



## PUBLIC REPORTING MEETING FOR 2019

### BEAUMARIS NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2019

2019 was a year for consolidation. After the disruptive building year of 2018, it was great for the staff and community to settle into our lovely school surrounds and start to enjoy what all the new buildings and playscapes have to offer. We welcomed several new councillors to School Council which presented us a great opportunity to learn from new perspectives and share past experiences. We continued with our measured but strong fiscal management and community spirit in the renewed uplift of parent volunteers.

Outside of School Hours Care continues to be a very important service offered with demand growing year on year. Kelly and her team have provided us an exemplary service, and this was evidenced this year with OSHC receiving an "Exceeding National Quality Standards" rating. I would like to thank Kelly and her team for their continued focus and dedication to providing such a wonderful environment. With so many families making use of OSHC, it is so important for parent's peace of mind to know their children are well looked after, engaged, and are wanting to attend.

2019 presented a solid year for finances. The budgeting process that has now been in place for a few years, continues to work well. With Sue Miles' diligent focus on monitoring spend against budget, we are were once again pleased with the year-end financial position.

It holds us in good stead to weather any unexpected items in 2020. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Andrew McClure who is a long-standing member of our school council, our current Treasurer and previously School Council President. He has had a tremendous positive influence of improving the processes we have used to govern and track financial well-being and these sustainable processes will hold the next school council in good stead. Thank-you Andrew for the years of service to the school and for the guidance you have provided School Council.

The canteen and school uniform shop are two other services that School Council support. Both have gone from strength to strength this year. I would like to thank Annie and her team of volunteers for running the uniform shop. Having an on-site uniform shop is a luxury and one we all appreciate. I would also like to thank



Jenny and her team of volunteers in the canteen. This year, we saw a resurgence in volunteers in both these services and I would like to thank the school community for rolling up their sleeves and getting behind these services. Both services cannot run without parent and community assistance.

We must not forget the important work that Moira and Policy Subcommittee perform. Each year there are several policies that must be reviewed and updated as well as new policies created and implemented. Over the last two years, the Department of Education has introduced some standardised and templated policies. As school policies come up for renewal, the Policy Subcommittee looks to adopt these standardised policies and customise where appropriate for our school. This year was no exception and I thank the Policy Subcommittee for their focus.

Maintaining our school facilities does come at a significant cost and we do rely on parent raised funds for some of these special projects. I thank Kristy Hamshare for her support through running the Parents and Friends Club. It is wonderful to see the funds raised from the Colour Run and the Gala Ball support the resurfacing the basketball court which was in a state of disrepair.

The start of 2020 has brought with it some significant challenges. I am always so impressed with the resilience shown by Sherril and her leadership team. With fires across Victoria's east, the burning down of Sandringham Primary School and the COVID-19 pandemic, the staff have shown what community means.

With very little notice, Sherril and staff jumped to the aid of Sandringham Primary School, helping with the move to their temporary accommodation at Sandringham East Primary School and Sandringham College. Our students have also shown their sense of community, wanting to help those in need in any way they can, coming up with many great ideas which they are implementing.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented us with a unique situation and many tough decisions. It will continue to impact us going forward and we appreciate the support of the wider school community in the coming months.

I would like to send a very special thanks to Melissa Joy and her Fete committee. I know the huge effort that goes into planning and preparing for the fete and on behalf of school council, I thank the team. It was with great disappointment that we had postpone the fete one day out and apologise for the late notice that could not



be avoided. The fete is a true demonstration of school community as it involves so many of our staff and families. It is always such an anticipated event. I look forward to the reschedule and wish the fete committee every success.

It has been a privilege to work with a great School Council this year and I would like to personally thank all of you for your contributions. My term comes to an end this year. My girls have benefited from the grounding provided by Beaumaris North that has put them in good stead for their future and I have loved all the years we have spent at the school.

It is time to pass the baton – I thank Sherril for the experience and the guidance she has provided. Being involved in School Council has afforded me a much deeper understanding of the Victorian education system and I commend Sherril and her team on creating an exceptional and dynamic school. This would not be possible without their dedication and passion.

I wish all at BNPS, the staff, students, families, and wider school community a successful 2020.

Carolynn Smith  
**School Council President (2018-2019)**

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