Almost half way through the year, with only 2 weeks left of the current term. Again, the P & F would like to thank you for your contributions, donations and volunteer efforts throughout Terms 1 & 2. We understand life can always be very busy for everyone and the P & F Committee thanks you all very much, and we’re sure our children do too!

We have a small change to note on the Term Planner, there will now be NO LUNCH to be provided by the P & F on June 24th or June 30th as the 24th clashes with many children being absent for the Interschool Cross Country, and June 30th is unavailable with the caterers. We are looking to add it to the Term 3 plan so please stay tuned.

Our last P & F meeting was on Tuesday 7th June. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th July at 8.45am after morning drop off, in the Staff Room in the Administration Office.

Please come along as we would love you to attend and younger siblings are always welcome.

**From the President**

I wish to extend my thanks to Donna Leitch for stepping up at our last meeting while I was on holiday, I hear it all went very smoothly.

There is not much to report on at present and to be honest as everything appears to still be running smoothly. We are all still working together and helping each other and I couldn’t be happier.

Again I would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone who would like to join the P & F Committee. We are always looking for new members to join the team. Remember, you do not need to attend all meetings. Any time, thoughts and ideas you have would be most gratefully received. Please contact anyone of us if you are interested, or place any notes in the P & F box located on the front counter in the School Office.

Thank you again to all for your continued support and dedication.

Cat Markham
President
Your input is VALUED!

We understand that not everyone can attend our morning P & F meetings due to work and other prior commitments. After receiving input from some parents, we had planned a night meeting for May 24th, but due to not enough interest to meet the required quorum, we were unable to go ahead with it. Currently our meetings are held directly after school drop off, at 8.45am on the first Tuesday of each month within each term and are currently located in the Staff Room in the School Office.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that even if you are unable to attend all our morning meetings, you can still be involved. Ways to be involved can be things like raising items for our agenda, discuss topics of interest, suggest ideas or raise questions, come to the odd meeting whenever you can, attend our fun days as a volunteer, or generally share your thoughts and questions with us anytime.

We can be contacted via the P & F box on the front counter in the School Office, by passing letters or talking to the current committee members individually, or by emailing the committee directly at pandf@brightoncps.wa.edu.au.

You are very welcome to be as involved as you can be, whether it be sending a message in to be discussed, attending meetings, or volunteering on our fun days. All your input at every level is so very valued.

If you are available one Tuesday morning when the meeting is on, please feel free to attend. They are productive yet relaxing, and at all times positive and committed to continuous improvement of our School.

The P & F committee is not a closed shop. We welcome suggestions for ways to fundraise and for fun-raising for our children.

A reminder, that any matters concerning your child and teacher are to be directed to the School.

Mid-year Hot Lunch

Unfortunately as mentioned above, we will not be going ahead with our planned Hot Lunch on June 30th this term. We are seeking to plan it for mid-September and further information will be sent out closer to this time.
Fundraising money

Our fundraising efforts over the last year have been absolutely amazing, and we have our beautiful families, friends and school community to thank for their generosity to date.

Over the past month, we proudly donated a whopping $10,000 to the School to go towards the Nature Play initiative for the school, which is currently beginning to be developed. This is very exciting for our children and we look forward to seeing the amazing vision becoming a reality in the future. The funds have been placed into a Term Deposit and will be added to each year until needed by the School.

Year 6 received over $600 towards books for their reading programs this month. We are sure this is going to be a big help to them and to the future Year 6 students.

The Kindergarten & Pre-Primary teachers have responded to our offer of assistance and have advised they are looking to purchase some new learning / interactive games as well as some storage items for existing stock. Further information will be provided once plans are in place.

Costings are currently being sourced at present to install two “Buddy Benches” for our children, to be located in separate areas in the school yard. These outdoor benches will be a place where children that are feeling lonely or troubled can go and sit. This will help them to be recognised by other children in their year, older school leaders or teachers as needing a friend to play with, or needing additional help.

As we progress through the year, we will keep you updated with the any future purchases and donations to our school.

Mother’s Day Stall

Our Mother’s Day Stall was a huge success again this year. The children loved being able to choose gifts for their mum, grandma or other special lady in their life! This year, the income from the Mother’s Day stall was an amazing $2,265. After the cost of the purchases, the net funds received were $1,087.05. What a fantastic outcome while celebrating all of our beautiful mothers and special ladies.

Scholastics Book Orders

We are continuing with the fantastic Scholastics Book Orders this year, with the first one having already been ordered. Please note, in the brochures there are books starting from $1 or $2, which gives every child a chance to participate and receive a book. Thank you to all our families who have placed an order.
Cake Stall

This term’s Cake Stall was held on May 27th during morning recess. The P & F would like to extend a big thank you to the Kindergarten, Year 3 & Year 4 families for supplying this term’s treats. We raised $444.05 and most importantly the children enjoyed all the beautiful treats.

Lapathon

What a fun day the Lapathon was! The children thoroughly enjoyed being out on the track and a big thank you to all of the P & F committee and the School Community for your time assisting to make the day run so smoothly.

We are proud to advise that the donations raised totalled an amazing $3,750! A further $240 was raised via the purchases of the Subway lunches offered on the day, bringing our final fundraising total to $3,990. The generosity of the School Community and Friends is extremely heartfelt. It will significantly impact our children with our ability to give back to them via the P & F donations for each class and to the larger projects for the school itself. Thank you everyone.

Sports Carnival

We are busy preparing for our School’s Sports Carnival next term, to be held on 3rd August. A Subway Lunch for everyone is being planned for the day, as well as a coffee van for the parents and adults attending. Further information will be provided next term.

Thank you!

A very big thank you to all families in our community for supporting us in the work we do as a P & F.
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