



Meeting opened 7.05pm
Attendance: as per Attendance Book (15 In total)
Apologies: as per Attendance Book (4 In total)
President (Ann-Marie O'Donoghue) welcomes attendees and Quorum declared

Item		Action
	Correspondence In/Out	
1.1	Correspondence In: None	
1.2	Correspondence Out: Application to Bunnings Warehouse Joondalup for Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser in 2010 sent by Jonelle Kelly	
	Presidents Report (Ann-Marie O'Donoghue)	
2.1	Proposed night out to be organised for Saturday 19 th September 2009 at the Breakwater Tavern, Hillarys from 7.30pm. All parents welcome to attend. Invite to be distributed by Class Reps to gauge interest.	Class Reps
2.2	Letter has been drafted by Tony Misich to parents highlighting concern for lack of parental help at school fundraising events and that a voluntary building fund fee be introduced (\$100 per family) for those families who do not volunteer to help. Letter to be endorsed by P&C and issued this year (2009).	Tony Misich/ Ann-Marie O'Donoghue
2.3	Thanks to Bernie Yeo and Denise Brierley for undertaking book sale (refer Fundraising Report for details)	
2.4	Thanks to Steve Offer for organising food caravan for sports carnival.	
	Treasurers Report (Carl Esterhuysen read by Ann-Marie O'Donoghue)	
3.1	P&C financial status as per attached report. Report approved by Sharon Ray and seconded by Yvonne Pree	
3.2	Motion proposed by Yvonne Pree and seconded by Sue Murphy to provide cheque for \$5000 to Rhonda for purchase of reading books by Sue Murphy	Carl Esterhuysen
	Principals Report (Tony Misich read by Rob Edwards)	
4.1	Refer attached report for details	
4.2	NAPLAN results will be received Fri 11 th September and issued to parents.	
	Facilities Report	
5.1	Busy bee to be organised for Sat 19 th September however Beaumaris Netball windup is on the same day.	
	School Council Report (Rob Edwards)	
6.1	Jane Jennings is confirmed as P&C representative on school council.	
6.2	School council met and discussed items to be addressed at future meetings.	
	Canteen Report (Anna Prosper)	
7.1	Floor in canteen has been flooding during rain – Anna has mentioned to Steve Offer who will look into cause and solution.	Steve Offer
7.2	Canteen information workshop was informative and well received. Thanks to Sue Blakeman for organising flowers given to presenter in appreciation.	



7.3	Sue Blakeman proposed sausage sizzle for faction carnival next year in lieu of special canteen order but issues with selling “fatty foods” during school hours.	
	Uniform Shop (Sharon Ray)	
8.1	Proposal to sell large size faction polo shirts to parents for next years faction carnival.	Sharon Ray
8.2	Sharon Ray suggested ordering extra 10 dresses in sizes 6 and 8 as stock in uniform shop. Proposed by Ann-Marie O’Donoghue and seconded by Maree Eve.	Sharon Ray
8.3	Sharon Ray displayed new style of girls pants as existing pants in stock don’t sell due to large sizing and waist band are not adjustable. New pant to be approved by student council.	
	Fundraising Reports	
9.1	63 pairs of curly shoelaces were sold with profit of \$252.	
9.2	Megan Keirle suggested that the time capsules be opened at the 20 th anniversary however unanimously agreed that this was too early to open capsules.	
9.3	Book sale raised \$920 profit and was a huge success. Many thanks to Bernie Yeo and Denise Brierley for all their effort.	
9.4	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle raised a profit of approx \$3000. Many thanks to all who volunteered.	
9.5	Disco had a good attendance with profits in the range of \$3000. Sue Blakeman thanked all parents who volunteered.	
9.6	School Fete – more helpers required for stalls. Class room required for silent auction display. Still in need of class donations.	
9.7	Natalie Oakes to organise small entertainment books again this year \$30 each	Natalie Oakes
9.8	Sausage sizzle proposed for last day of term instead of special canteen menu. Sue to further discuss with Anna Prosper	Sue Blakeman
	Parent Class Representative Report	
9.1	Ann-Marie O’Donoghue suggested that guidelines be issued to parent class reps in regard to use of emails (ie not to send junk emails to class parents)	Jane Jennings
	Other Business	
10.1	Kiss and Drive Parking – Thanks to Yvonne Pree for contacting the council in regard to remarking the road. This is to be undertaken in the near future.	
	Next P&C Meeting: Monday 26 th October 2009 at 7pm	
	Meeting Closed 8.15pm	

Minutes accepted as proposed on 26th October 2009 by

Proposed:

Seconded:



PRINCIPALS REPORT

GENERAL SCHOOL ISSUES:

MIDDLE SCHOOL 'AUSTRALIA' PERFORMANCE

Huge congratulations to all our Middle School students and staff for an absolutely fabulous evening performance of 'Australia' on Thursday 13th August! Special thanks to Mrs Herriman, author of the musical! Many thanks also to all other staff and parents who assisted to make the night a so special! It just goes to show how the Arts can be such an engaging and empowering learning environment when integrated into classroom programs. These students will remember more about Australian history because of the holistic experience; far more than just out of a text book.

I have always said, "The Arts is the 'spirit of learning,' connecting learning and broad experiences in ways of self expression that are engaging and suit a variety of learning interests and styles. While there is a place for 'national testing' and we do generate useful local data, recent political palates seem to be driving the agenda further as it is the only measure available to them. But is this a good reason to make it the be all and end all? We need only to look abroad at systems where national testing is the key focus, with teachers are constantly reviewing and preparing for tests; where the curriculum has become so narrow focused, the Arts have been pushed out altogether; where student disengagement is flourishing. We run the similar risk if we follow these trends!

At Beumaris we endeavour to provide holistic educational, personal, social and spiritual development. Value adding is not just 'weighing the pig' every day to see how much it has grown, but rather the growth of the whole child within the context of our school vision and strategic plan. The musical 'Australia' is a terrific example and every student will remember it for the rest of their lives. Connect the learner...engage learning! It's not rocket science!

Congratulations to everyone and the large number of parents who came along and made it a special event for our students!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Senior Instrumental Band who achieved an OUTSTANDING mark for their performance at the recent School Bands Festival. When you consider Beumaris was also up against older Middle Secondary competition, their result is even more remarkable! Well done! Congratulations to Mrs Herriman - teacher, conductor and musical magician!!!

Congratulations to our Echo Singers who performed so admirably at Saturday evening's Massed Choir performance at Winthrop Hall! Congratulations again to Mrs Herriman!

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Government and Department of Education WA recently announced the most significant systemic change to education and schools in Western Australia; the introduction of Public Government Schools. These will be schools which will remain in the government system, but will operate as independent entities, with greater flexibility, local authority, freedom and capacity to innovate in better meeting local needs. In essence, school governance will become the role of the School Council, whose functions will broaden to include greater input into local decision making and principal selection, within Departmental parameters.

Greater local management will also require greater local accountability and responsibility. The principal will become more accountable, directly to the Director General for education delivery. Staff selection will be the principal's responsibility to match staff with school strategic planning and vision. The school will have the capacity to reconfigure staffing into what best meets local needs. Basically the school will have control over both fiscal and human resource entitlements which may be utilised to in whatever way we choose, to improve learning and outcomes.

Further information can be obtained from the Department Web Site:

<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou/detcms/navigation/independent-public-schools/introduction/?oid=Category-id-4732809>



This move away from a central bureaucracy is well overdue. The historic 'one hat fits all' does not work and like Victoria, New Zealand and many other western countries, we are finally making the big step forward. Initially only 30 schools will be involved as a system trial. These schools will be selected from interested applicants and announced next month, with a range of training, planning and information sessions in Term Four, to commence proper in 2010. Other schools will follow with larger intakes during 2010.

And...Beumaris will be one of those applicants! It is going to be pretty competitive as the trial aims to include varieties of secondary and primary institutions; metro and non metro. Our School Council has already signed off on the application, with staff support. These will be exciting times. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

YEAR SEVEN PLACEMENT

It was announced at the recent Western Australian Primary Principals' Association Conference that the decision to leave year 7 students in primary schools (made by the previous Minister for Education) is to be reviewed. In 2006 the Western Australian Primary Principals' Association (WAPPA) vigorously opposed the idea to move year 7's. This position was adopted after widely consulting with community members, educators and parents. It was found that to move the year 7's would not result in any academic gains, was socially/emotionally disadvantageous and economically irresponsible. An evidence based research paper was developed and delivered to Government at the time. Again, WAPPA is seeking the view of parents on a range of related issues. Please enter this link into your web browser to access a survey that will only take a few minutes to complete.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=IG89xXQucuOq9gu3PUyRBw_3d_3d

Thank you for your time. Completing the survey will ensure parents' views are represented.

From a Beumaris perspective, such a change is counter to the whole focus of our school strategic planning, culture and our 'Developing a Learning, Thinking and Caring Community' vision. The subsequent loss of some 100 students would reduce numbers to the point the school may be reclassified and as such, the principal would be forced to transfer, as would one deputy. However, not all is lost yet and your support will help, as may the new venture into local governance and self management.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER)

Plans are to commence the first of the two classroom blocks in September, once transportable classroom/s are relocated, we think? Still awaiting final decision on how many rooms?

STANDARDS REVIEW

Lesley Street, District Director, undertook our annual Standards Review last Friday, assessing school operations, organisation, planning and learning outcomes. The Review went very well! A report will be forwarded to Beumaris soon.

OPEN NIGHT

Each year the school restructures one day to open up the school to the community as well as a performance, in the evening. 'Open Night' will be on Wednesday 16th September. On that day, school will close at 12:00 noon and reopen at 6:00pm, when classrooms will also be open for families to share what students have been doing. The students will be your tour guide; to classrooms as well as Art and LOTE displays. Commencing around 7:40pm will be our annual Musical Soiree! Here students will be performing in choirs, instrumental bands and the like. The evening will conclude around 9:00pm.

KINDY FATHER'S NIGHT

Each year, the Kindy students invite their Dad's to a "Father's Night". This year, our special night is being held on Thursday 3rd September. The Kindy students will paint, play and show their Dad's all their hard work.

FACTION ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all participants and special thanks to Don for a great carnival. Interschool carnivals are on two weeks time!



KINDY ASSEMBLY

Please note: The scheduled Kindy Assembly on the 12th August will now be the Wednesday 4th November assembly.

ACHIEVERS CAMP

Congratulations to all Achievers for such a fabulous camp! Many thanks to Tony, Jill and Rosalie for their time and input and especially to Steve for all the organisation and planning! It was all worthwhile!

P&C DISCO

Many thanks to our great 'Disco Queens' for another successful event. Thanks also to parent and staff helpers! As mentioned before, the current parent organisers of the school's Discos can no longer volunteer their time due to new positions in the workforce. Therefore, we are looking for **3 to 4 enthusiastic parent volunteers** to take over this event.

MAL WASHER VISIT

Our Federal MP, Mal Washer, visited the school on Tuesday 1st September to catch up with students participating in our Sydney/Canberra Tour this year. Usually Mr Washer meets them in Canberra, but unfortunately Parliament is not sitting during our Tour. However, it was a great opportunity for him to chat with students about Parliament and Canberra.

VACSWIM ENROLMENT

Applications for the October School Holidays **MUST** be in by the **2nd September**. Applications for the January Program close on **11th November**.



Treasurers Report

September 2009

Available funds

Funds available for distribution amount to \$9,582. The IT replacement budget item of \$5,000 was paid on 23/8/2009. The proceeds from the sausage sizzle and disco provided a helpful boost allowing us to fund the remaining discretionary budget items.

		6th September 2009
Total cash on hand		41,082
Less creditors		
- Payroll		(3,500)
- Uniforms		(8,000)
- Canteen		(6,500)
Less general account reserve		(10,000)
Less P&C account reserve		(3,500)
Available funds/(shortfall)		9,582
Budget 2009		18,450
Committed		10,650
- IT replacement	<i>Paid 23/8/09</i>	<i>5,000</i>
- Kindy Shed	<i>Paid 14/5/09</i>	<i>5,300</i>
- Coin counter		<i>350</i>
Discretionary		7,800
- Book award		<i>1,500</i>
- PE Equipment		<i>1,300</i>
- Reading books		<i>5,000</i>



Treasurers report continued...

Canteen income

For the period 1 November 2008 to 28 August 2009 (28 school weeks) canteen takings amounted to \$69,981.71. This represents an average of \$2,499 per week which is still above last year's average of \$1,900 per week.

#Weeks	Week ending	\$
1-23		59,565.16
24	31 July	2,072.65
25	7 August	1,967.00
26	14 August	2,197.30
27	21 August	2,198.50
28	28 August	<u>1,986.10</u>
		69,981.71

Audit 2009 financial year

Additional support was provided to our auditor (Joondalup Business Services) in respect of the 2009 financial year. I anticipate that we will be able to finalise this audit shortly.

Other items:

I received customer credit applications (for the canteen) from Canon Foods and PFD food services. This will enable Anna to continue purchasing supplies on credit from these vendors. However, the vendors requested personal guarantees from the 'directors/proprietors' of the P&C for outstanding debt. This matter places the treasurer and president of the P&C in a difficult position as they have to sign the applications. Can the canteen committee please look into this matter?