and the SPA Analyser and student tracker
- Neuro-Motor Readiness
- Microsoft Office 365
- Trauma in Children
- Mobility Coordinator for Blind Students
- Learning fundamentals
- Mathematics – Curriculum Mapping
- Sue Larkey - ASD
- Literacy-Running Records
- Use of Digital Literacies
- The Resilience Project
- Edusafe
- VCOP Writing and Moderation
- Creating Rubrics in Compass for Learning Tasks

## Charity Support

- Love Your Sister
- Family Life
- Very Special Kids
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Reboot Campaign
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- OzChild
- Heart Foundation
- ANZAC & Legacy Appeals
- Good Friday Appeal
- State Schools' Relief
- Save the Children
- Pencils Community

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