PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Last night’s P & C meeting attracted a small gathering of people and we were successful in filling most positions on the committee for the 2016 school year.

Congratulations and thanks to the new executive members listed hereunder, for accepting leadership roles of the parent body thus ensuring support for the school continues.

President: Leanne Farrington
Vice President: Darren Leyds
Secretary: Erin Moore
Treasurer: Suzie Cooper
Assistant Treasurer: Darren Leyds
General Committee: Scott Battle (BOOSH Convener); Suzie Collins (Canteen Convener); Kim Mackay (Publicity Officer); Libby Hamerlok, Tracey Williams (Members).

Canteen Sub-Committee:
Convenor: Suzie Collins
Minute Taker: Cathy Hall
Treasurer: Suzie Cooper
Committee Members: Libby Hamerlok, Kelly Ostler, Leanne Farrington, Amanda Roberts, Kim Mackay.
School Representative: Mrs Lauren Arentsen

BOOSH Management Committee:
Convenor: Scott Battle
Minute Taker: Lee Grigg
Treasurer (BOOSH): Suzie Cooper
Assistant Treasurer (BOOSH): Darren Leyds
Committee Members: Trish Hollis, Alison Drury, Kelsey Ramsay.
BOOSH Centre Coordinator: Sharon Palmer
School Representative: Rotation - Maurice Cook, Tracey Bromfield, Fiona McCormack, Lauren Arentsen.

Ethics Classes for 2016

These will commence next Wednesday 24 February for Years 1 to 4 only!

We have a number of enthusiastic students in Kindergarten and Year 5-6 keen to start Ethics classes but are in need of a volunteer to convene.

If you are a parent/grandparent/community member who has a spare hour each Wednesday morning from 9 to 10am and would like to find out more about the program, please contact the school office.

No experience necessary. Training will be provided.
Approaching Your School

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- discuss the progress or welfare of own child
- express concern about actions of other students
- enquire about school policy or practice
- express concern about actions of staff.

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

These guidelines aim to:

- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld
- support sensitivity and confidentiality
- help reach an agreed solution.

On occasion, a concern may cause frustration and anxiety. At such time it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

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<td>The academic progress of own child</td>
<td>• Directly contact the child’s teacher either by note, by phone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.</td>
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<td>The welfare of own child</td>
<td>• For minor issues directly contact your child’s teacher to clarify information.</td>
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<td>• For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member.</td>
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<td>• To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. please contact the office.</td>
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<td>Actions of other students</td>
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<td>• Contact the assistant principal or principal for playground problems.</td>
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<td>School policy or practice</td>
<td>• Contact the office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the principal and/or appropriate member of staff.</td>
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<td>Actions of a staff member</td>
<td>• Contact the office. And state concerns to the principal.</td>
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<td>• Arrange to meet directly with the principal and/or staff member concerned.</td>
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MAURICE COOK
Principal
FRIDAY FUNDRAISING

Chicken Sausages on bread may be purchased at $2.00 each and Bulla Splits $1.50 each. Half a sausage in slice of bread available for $1.00. Slushies are available ($2 each) and poppers/flavoured milk ($2.00 each).

If your rostered date is not suitable, please contact Mrs Reid in the office.

TERM 1, 2016 – FRIDAY FUNDRAISER ROSTER

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<td>Friday 19 February</td>
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<td>GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY</td>
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Camp Gallipoli Foundation
Pozieres School Project

On November 11 2015 Beechwood Public School participated in a small but significant ceremony to mark Remembrance Day. The students also participated in a fundraising initiative where children from across the country were asked to donate a gold coin to help rebuild a dilapidated school in the village of Pozieres in France, where thousands of Australian troops died in fierce fighting in 1916.

The fundraising campaign mirrors one conducted in the 1920’s when Victorian school children collected pennies to rebuild the shattered school in the village of Villers Bretonneux, which Australian soldiers had liberated in 1918.

The money donated by the Beechwood Public School students will assist in the building of the Pozieres School and will reinforce the memory of ANZAC from The Battle of Pozieres.

Our School’s Prime Minister, Ruby McAndrew and the Minister for Education and Functions, Charlotte Ostler, presenting the Certificate of Appreciation that the school received from Camp Gallipoli Foundation for our donation.

BOOSH NEWS

Coordinator
Sharon Palmer (Mon-Fri 2pm-6pm)

Assistants
Jodie Wright (Mon, Tues, Wed 3pm-6pm)
Jessie McPhee (Thurs, Fri 3pm-6pm)

WOW, what a great start to the year. We are so happy to have so many new children attending. All of our Kindy’s have settled in exceptionally well and we look forward to an awesome year at BOOSH.

Our first Theme Day was “Fancy Dress Party” and it was a lot of fun. Theme Days will continue throughout Term 1 in week 5, 7, and 9. The Theme for each of these week’s will be displayed on the Boosh noticeboard.

Thank you so much to all of our Boosh parents for your support, it is greatly appreciated. If you would like to contact me I am in the Boosh office from 2pm daily or you can call me on 0400 915 844.

Sharon Palmer BOOSH Coordinator
**TERM 1 - 2016**

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Week 4:**
- Friday 19 Feb
- 11.00am – 1.00pm
- Primary Years 3-6 Weekly Swimming

**Week 5:**
- Friday 26 February
- 10.00am
- Year 5-6 Assembly – Induction of School Parliament 2016 members.

**Week 6:**
- Friday 4 March
- 10.00am
- Clean Up Australia Day

**Week 7:**
- Friday 11 March
- 10.00am
- School Parliament Assembly

**END OF TERM 1 – Friday 8 April 2016**

**TERM 2 – STUDENTS RETURN – Wednesday 27 April 2016**

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**COMBOYNE SHOW**

*Saturday 20 February*

- Featuring Goat Races, Entertainment for the kids, Amusement Rides, Wearable balloons (free), Animal nursery (free), Food and Coffee, Markets, Craft Demonstrations (free), Woodworking, Spinning, Bonsai, Clydesdale Horses, Dog Championships, Exhibitions, Poultry, Produce and Flowers, Baking and Preserves, Art, Craft and Photography

-$5 per adult – 16 and under free

Free Parking

www.comboyneshow.com for details

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Port City Hockey Club**

Next registration day will be held at the Hockey field on 23 February from 5pm to 7pm. See [www.portcityhockey.com](http://www.portcityhockey.com)

**Wauchope Soccer Club**

Registrations are now open for the 2016 Season and will close 1st March 2016.


Representatives from the Club will be at the Fairmont Gardens on Tuesday 23rd February 2015 5pm – 6pm for assistance with registrations. For further information please contact Chanine 0429 861 327 or Bec 0409 401 926.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Tuesday Canteen Roster:**

**WEEK 5:**
- Tuesday
- 23.02.16
- Kylie MOORES
- Kelsie RAMSAY

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**2016 CANTEEN ROSTER VOLUNTEER SLIP**

YES, I am able to help in the canteen on:-

Dates/s of Tuesday/s available: ____________________________________________

Name: ___________________  Contact Number: ___________________

Specific Dates I am/am not available: ______________________________________

  Please call me if a rostered volunteer is unable to attend  YES / NO
  I would like to be a member of the canteen subcommittee  YES / NO

Suzie Collins - Canteen Supervisor