

JUNE 2007 **BLenheim STATE SCHOOL - P&C NEWSLETTER**
Issue 11

We are fast approaching Term 3 and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Blenheim School's Display For Education Week

I was lucky enough to go and see the displays at Plainland. What a wonderful array of quality work from local State Schools. Staff at Blenheim need to be congratulated for their contribution to this promotional event.

High-5 - Anti Bullying

The P & C totally support the school with the above programme because every child has a right to feel safe and secure.

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

DEST - Investing In Our School Programme

Fantastic new seating for the grounds has arrived for the children and the new playground is currently on order. We would really appreciate your help with the installation of the seating and the removal of the old playground. Please watch this space for a date and time of our next 'Working Bee'.

Fundraising News - Money.....

All money raised this month will help fund our School Annual Budget, School Trip and Swimming Lessons.

Blenheim Panthers Feast - 17th May 2007

A BIG THANK YOU to all volunteers for supporting the above event. Please watch this space for monies raised.

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.

WATCH OUT FOR OUR NEXT FEAST...

Cadburys Chocolate Drive

We are pleased to announce that the P & C have raised \$560.92!!!! A HUGE THANK YOU to parents, carers, school staff and community members because without your continued support this could not have been achieved.

Driver Trainer Night - 26th May 2007

According to my sources a great night was had by all. Blenheim Parents/Carers put up a mean fight. We came a credible 5th. Well done to all who supported the Community.

School Trip - 18th June 2007 Years 1 - 4

We can confirm \$85.00 has been donated to the school to support the above event to Ipswich. Your continued support has helped fund this wonderful trip for the children.

Up and Coming Fundraisers....

Movie Night 16th June 2007 - 6.30pm

We hope you can make this social fundraiser.. Wonderful food and hot drinks available.. What a better way to spend your Saturday Night.. See you there.. (See Attached Flyer)

Recent Traffic Alert

The P & C are deeply concerned with the recent events surrounding dangerous driving outside the school. We would urge everyone to be vigilant and will be seeking support from appropriate authorities.

Feedback - Preparatory Introduction - 2007

We know that many Prep Teachers and Teacher Aides are working extremely hard to provide their students with a beneficial Prep year, some with great support from their Principals. We also know that they are doing so at a great personal expense in terms of time, money and physical and psychological stress.

Without an increase in Teacher Aide hours it can become challenging to say the least. A recent report from the Queensland Teachers Union of Employees has indicated that it is particularly difficult in Prep composite classes and in multi-age classes, where Teacher Aide time may be limited.

Did you know? Blenheim State School has only been allocated 5hrs a week to support the Prep Curriculum and Teacher Aide hours have not been increased and will only be reviewed in 2009.

As parents/carers, we must make the most of opportunities to let the government know about the real impact it is having on students, teachers, aides and schools and ask them to do something about it.

The QCPCA have been prompted to gather information about what is happening in Prep via a survey.

We would really appreciate your comments. Please address to the Blenheim P&C.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Blenheim State School

P&C General Meeting - Minutes - 18th June 2007

1. Meeting Open: 19.20
2. Attendance: J Allen, S Duncalfe, P Mathieson, M Seng & C Weirman
3. Apologies: M Allen, L Asselin, M Eadie, K Hutson & M Mckinlay
4. Minutes: Motion: To accept that the minutes from the previous meeting are a true and accurate record.

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

5. Business arising from the previous meeting:

- * Working Bee called for seating on Saturday
- * Monies released for Trivia Night Support Letters - Postage
- * Letters rallying support and sponsorship for Trivia Night to be readied and sent out.
- * Electrical/Communications Equipment donated to the school accepted by M Seng.
- * Traffic issue at the school - Letter to council seeking advice on short term solution as well as long term also thanking for support recently for Cross Country cc. to Jerry Franzman and Ian Rickuss

6. Correspondence for May/June :

In: 6 P&C Secretary Resignation, QCPCA Minutes, QAST, Smart Choices,
State Budget, Glow (Fundraiser).

Out: 3 Prep Survey, P&C Newsletter, Jumper Order Confirmation

Outstanding: 0

Motion: All outstanding correspondence to be actioned

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

7. Principal's Report:

- 7.1. Traffic (See General Business)
- 7.2. Laidley State School Expo (See General Business)

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

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

8. Financial Reports:

Opening Balance \$3,846.16

Closing Balance \$5,080.50

Motion: To pay the following outstanding bills SIGA Gatton Catering \$170.89
and Laidley IGA \$30.00

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

9. General Business:

7.1 Traffic:

S Duncalfe and Laidley Shire Council have been sending correspondence to each other in regards to safety. An officer as been assigned to the case. General consensus liked safety procedures put in place at our Cross Country event this year by the Council.

7.2 Laidley State Expo:

Laidley State School is holding an Expo on 20th October 2007. A site will cost \$20 if we wish to be involved but their P&C has all rights to the sale of food and drinks. (Deferred to next meeting).

9.1 Smart Choices Survey:

Completed and returned to QCPCA.

9.2 Secretary Resignation:

Motion: To accept I Peachey resignation and to nominate P Mathieson as the P&C' temporary secretary until 16th July 2007

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

9.3 Tennis Court:

General concern with incomplete work and using timber. Contractor proving difficult. (Deferred to next meeting)

9.4 Movie Night:

Numbers low at event. Great social night for community.

9.5 Trivia Night:

Motion: To cancel Trivia Night on the 4th August 2007 and replace with a Games Day

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

9.6 Working Bee:

Motion: Working Bee on the 23rd June 2007 at 8.30am at the School to remove existing

playground

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

9.7 Playground:

Do we auction the playground? Great idea. Discuss further at aour next meeting.

9.8 Food Feast:

Next term meeting to be arranged. (Deferred to next meeting).

9.9 Morning Tea:

Next term meeting to be arranged. (Deferred to next meeting).

10. Next Special Meeting to be held on the 16th July 2007 at 19.00pm

11. General Meeting to be held on the 16th July 2007 at 19.30pm

12. Meeting Closed 20.50pm