

P&C MINUTES
MONDAY 25TH JUNE 2007

1. APOLOGIES: Nil

2. MINUTES: Minutes 21st May approved.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

The RTA have sent information in regards to their new child road safety upgrade package. New enforcement programs will target drivers and pedestrians within school zones across the State to improve safety for our school children. Major features of the package include increased fines and loss of demerit points for driving offences in school zones. These new fines are outlined in a flyer given to schools. This flyer is available on the RTA website- www.rta.nsw.gov.au. The P&C will outline this information in the school newsletter.

The Golden Circle Fun Run- it was decided not to go ahead this year, as the parents that organised it last year did not think it was of great benefit to the school.

4. PRINCIPALS REPORT: Craig Davis

a. Dianne Dalton- Mrs Dianne Dalton has announced her retirement after a long association with BHPS both as a parent and as our School Administrative Manager. Dianne has made an incredible contribution to the school for over 16 years. It is true to say that Dianne has seen many changes and has been a change agent in the financial management of the school. Dianne has been a strong and committed member of staff, a wonderful support and a tireless worker for the school. Personally, Dianne has been a huge support and I am amazed at her resilience in what is an incredibly demanding role. Dianne is both a friend and colleague who I can truly say that it has been my privilege to work with. Dianne has been an integral part of the BHPS team and has led an equally committed team of administrative staff. Dianne leaves our school next month to take some time out for herself and take on the challenging role of doting Grandmother. We thank Dianne for her outstanding commitment to Public Education and wish her all the very best for her retirement.

b. Storm Damage- The heavy wind and rains caused a few problems for the school with several small trees down and a couple of annoying roof leaks. Perhaps the biggest issue with the storm was the damage caused to the shade structure. The damage resulted in tears to the shade cloth and some structural damage to the south-eastern corner. An estimate to have the cover replaced with a poly sheeting was approximately \$70 000 with the structure requiring major improvements to accommodate the increased stresses. A replacement structure with a solid roof could be rebuilt for \$50 000, a replacement shade cloth covering has been ordered. No date has been confirmed as of yet.

c. Bathurst Excursion- One hundred and forty nine students attended the three-day excursion to the Bathurst Goldfields. The staff attending did an extraordinary job and are to be commended for their care and support of the children. The students were well behaved and were complimented by the guides and accommodation staff. The students learnt of the hardships faced by William Cox and his construction crew as they forged a

road across the mountains. They also found out that the discovery of gold and the subsequent influx of miners from all parts of the globe was the pre-cursor of modern day multiculturalism and planted the seeds for a more democratic management within the white settlement.

d. Dance- Congratulations to Mrs Richardson and her dance groups on an outstanding effort.

e. Bands- The three bands have concluded a busy festival season with great commitment and skilful performance. Congratulations to everyone involved. Gold Silver Silver.

f. Student Reports- Reports will be distributed on Wednesday 27th June.

g. Annual School Report- Annual School Reports are ready to be distributed.

h. School Development day- Our Last school development day for 2007 will be on Monday 16th July. Students are due to return on Tuesday the 17th July for the commencement of Term 3.

i. Sophie's Journey- Ron Delezio and Carolyn Martin are working with the Day of Difference Foundation to raise funds for the treatment and care of children suffering from burns and burn related illness and conditions with a special evening on the 24th July. Tickets are \$55 dollars with \$5 donated to the school for every ticket sold.

j. Joint Funding- The good news is that the school received advice on Friday that \$52 500 is soon to be returned to the P&C. This is 50% returned from the construction of the Multi-purpose room in 2004.

k. Uniform Shop Leak- There still appears to be a leak in the uniform shop but no one is sure where it is coming from. Needs to be investigated further.

School Services Reports

1. Strategic Planning Committee- Di McIntosh. Di is getting a drawing done for the outdoor learning area on the Eastern Campus. There are a few issues surrounding this such as drainage but we would like this all to happen prior to the Fair in September.

2. Treasurer- Rhonda Ewington. Comprehensive report presented by Rhonda and is included in our records folder. We need to look at organising insurance for the Fair. This has to be done by the 1st August. We also need to look at safety measures for the money on the day of the Fair and where this will be kept until it can be banked on Monday. Rhonda proposed that we have MYOB on a computer, which will be at the school probably in the uniform shop as Rhonda feels this will make her job easier. The P&C agreed that we purchase whatever is necessary to make this happen (for example another computer, software etc).

3. Canteen- Niki Bendun. The canteen has released a new menu for term 3, which includes a few price changes. The menu still seems to be well accepted. The canteen has had lots of staffing issues and has noticed that a large number of volunteers are not turning up for their shifts or giving very little notice. There have been some issues with reading the roster in the newsletter although these problems are being worked out. It was suggested that the canteen committee work on ways to deal with this problem next term.

4. Uniform Shop- Rhonda Ewington. The uniform shop is doing well. Rob Harvey has put up some new shelves. Thank you to Rob for all his help. \$59 000 in sales so far this year.

5. Band- No Report.

6. Landscaping- Nil report. Sue Palmer will order skip bins for the rest of the working bees for this year.

7. Arabanoo- Doing well. Filled to capacity some days. The older kids need some encouraging especially the boys. Vacation care is doing really well. Arabanoo are in the process of assessing what they need in the future and will report this to the P&C.

PROJECTS:

1. Playground- all finished.
2. Air Conditioning- No more units to be installed.
3. School Storage- Rob Harvey. Rob is currently organising quotes for hall storage. Rob will speak with Arabanoo and their storage issues.
4. Staff Room Eastern Campus- Kim Crott. Week 1 of the holidays they are ripping out the kitchen. Week 2 New kitchen, lino, carpet and furniture. Budget was \$13 000. Have spent \$11 500 so far. The balance will be spent on furniture for the staff room. This also includes painting Craig's office and Geri Kerr's office.
Kim has obtained a quote for steam cleaning the whole school \$5 225. Quote approved.
Kim has also submitted the water Grant forms.

OTHER MATTERS:

Volunteer reading program desperate for volunteers.
Christmas Carols- will speak to Fair committee after the Fair.
Need to look at how we will look after the children during the teachers' thank you lunch.
For example paying extra teachers.

Meeting Closed 930pm.