Welcome back to Term 2! Firstly the P&F would like to thank you for your contributions, donations and volunteering efforts throughout Term 1. We understand it was a very busy time for everyone and the P&F Committee thanks you all very much as do our children!

Our last P&F meeting was on Tuesday. We are currently seeking to trial P&F meetings once a term in the evenings, to give opportunity for our working parents to attend. We are implementing this due to the high demand from parents wanting to be involved in the P&F but are unable due to work and other commitments during the weekdays. The first evening meeting will be on 24th May 2016 to be held from 7pm to 8pm. There will be a letter sent home regarding this, and we are hoping for a positive response from parents who will now be able to attend.

Our next day time meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th June 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**

Firstly, thank you to everyone for your continued support. I hope you all managed to recharge your batteries over the holidays.

A huge thank you needs to go to our committee members who spent their free time over the holidays covering over 600 books with contact, for the school. Great effort ladies! These books will be used as home reading books for the lower and middle year levels.

This term we have the Mother’s Day stall, the trial on the P&F night meetings, Scholastic orders, fundraising ideas to brainstorm, cake stall and a hot lunch. We are also in the process of purchasing eskies to be used by teachers while children are on excursions etc.

A productive and busy term ahead, so let’s get started!

Donna Leitch
Acting President
Fundraising money... where is it going?

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. So, where is the money going?

This month, we are very proudly donating 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!

This week we are purchasing some eskies for the School, to keep our children’s food and beverages nice and cool when they are out and about, on excursions, sports carnivals and the like!

We are also looking into installing 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 any future purchases and donations to our school.

Mother’s Day Stall

The P&F will be running a Mother’s Day Stall today, Friday 6th May, where children from Kindergarten to Year 6 will all have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their Mother, Grandmother, and/or Guardian. Gifts will be placed in paper bags so that the children can get them home discreetly. All gifts will again be $5.00 each.

Mid-year Hot Lunch

We will be hosting a Hot Lunch on June 30th this term. Further information will be made available closer to the time.

Scholastics Book Orders

We will continue with the fantastic Scholastics Book Orders being made available in Terms 2, 3 and 4 this year. We look forward to the great value this brings families with books starting from $1 or $2, so that every child can participate and receive a book. More information and order forms will be made available closer to the time.
Cake Stall

Last term’s cake stall brought in a generous amount of $468.50 in fundraising by the children and families! The cake stall is a fundraiser that is always greatly appreciated by the children as well as the P&F committee. A big thank you to the Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2 families for providing last term’s treats, according to the kids they were delish!

This term’s cake stall will be held towards the end of the month, after the Year 1 Mass on May 27th during morning recess. Participation by any child is optional of course, however, participating children are encouraged to bring along 50c or $1 for 1 or 2 treats. Platters will be provided directly to the Kindergarten classes so that they may also participate for 50c, with minimal disruption to their half-day.

The P&F ask that the families of the Kindergarten, Year 3 & Year 4 children be so kind as to supply this term’s treats. Please note if you have children in more than one of these year levels, only one container/platter is required. Also, please prepare individual treats/portions for ease of serving the children and also to supply spoons for jelly cups etc., and please deliver in disposable containers where possible. A friendly reminder we are a nut free school.

Treats are to be left in the classrooms for collection by P&F members and volunteers, or can be delivered direct to the undercover kitchen area prior to Assembly and Mass (if refrigeration is necessary).

The P&F values your support for this fun and very delicious fundraising initiative for the children! An official letter will be sent next week as a reminder.

Easter Fish & Chip Lunch and the Easter Raffle

Our Easter Shared Lunch was held on March 23rd, and was another huge success. Thank you so much to all the families of our children, your donations were truly generous. This year we managed to prepare 9 baskets for prizes in the Easter Raffle. We then prepared another 3 prizes for every classroom so every child had the opportunity to win a prize! We then used the remainder to donate a further 12 gifts to the St Andrew’s Parish, which were very graciously received.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their fish & chips which again were fresh and with generous servings. There was much excitement on the day with the raffles amongst everyone who attended!!

This year we are very proud to report that we made $434 profit from the Fish & Chip shared lunch and $1,948.60 from our Raffle, giving us an amazing total of $2,382.60! A big thank you to everyone for your generosity at this special time of year, and to everyone who assisted.
Thank you!

A very big thank you to all the families for supporting their P&F and the School itself through these fun events we provide for all our children. Your generosity and presence at each event is cherished not only by us, but by all our children. So on behalf of our children and the P&F team, we thank you!

Bright Star Kids Labels

Don't forget to order your labels from Bright Star Kids. You can order anytime throughout the new school year. Your support is greatly appreciated!! To order, go to

www.brightstarkids.com.au

When ordering online, complete your details, then click “Review & Pay” and on the Payment tab, please ensure you search for “Brighton Catholic Primary School” and select the name below the search box when it comes up, before clicking to Place Order.
Save the Date!

PFFWA Conference and AGM 2016

“Congratulations! We Hear You’re Engaged!”

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA are excited to be putting the last touches to our conference program for this year. As usual the conference opening dinner will be held on Friday evening 20th May at Crown Perth.

The conference will commence the following morning and go through until 5:00 pm. Refreshments including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided on the day of the conference, along with great speakers, interactive sessions and the usual fantastic networking opportunities.

With both Federal and State elections on the horizon, PFFWA have invited politicians from the major parties to attend and you will have the opportunity to hear their vison is for education in Western Australia in the unforeseeable future.

Dates for your diary – 20th & 21st May 2016

At Crown Perth

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