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Welcome to our first P&C Newsletter. The P&C has changed its standard practice of emailing everyone in the school community the Minutes of the P&C Meetings. We believe that a newsletter will allow us to more clearly and accurately describe our discussions, decisions and activities to the school community and avoid any confusion that could be created from reading the P&C Minutes which are by nature less descriptive and more succinct.

The Minutes of the P&C Meetings are always available to any voting member of the P&C upon request. We certainly welcome everyone to be a part of the P&C Association. We are a friendly group of parents and community members committed to making Burnside Public School the best school in the area, and indeed the world!

P&C Parent Survey

Thank you to all of the families who responded to our Parent Survey at the end of the second term. We have been intensively reviewing the Clothing Pool for the last six months with the help of Melissa Compton and Lee Kunjasich.

There were 68 respondents to the Survey. The results indicated the following; 56% of respondents voted in favor of keeping the Clothing Pool on the School premises. 71% of respondents were in favor of changing the school sports top to a green and yellow design. There were comments made about the possibility of changing the boys grey shirt to a different colour, phasing out the girls’ culottes and white shirt, that all students should wear bottle green sports shorts with the new shirt, and changing the fabric of sports shorts/shirts to a more modern lightweight breathable material. We had comments about the preference for Carlingford Lowes instead of Parramatta Lowes, and concerns about what happens to the existing stock held onsite and offsite if we were to move to an external retailer. The P&C is grateful to the school community for these ideas and we will consider them in due course.

As a result of this decision the P&C will now work hard to streamline the operation of the onsite clothing pool, make it easier for parents to order clothing items, and work hard to reduce excess stock.

Future discussions will be looking at changing the school sports top from all yellow to a yellow and green design, changing to a smaller school bag, and removal of the girls’ culottes and short-sleeved white shirt from the uniform. The question of whether to remove the girls’ culottes from the school uniform will be discussed at the next P&C meeting in August.

A stock take was performed on Friday 10th June by Melissa, Skye, Melanie, Marc and Emma. 1198 items were counted. 234 items were sold since the last stock take in March 2016. There are also 78 second hand items that sell at $5 each.

If anyone would like further information in regards to the Parent Survey please feel free to contact us at burnsidepublicpandc@gmail.com and we will endeavor to help.

A sale of winter track tops and bottoms will occur during August. These items will be sold for $10 each.
Fundraising and Social Report

Back in May the school was treated to Movie Night. 161 children attended the night. The K-2 children were treated to Flushed Away and the Yr 3-6 children were treated to Mr Majorium’s Wonder Emporium. **Movie Night made a profit of $778.20.** There was left over popcorn from the night which was sold to the school children on Popcorn Day. This made a further $97. Gae Bromwich originally purchased this popcorn and has kindly donated the proceeds to the school.

In June the school community was treated to its first ever Bingo Night and it was a huge success. There were over 160 people in attendance and from all reports everyone had a great time. **With over $500 worth of prizes donated for Bingo Night we raised $2350.38.** Thank you to SPAR supermarket and Parramatta Leagues club for their donations. Thank you to Ben Chadwick and David Vassallo for hosting the night. Thank you to Ivana Prevetera and Sarah Sharp for their efforts in making the night a very memorable experience.

We are now in the process of organizing the Father’s Day stall and the Family Fun Night. These events continue to be heaps of fun for the whole school community and we look forward to sharing them with you.

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**Treasurer’s Report**

The opening balance for May was $17,693.73. The opening balance for June was $22,897.07. The closing balance for June was $24,856.13. There is $20,761.37 in the term deposit which is set to mature on 30th November 2016. In March this year the P&C decided to make a commitment to finance the purchase of five iPads and covers for the school, one French Horn for the school band, and will look to purchase 10-15 laptops for the school by the end of this year.

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**Band Report**

The Banners for the band have arrived at the school and look terrific. The French Horn has been purchased for the Band at the request of the band master to ensure a balance in tone. The Euphonium and French Horn has been allocated to students in the band.

Parent suggestions for band this year have included;
- The purchase of a number of less expensive instruments for more children to participate in the band;
- P&C scholarship or subsidise the cost of Band fees for students unable to participate due to financial limitations;
- Purchase of band stand banners.

All suggestions will be considered and discussed in due course. We thank all community members for their valuable input into this community program.
**General Business**

**The Clothing Pool will be having a fire sale during the month of August of green track pants and green track tops. These will be selling for $10 each. We are hoping to reduce stock while it is still winter.**

The North West Sydney P&C electorate was not a contested electorate at the P&C Federation Elections and as such we were not required to vote. Tim Spencer is the Councillor for this electorate. Lisa Wilmshurst is the Delegate for this electorate.

We are waiting to view the artwork for the P&C Honour board to update it with last year’s activities for the P&C and Year 6 fundraising efforts.

The P&C has the option to use an EFT facility and a debit/credit card facility for purchases made by the P&C. We only have the choice of using cheques at the moment or paying with cash and being reimbursed. The P&C is looking into these options to provide us with more flexibility in making purchases.

The P&C has asked if the mobile version of the school website could be improved. In particular, there is a social media tab on the mobile site which we hope to replace with a community link so that there is easier mobile access to community information such as P&C initiatives and clothing pool information.

Julia from OOSH attended a P&C meeting recently and was keen to offer her time and support to P&C community initiatives.

**Help needed**

With Father’s Day coming up, we need help wrapping presents for the Father’s Day stall. We will be wrapping presents on Friday 19th August from 9am at the school and would greatly appreciate your support.