

AUGUST 2007  
NEWSLETTER

Issue 13

BLLENHEIM STATE SCHOOL - P&C

Climbing high - in quest of success  
Strength Persistence Achievement

**Dates for your**

no matter how we are  
**diary**

student or a family member,

even if it is just by

1st September 2007

Working Bee

8.30am

state wide testing the

17th September 2007

P&C General Meeting

7.00pm

behaviour by all

**All Welcome**

**General Minutes**

**for 20.8.07 are**

great.

**posted on the**

**School Noticeboard**

**P&C AWARD**

attended; it is great to

All Blenheim Students

will be able to attend

for great team spirit

find attached our

and impeccable

behaviour at the

'Small Schools

Athletic Carnival'

appreciate your help even if

seating in, measure the

for new paths.

**Be Safe**

**Be a Learner**

**Be Respectful**

As we settle down to complete semester 2 for 2007 let's give it our very best

involved in our school community. It doesn't matter if you are a teacher, a

let's do our bit and do it to the best of our capacity. You will be well rewarded,

seeing the next generation with the achievements they make.

On behalf of the P&C we would like to wish all students taking years 3, 5, 7

very best of luck!!

The Small Schools Athletics Carnival - 20th July 2007

Congratulations to all who participated. Wonderful team spirit and impeccable

students. Well done!!

Morning Tea - Cafe' Sorella - 24th July 2007 at 10.00am

Wonderful morning of laughter and networking! The food and the company was

Watch this space for another social get together.

General Meeting News - 20th August 2007 at 7.00pm

We had some lively discussion as always. Thank you to all members who

have your support. Thanks to members who sent their apologies. We hope you

a future meeting. For those parents or carers who would like to attend please

Parents and Citizens Association Membership Form.

Working Bee - 1st September 2007 - 8.30am

We are holding another Working Bee on the above date. We would really

you can only manage an hour or so. The P&C are hoping to concrete the new

tennis court for new wire, remove rubbish, dismantle a tank and stand and plan

Thank you for all your recent and past support.

Fundraising News - Money.....

All monies raised will help support School Excursions and School Annual

Budget

**Book Week**

18th - 24th August  
2007  
\$500.00.

will receive \$50.00 for  
To encourage your  
child to read why  
not join the Premier's  
Reading Challenge  
Kandice, Pauline, Pam and  
which finishes on the  
to help support the  
13th September 2007

**Dart Memorial Investment**

The P&C are happy to announce \$27.11 interest on our original investment of

This money was donated by a Mr Dart. One year 7 child at the end of the year  
their outstanding contribution to Blenheim School.

**Bus Trip to Ipswich - Years Prep-4 - 1st Semester**

My sources have revealed the children had a wonderful day. Thank you to  
Chris for making the day special for our great children. The P&C were pleased  
above event by donating \$85.00 to the school to pay for transportation.  
Thank you for your donations which helped support this event.

**Blenheim Panthers Feast - 12th July 2007 - Monies raised \$100.00 Approx.**

**Well done!!**

hear from you!!

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

It can be fun to do with a friend, and is a good way to meet people.  
WATCH OUT FOR OUR NEXT FEAST...

**School Shirts 2007/2008**

because without

The P&C will be purchasing 22 shirts at a cost of \$500 approx.  
A huge thank you to all families and community members for your kind support  
your help this community service for our students would not continue.

**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.

During school hours leave your order with Pippa.

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

**Values Education Update**

The school have been promoting our Vision in the school newsletter. As a P&C we will be  
promoting  
and encouraging selected values within the school community. We need to gain a real  
sense of ownership  
and awareness with regards to the Values for Australian Schooling.

their current We look forward to Blenheim School formally introducing the Values Education into curriculum.

Recent Traffic Alert

The school will be We are still concerned with dangerous driving outside the school. Please be vigilant. contacting local police for support.

Fundraising Events - Games Day

concerns over We apologise for the late cancellation of our Games Day this semester. This was due to illnesses with our children.

Netalert - Safety Information

Please find attached safety tips published by the Australian Government.

QCPCA - Mobile Phones During School Hours

Article by The Courier-Mail dated 22nd August 2007

Did you know?

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

Message Board

them The Cullinane family would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who supported in their recent participation in the MS Readathon. Reading books was a fun way to raise money and, thanks to the generosity of everyone who sponsored them Dan, Dylan, Jess and Jordan managed to raise a total of \$688.00 for the MS Society.

communicate properly MS (Multiple Sclerosis) is a disease that damages nerves so the brain can't with muscles and organs. People with MS can have trouble with tiredness, walking, talking, remembering things, and lots of other symptoms which change from day to day.

difference for As I have MS it was great for the children to realize that they can help make a Australians living with Multiple Sclerosis.

for a Once again, THANK YOU EVERYONE and GOOD ON YOU Dan, Dylan, Jess and Jordan top reading effort!!

Mary Cullinane

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

Mark Seng, Jody Allen, Christene Weirman or Pauline Mathieson

Access the P&C Newsletter via the school Website: [www.blenheimss.eq.edu.au](http://www.blenheimss.eq.edu.au)

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

Blenheim State School

P&C General Meeting - Minutes - 20th August 2007

1. Meeting Open: 19.20pm
2. Attendance: J Allen, L Asselin, S Duncalfe, P Mathieson, M Seng & C Weirman
3. Apologies: M Allen, 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: L Asselin, All Agreed , Carried

5. Business arising from the previous meeting:

6.1 E Mail D Grunwald:

GST Update "For non-profit bodies like the P&Cs, the threshold has been increased from \$100,000 to \$150,000" copy given to C Weirman and copy filed by P Mathieson.

7.1 Traffic:

S Duncalfe still had no feed back from Laidley Council.

7.2 Laidley Expo 20th October 2007:

P&C not to attend this event as we can not sell food or drinks.

7.3

Motion: The P&C endorse the Woodlands Trip on the 7th September 2007 for years 5, 6, 7

Moved: S Duncalfe 2nd C Weirman , All Agreed , Carried

8.2 Shirts:

C Weirman to audit school shirts (Deferred to next meeting).

9.3 Tennis Court:

At our next working bee we will measure and decide on materials to use.  
General consensus no timber boarding.

#### 9.5 Games Day:

\*Time 2.00pm until 5.00pm

\*Sausage sizzle start 5.00pm, Sausage on bread, onions (\$1.50), fizzy drinks (\$1.50), cordial (50c), tea & coffee (\$1.00),

\*Afternoon tea around 3.30pm to be provided by P&C (bring a plate).

\*Gold coin at entrance, M Seng to arrange a Raffle Prize (fruit maybe?) (50c a ticket),

\*C Weirman to organise guess how many Jelly Beans in a jar (20c),  
Colouring competition & participates certificates.

\*Possible games twister, guess who, connect 4 snakes and ladders, ten pin bowling

#### 9.6 Working Bee:

Great day existing playground removed. Tom Gannon newsletter mention as gave free time to P&C.

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#### 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.

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.

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6. Correspondence for August :

6.1. P&C Womens Weekly Awards (Deferred to General Business)

In: 13            X3 IGA Statements, X1 Invoice for LVAHA, X2 Copies of Strategic Plan 2007-2011,

                    Canteen Manager, Fogs Queensland, Glowstick, Harlequin Uniform Shop, QCPCA

                    Strategic Objective 11 & 12.

Out: 4            Newsletter, Working Bee, P&C Agenda & Minutes

Outstanding: 0

Motion: All outstanding correspondence to be actioned

Moved: P Mathieson 2nd: C Weirman, All Agreed, Carried

7. Principal's Report:

- 7.4 School Audit (See General Business)
- 7.5 P&C Textile and Clothing Report (See General Business)
- 7.6 Banner format (see General Business)
- 7.7 Woodlands worksop (see General Business)
- 7.8 Australian Government's Green Voucher (see General Business)

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

Moved: S Duncalfe 2nd: M Seng, All Agreed, Carried

#### 8. Financial Reports: July 2007

Opening Balance \$5034.04

Closing Balance \$5429.65

No Outstanding Cheques to Clear

\$181.10 left from VSEG Grant.

8.2 Uniforms (Deferred to General Business)

8.3 Victorian Securities (Deferred to General Business)

Motion: To pay the following outstanding bills Bus Trip \$85.00 & Supa IGA \$143.55

Moved: C Weirman 2nd: J Allen , 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:

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

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

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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.

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.

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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.

(See Appendix 3)

10. General Meeting to be held on the 17th September 2007 at 19.00pm

12. Meeting Closed 21.05pm