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'It takes a village to raise a child'
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Newsletter

Thursday 23rd

February 2017

Term Dates:

Term 1: 30 January to 31 March

Term 2: 18 April to 30 June

Term 3: 17 July to 22 September

Term 4: 9 October to 22 December (Friday)

Calendar Dates

24/2/17: Grade 2 Community Walk

13/3/17: Labour Day public holiday

14/3/17: Grade 3 Science evening

15/3/17: Grade 2 Rockpool Ramble

15/3/17: District Swimming

23/3/17: Whole School Cross Country

24/3/17: Final Assembly for Term 1

30/3/17: Final day for students Term 1

31/3/17: Curriculum Day

18/4/17: Grade 3 Camp

18/5/17: Grade 5/6 Lighting Premiership

30/5/17: Division Cross Country

02/6/17: Soccer Lighting Premiership

02/6/17 - 29/06/17: Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Program

18/08/17: Basketball Lighting Premiership

22/8/17: District Athletics

CBA School Banking: Every Wednesday

Calendar Dates:

Sat 15th April- Sheepwash Classic

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Enrolments for 2017: 482

A Word from Our Principal

It is once again time to seek nominations for school council.

I have included timelines and details in this newsletter, including a self-nomination form. We have four 2 year positions available, and one 1 year position.

Major Building Project Update

The next stage for our building project will include the re-establishment of the sand pit and landscaping around our new building. The installation of our new basketball courts will also commence shortly.

During the holidays, new carpet will be installed in our original classrooms. These classrooms, as well as the library, will also be painted.

In term 2 the gallery will be dismantled and the building relocated. An annex will then be added to these classrooms that are currently occupied by the grade 2s. The annex will replicate the current design of the main building corridor.

The building project completion date is August.

Mr Darren Roskosch

Principal



IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL

Next week we will be focusing on the character strength of **Self-belief**

"I know what I believe in and I wonder about the world I live in".

Self-belief is about having an inner confidence that enables people to understand their purpose and realize that their beliefs shape their actions. Self-esteem is similar to self-belief. This is how we value ourselves; it is how we perceive our value to the world and how valuable we think we are to others. Self-esteem refers to the confidence in one's own worth or abilities and affects our trust in others, our relationships, and our work - nearly every part of our lives.

'OurPact'

OurPact is a leading parental control app for iPhones, iPads, and iPods that makes it easy for you to set limits on how much time your children are spending on their mobile devices. Create schedules, block all Internet and app use at a moment's notice or reward them with the allowance feature.

We are encouraging all parents to attend this **HIGHLY INFORMATIVE** evening, as we endeavour to regain control of our children's face time on 1 to 1 devices.

What: Cyber Safety at Barwon Heads Primary School

When: Thursday 2nd March, 6pm (40 minute duration)

Where: In the New Building

Who: Josh Baker - Assistant Principal Oberon High School

The session is expected to run no longer than 40 minutes.

“CHARACTER STRENGTH AWARDS”

00A	Kenny	Belle
00B	Millie	Charlie
00C	Abbey	Zarli-Rose
1A	Max	Indigo
1B	Arabella	Charli
1C	Lotte	Zack
2A	Eddie	Sarah
2B	Zara	Jesse
2C	Liv	Jake
3A	Charlie	Jessica
3B	Edie	Malia
34C	Freddie	Kaia
4A	Jahli	Faizi
4B	Daniel	Ruby
5A	Izzy	Zara
5B	Aston	Max
5C	Aston	Alex
6A	Lenny	Oran
6B	Abi	Jet
6C	Joe	Harry

School Council Elections

A Victorian government school council is comprised of parents, the principal, staff and sometimes community members. The school council assists in setting the educational policy of a school. BHPS Council currently has 13 members comprising of 8 parents, 4 staff members, and the Principal. To be a part of the council you don't need any particular qualifications or experience – schools look for enthusiastic parents who want to help improve the learning outcomes for all students. Each year the school is required to hold School Council elections. School Council provides an excellent opportunity for input into the decision making process of our school and in setting and monitoring the strategic direction of the school. School Council currently meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6.00pm and is generally an opportunity to swap ideas and provide updates into new plans and projects. I now invite parents to nominate for selection. **Please note you can self-nominate.** If you require any more information then please make contact with me at school or talk to any of our listed current school councillors. **Nomination forms and further information regarding school council can be collected from the office. We have 4 two year Parent Vacancies, and 1 one year vacancy.** Each position has a 2 year tenure. We do however have a one year vacancy as Steve Copland, after a one time on council has left the community and no longer has a child enrolled at BHPS.

The current school council members, whose term is ending, however are able to renominate, are as follows

Matt Walsh, Cathy Crane,
Georgie Imhoff, Severine Gearon

VACANCIES AVAILABLE:

Four X 2 year positions
One X 1 Year position

Nomination forms for council are available from the office

Election Timeline:

24/2/17 Notification of election. Call for Nominations:

3/3/17 4.00pm Nominations close

10/3/17 Ballot Announced and prepared (if required)

17/3/17 Council election ballot closes

Announcement of election result

Current School BHPS Councillors

President: Cathy Crane

Executive Officer: Darren

Roskosch (Principal)

Treasurer: Severine Gearon

Robyn Booth (staff)

Simon Quirk

Megan Allender

Warren Jackson

Georgie Imhoff

Matt Walsh

Linda Jordan (staff)

Lisa Kebbell (staff)

School Council Elections 2017

What is a school council and what does it do?

- All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

- For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:
 - A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
 - A mandated elected DEECD employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
 - An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.
- Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

- Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.
- Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

- The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.
- In view of this, you might seriously consider
 - standing for election as a member of the school council
 - encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

- No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

- The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.
- If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.
- DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.
- Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.
- Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

SCHEDULE 5A: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the BHPS school council.

Please select:

One Year Position Y / N

Two Year position Y / N

Name :

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate: Date..... /..... /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries

about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal or the school office.

