

SEPTEMBER 2007
NEWSLETTER

Issue 14

BLenheim STATE SCHOOL - P&C

**Climbing high - in quest of success
Strength Persistence Achievement**

**Dates for your
Diary:**

second
20th September 2007
Panthers
when the chips were
'Sausage Sizzle'

Well done to Blenheim for winning the B School Average Points trophy for the consecutive year at the Thornton Ball Games. I must say though the children congratulated for their positivity and encouragement to each other especially down, it was great to see!!

15th October 2007
effort from us
at 7.00pm
behaviour. This behaviour
General Meeting
community in a positive way
All Welcome!!
healthier community.

Our children mostly follow the examples we as parents set and obviously much as parents has gone into encouraging open communication and positive is so important to nurture. As the more we help each member of our with high esteem and encouragement, our school will become a stronger and

Up and coming

Events:

P&C Fundraiser
Election Day Stall

Grant News - Investing In Our Schools Round Four 2007
Congratulations to Sandra for securing \$10,408 which will be spent on an autooil for the staff kitchen,
new air conditioners for Kandice' class, library and additional reading books.
So far almost \$100,000 has been received from this project for our school.

Community Garage

newsletter. We had some

Sale Blenheim Stall

transitions to High School.

(Any donations books,

Thanks to members who sent

plants etc to be

parents or carers who

dropped at the school)

Membership Form.

General Meeting News - 17th September 2007 at 7.00pm

The year seems to be flying and we have held another meeting since the last

very interesting items on the agenda including some proposals on school

Thank you to all members who attended; it is great to have your support.

their apologies. We hope you will be able to attend a future meeting. For those

would like to attend please find attached our Parents and Citizens Association

P&C AWARD

To Sandra & Kathy
school seats have been
for participation
and enthusiasm shown

Working Bee - 1st September 2007 - 8.30am

Thank you to all the families who helped. The new tank has been fitted and two
installed.

on Book Parade
and Bad Hair/Dress Up
Festival Workshop
Day!!

7th September 2007

Excursion to Woodlands, Marburg for the Ipswich Children's Literature

For Years 5, 6 & 7

What a lovely way to bring literacy alive for our children!!

Fantastic Mad Hatter
Sandra!!
and Wild Hair Kathy!!

Thank you to Sandra, Pauline, Mary and Kate for supporting the children.

Fundraising News - Money.....

Current Agenda
Budget
And Minutes

All monies raised will help support School Excursions and School Annual

Please see the
help with school
School Noticeboard

School Annual Budget 2007

The P&C are pleased to announce \$800.00 has been donated to the school to
programmes.

to the P&C
fantastic school.

A huge thank you to all fundraisers and community members who have donated
because without your continued support we could not continue supporting our

Blenheim Panthers Feast - 14th September 2007 - Monies raised \$57.00

Approx. Well done!!

We still need volunteers, if you can spare a few hours a month, we would like to

hear from you!!

It can be fun to do with a friend, and is a good way to meet people.
OUR NEXT FEAST WILL BE ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER 2007...

17th September 2007

Excursion to the Local Hospital and Ambulance For Years Prep, 1, 2, 3 & 4

same time widened and
community and environment.

It was good to hear that our children at Blenheim had a great day and at the
developed their knowledge and understanding of the world via the local

wonderful children.

Thank you to Kandice, Pauline and Pam for making this day special for our

transportation.

The P&C supported this event and donated \$20.00 to the school for

happen.

So a huge thank you to all who donated and fundraised to enable this event to

Order your Blenheim State School Shirts today!!

The Blenheim P&C sells school shirts at near cost price as a service to our school community. The polo shirts are in school colours of green and black, with the school logo on the front.

The shirts are great value at only \$25.00 and are available in sizes XS, S, M, L, XL and XXL.

(See attached order form)

Second Hand School Dresses for Sale - \$5.00 - If interested please contact Christene via the School

Recent Traffic Alert

We are still concerned with dangerous driving outside the school. Please be vigilant!!

Message Board

1. See Attached Article Dated the 12th September 2007 The Courier Mail - "Pots Of Fun"

2. School Holiday Events - See Attached Flyer

3. Useful websites

www.education.qld.gov.au

One School,
Smart Choices,
Prep 2007.

Latest information on the following:- The State Budget 2007-2008, Training,

Anaphylaxis Guidelines, Tomorrows Schools, Literacy the Key to Learning,

Smart Moves, Bound for Success, QCAR, Smart Classrooms, Asbestos and

4. www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/brochure/earlymath/index.html

Help your children learn math - A Guide for Parents

If you would like to put a message on the Message Board, please contact our current Executive Team

Mark Seng, Jody Allen, Christene Weirman or Pauline Mathieson

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Access the P&C Newsletter via the school Website:

Speak Up!! Reach Out!! and Be a Friend!!

On behalf of all P&C Members, have a safe and relaxing holiday!!

Blenheim State School

P&C General Meeting - Minutes - 17th September 2007

1. Meeting Open: 19.15pm
2. Attendance: J Allen, L Asselin, P Mathieson, M Seng & C Weirman
3. Apologies: M Allen, S Duncalfe, M Eadie, K Hutson, M Mckinlay, J Seng
4. Minutes: Motion: To accept that the minutes from the previous meeting are a true and accurate record.
Moved: P Mathieson 2nd: J Allen, All Agreed , Carried
5. Business arising from the previous meeting:
 - 6.1 P&C Womens Weekly Award:
\$2,000 awarded to a P&C. L Asselin & P Mathieson to look at.
 - 7.1 Traffic:
Still concerned with speed of traffic. S Duncalfe to contact police again. The P&C have requested that we display 'children crossing' flags before and after school hours. Parents to help staff when they can.
 - 7.4 School Audit:
The Senior Auditor was satisfied with the management of the School's finances.
 - 7.5 Textile & Clothing Report:
Motion: P Mathieson to complete the above report once received.
Moved: C Weirman 2nd M Seng, All Agreed, Carried

7.6 Vinyl Banner:

Enrolment banner to promote the school to be made. Proposed format liked. Banner to be displayed along Pitt Road and Blenheim Road.

7.7 Trip to Woodlands:

Private vehicles to be used as the Aged Care bus is unavailable.

7.8 Australian Government's Green Vouchers for schools:

provides upto \$50,000 for rainwater tanks and solar hot water tanks. S Duncalfe to try for a solar hot water system for the kitchen. Enviroshopping.com to supply quote free of charge.

8.2

School Shirts:

Stocktake taken on the 20th August 2007: XS - (5), S - (2), M - (1) & MA - (1)

Second hand school dresses to be advertised in the P&C Newsletter for \$5.00

Motion: C Weirman to order 5 Small, 7 Medium, 5 Large & 5 Extra, Extra Large releasing \$500.00 approx from P&C Account

Moved: P Mathieson 2nd M Seng, All Agreed , Carried

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8.3

Victorian Securities investment renewal date 30.09.07:

Motion: Dart Memorial Fund and Interest of \$527.11 to be reinvested for another year. \$50.00 to be released from the P&C Bank Account for the end of year award.

Moved: C Weirman 2nd J Allen - All Agreed - Carried

9.5

Motion: Games Day cancellation on the 4th August 2007 due to illness.

Moved: P Mathieson 2nd J Allen, All Agreed, Carried

9.3 & 9.6 Tennis Court & Working Bee:

The following jobs to be scheduled for a working bee: Tank, Stand, Seating, Tennis Court, Rubbish and plan for concreting paths.

Motion: A Working Bee for the 1st September 2007 at 08.30am

Moved: M Seng, 2nd J Allen, All Agreed, Carried

9.7 Playground:

S Duncalfe confirmed that the children are delighted with the playground.

A few problems with the rubber surface small holes and rainwater collection underneath. Contractors have been contacted and will investigate.

S Duncalfe gaining quotes for grass to finish the playground area. Possible access to Greening Lockyer funds.

9.8 Morning Tea great event.

9.11 Power Socket:

S Duncalfe has a few electrical jobs. P&C could have our socket done at the same time.

9.13 Sandpit:

Job completed. Concern with finish around edge of sandpit.

9.12 Laidley Cluster \$20,000 Bike Safety:

Trailer not made yet. Term 3 & 4 cluster can use. Booking fee and possible parts cost.

9.14 School Banner:

S Duncalfe happy with the look of the banner.

9.16 Graduation:

Possible venue Ipswich Mihi \$8.90 - Child (All you can eat)

\$19.90 - Adult (Friday)

S Duncalfe to ask parents for venue suggestions via the School Newsletter.

9.17 Values Education Update:

So far implicit teaching of anti bullying values via Hi 5 and Stories of Us programming. Promoting the values of the school via Vision statement and Newsletter creating an atmosphere

of ownership. Please more feed back in the School Newsletter.

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9.18 MS Readathon:

M Cullinaine thank you notice for P&C Newsletter. All agreed okay to publish. School Newsletter

to print as well.

9.19 Netaalert warning literature:

P Mathieson wanting to use for P&C Newsletter. All agreed okay to publish.

9.23 Playground Tender:

S Duncalfe has confirmed Smith and Unsworth families have been successful in their tenders for the above equipment.

9.24 Fathers Day Stall to be run by Student Council.

9.25 Community Garage Sale date to be confirmed can we promote in P&C Newsletter when known??

9.26 Swimming lesson costs:

Not known yet. Last year \$3.00. This did include tuition fees. Possible qualified teacher available at no cost.

Could P&C Excursion budget money be used to part fund?? (Deferred to next meeting)

9.27 QCPCA;

*Strategic Objective 11: Develop Mentoring Plan

*Strategic Objective 12: Raising Awareness of QCPCA - Identify Cultural Leaders.

9.7 Playground:

S Duncalfe to ask for tenders in the School Newsletter (25.7.07)

Closing Date (20.8.07) reserve \$200.00.

Playground great but needs surrounding area looked at. For short term maybe look at seeding?? Light & water possible problem. Top soil maybe.

For long term concrete paths and astro turf. Concrete paths maybe P&C could arrange labour and materials. Turf would need to be a grant.

Grants to be sourced by P&C.

9.8 & 9.9 Food Feast & Morning Tea:

Motion: To have a morning tea and food feast at Cafe' Sorella on the 24th July 2007 at 10.00am

Moved: C Weirman 2nd J Allen, All Agreed , Carried

9.10 VSEG Grant Sports 2007:

The P&C have applied for the above grant for multi purpose nets, portable soccer goals, soccer balls, volley balls, badminton rackets and shuttles.

9.11 Power Socket:

Quotations to be sourced.

9.12 Laidley Cluster \$20,000 Bike Safety:

S Duncalfe will ask at the next cluster meeting.

9.13 Sandpit:

Just waiting for sand and cover.

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9.14 School Banner:

Could we look into replacing??

9.15 QCPCA;

*Multicultural Awards open for 2007. This year the Queensland government will be again recognising individuals, schools, agencies that have supported cultural diversity, community harmony and a greater understanding between cultural groups in Queensland. Closing date 3.08.07.

*United Nations have declared the year of languages for 2008.

*Returning officers and scrutineers have been elected prior to commencement of QCPCA state conference 2008.

*Last QCPCA meeting (2.07.07) discussions on operations plan.

6. Correspondence for September :

7.5 P&C Textile & Clothing Report (Deferred to General Business)

6.2 Daniel Morecome (Deferred to General Business)

6.3 Glengallan Voucher (Deferred to General Business)

6.4 Department Of Families (Deferred to General Business)

6.5 Investing In Our Schools (Deferred to General Business)

In: 10 Amblyth (Invoice), LW Reid News, Clark Tanks, Your Child's First Year At School,

Fundraiser Labels

Out: 8 Newsletter, Working Bee, P&C Agenda & Minutes, Textile and Clothing Report, X2 Feast Notes, General Meeting Notice.

Outstanding: 0

Motion: All outstanding correspondence to be actioned

Moved: P Mathieson 2nd: L Asselin, All Agreed, Carried

7. Principal's Report:

7.9 Purchases for the school (see General Business)

Motion: To accept the Principal's September Report (See Appendix 1A).

Moved: M Seng 2nd: J Allen, All Agreed, Carried

8. Financial Reports: August 2007

Opening Balance \$5429.65

Closing Balance \$5286.10

Outstanding Cheques to Clear \$85.00 Bus Transportation, \$488.85 Uniforms

\$181.10 left from VSEG Grant.

Motion: To release funds to purchase Christmas Drinks

Moved: C Weirman 2nd: M Seng , All Agreed , Carried

Motion: To accept the Financial Reports to be a true account of finances (See Appendix 2A)

Moved: C Weirman 2nd: M Seng , All Agreed , Carried

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9. General Business:

9.35 Transition to High School

The P&C would like the school to arrange grade 7 & 6 children visits to potential high schools in the area,

to enable children and parents/carers to decide upon a suitable school. General consensus is this certainly

would help with children forming important social contacts and lesser the emotional turmoil that some children

can suffer from (deferred to next meeting).

6.2 Daniel Morecome DVD & "Day For Daniel" 31st October 2007

General consensus P&C Members would like to get involved. Mark to ask Sandra permission to run an event.

(deferred to next general meeting)

6.3 Glengallan Voucher

To be used for Election Day Stall

6.4 Department Of Families VSEG - Sport - Grant - 2007

Not successful

6.5 Investing In Our Schools

Sandra has been successful in obtaining a further \$10,408 for reading books, auto-boil for the kitchen and

air conditioners for kandice' classroom.

6.6 Womens Weekly Award

Not to be pursued.

7.1 Traffic

School crossing flags have made a difference.

9.29 Pedestrian Crossing Poles & Drain

Please could Sandra contact the Council to do urgent repairs to the pedestrian posts and drain. Mark Seng to contact Sandra to action.

7.5 P&C Textile & Clothing Report completed and passed to the school to be sent.

7.8 Australian Government's Green Vouchers

Sandra still waiting for the release of details to progress with the application for the installation of a solar hot water system and reticulation of the grassed area around the new play equipment.

7.9 Purchases for the school.

Sandra wanted to remind the committee that all purchases for the school need to be made by cheque

payable to the school and the school pays the accounts eg excursion buses.

Our accounting manual states "Where possible, purchase equipment and materials (especially large

value items) by giving the funds to the school and having purchases incorporated into the school

budget. This recommendation is particularly relevant if your P&C is not registered for GST and

therefore not able to claim the input tax credits available with these purchases." The committee

understand that the school would have budgeted for the School Annual Budget of \$800.00.

Have the school incorporated into their budget School Excursion contributions from the P&C?

Scholastic books were paid direct to the company. We need clarification .

Christene will need to clarify with Sandra and QCPCA.

Christene will report back to the committee and we will amend our constitution accordingly.

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Motion: To release as a donation to the school \$800.00 for the School Annual Budget

Moved: C Weirman 2nd: J Allen , All Agreed , Carried

8.2 School Shirts

Christene has collected new shirts and please can we start advertising them in the P&C Newsletter.

Amblyth our shirt supplier have given samples for new UV shirts. Only a \$2.00 increase. This would be an important health and safety consideration for our children (deferred to next order).

J Seng has found a supplier for school hats. Please can we have prices and then we can look at either promoting, buying or selling.

9.3& 9.6 Working Bee

Fantastic effort as only a few could attend. Tank installed and Two school seats fitted. Poles from old fort erected as well. Mesh for tennis court to be fixed when time permits.

9.7 Playground Concreting Paths
Sandra obtaining quotes.

Playground holes (deferred to next general meeting)

9.11 Power Socket (deferred to next general meeting)

9.16 Graduation

Feedback 2 out of 5 families like the Mihi in Ipswich as a venue and 1 family like Laidley Golf Club.

Christene to obtain quotes and menus from the Mihi and Laidley Golf Club for our next meeting.

Hopefully feedback from other 2 families will be received by next meeting.

The cost of graduation certificates are to be obtained from Pippa.

9.26 Swimming Lesson Costs (deferred to next general meeting)

9.28 Motion: The P&C endorse the School Trip to visit laidley ambulance service and hospital on the 17th September 2007

Moved: P Mathieson 2nd; L Asselin - All Agreed - Carried

9.29 Motion: The P&C are to participate in the Election Day stall

Moved; J Allen 2nd: C Weirman - All Agreed - Carried

9.30 Motion: To release funds for the Panthers Feast on the 20th September 2007 & 18th October 2007

Moved; P Mathieson 2nd: J Allen - All Agreed - Carried

- 9.31 Security
Concerns with security during lunch time (deferred to next meeting).

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- 9.32 Bluecards
What is the school policy on volunteers holding these cards? (deferred to next meeting).

- 9.33 Website
P&C Newsletters and Minutes can now be accessed via this service.

- 9.34 Adopt-A-Cop
When will be our next visit? (deferred to next meeting)

- 9.35 Drinks audit
Christene to audit our drinks stock and report back to the committee at our next general meeting.

- 9.36 Budget 2007
Christene reported to the committee that we are on track. Expenditure and receipts has been low because of cancelled fundraising events. However receipts should be up for the next few months as we have the Election Day Stall, Community Hall Stall and Panthers Feast. One of our main events Graduation cost will be substantially lower as only 5 students to cater for. We should be able to accrue \$1,500 still for 2008.

10. Next General Meeting to be held on 15th October 2007 at 19.00pm

11. Meeting Closed at 20.45pm

