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 statewide 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 Training (DET) 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 DET 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. DET 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.

DET 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.
Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Bonbeach Primary School.
Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Friday 17/2/2017.
If there are more candidates than vacant positions then there will be a ballot and the ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Monday 6/3/2017.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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Note 1: School Council Election Process and Timetable

This document is an example of a School Council Election process for 2016. The dates included are only suggestions; however, the process must be completed on or before 31 March 2016.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

Name of the School: Bonbeach Primary School

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From the Assistant Principal

Excursions

Bonbeach PS is committed to ensuring that our students have access to a range of learning opportunities within the school, as well as in the community via excursions and incursions.

The school has grown rapidly in recent years and, as a result, more money and permission notices are required to be processed by the Office. Bus companies and venues Bonbeach PS attends are asking for earlier confirmation of required seats and numbers of students attending.

At the final School Council meeting of 2016, a number of policies were approved including ‘Excursions – Parent or Carer Consent and Payment Policy’. I would like to bring to your attention the following section of this policy:

Payment and consent forms:

• Payment and consent forms must be received by the school no later than 10am the day before the excursion or at a time stipulated on the consent form;
• No payment will be accepted after this time due to the processing requirements for the following day;
• Failure to make payment by 10am the previous day will result in students not participating in the excursion, unless prior arrangements have been made;
• Money will not be accepted on the morning of the excursion; and
• Students without signed permission forms will not be taken on the excursion.

In 2017, there will be a strict enforcement of this policy. Please check all notes carefully and ask for any clarification earlier rather than later.

This policy, and many more, can be viewed at http://bonbeachps.vic.edu.au/page/199/Policies

Education Subcommittee

The Bonbeach PS Education Subcommittee is an important component of the Bonbeach PS School Council. We meet regularly (see dates below) from 5:30pm – 6:30pm (most likely in the Staff room). Our primary function is to review and develop school policies, and then recommend these to School Council for approval. These could include developing school wide policies such as occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination and integration policies, possibly monitoring the implementation of the strategic plan, and reviewing school data such as NAPLAN assessment.

You do not need to be a member of the School Council to be a member of the Education Subcommittee. We would like any member of our school community to have the chance to be involved in some ‘bigger picture’ aspects of Bonbeach PS. Being on the Education Subcommittee is a great way of being informed of why certain decisions are made in the school, and having an influence on some future directions of the school. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to participate and contribute.

Please feel free to contact me via phone 97723471 or walsh.patrik.e@edumail.vic.gov.au (you can also drop in and see me in my Office in the BER) if you would like to be involved.
Education Subcommittee dates for 2017 (all on Tuesdays)

21 February
28 March
2 May
30 May
27 June
25 July
29 August
19 September
31 October
28 November

Parent Teacher Interviews

Don’t forget to book your child’s Parent Teacher Interview via the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and enter this code: z4fjp. Please note that the interview portal will close at 4:30pm on Friday 10th February. Please contact me if you require any assistance.

Information Evenings

Information evenings will be held in the week of the 27th February. Each session will begin at 6pm.

P/1s Monday 27th February: 6pm – 7pm
3/4s Tuesday 28th February: 6pm – 7pm
2s Wednesday 1st March: 6pm – 7pm
5/6s Thursday 2nd March: 6pm – 7pm

One aspect of the evening is sharing with you some important ICT information. We are introducing a program/app call SeeSaw – a digital portfolio system that you will be able to access your child’s uploaded work. We are very excited to share this with you in an effort to give you a new insight into your child’s learning at school. We hope to see you there!

Regards,

Patrick Walsh
BONBEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS & FRIENDS
INVITE

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All new and returning parents and care givers to the first P&F meeting of 2017

Thursday 16th February in the staffroom at 9am.

Being a part of the P&F is a great way to be involved in your child's education and provide support to their teachers. Come and meet other families, have a cuppa, talk to leadership, share your views, ask questions and see firsthand how Bonbeach Primary School operates.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
Canteen Update

The school canteen is currently not operating while we await approval of the plans to renovate and expand it into a teaching kitchen. This will make best use of the $20,000 won by Amy and Jade from the Good Guys and enable us to expand our existing canteen.

As our school has grown considerably over the last few years it has become difficult to continue to run our canteen on a purely volunteer basis. Over the last year we unsuccessfully called for more volunteers to assist with ordering and rostering. At the same time we have found it difficult to get sufficient volunteers to staff the roster.

As a result the School Council has decided we need to survey the school population to determine what you would like out of a canteen and how much you would be willing to pay to enable us to consider the viability of options for the future. We ask that you complete this brief survey to enable us to make the decision most suitable for our school.

The results will be provided to the Canteen Subcommittee of the School Council who will investigate and recommend next steps to School Council.

The survey can be found by accessing the following link:

https://goo.gl/yRYQbw

Thank you for your time.

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Bonbeach Farmers’ Market!

Sunday 12th February

Open from 8:30am to 12:30pm
$2 donation per adult

http://us13.campaign-archive2.com/?u=2276905e29bd243e62bbe9d94&id=8aed3dd237
**Dates to remember**

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**Attention school volunteers!**

We really appreciate all of our volunteers at Bonbeach and thank you in advance for your time and efforts! This is just a reminder about the new requirements that you will need to complete before you can volunteer (this includes prep/one reading helpers).

1. Current working with children’s check. The form can be downloaded from [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au). When this is complete, please take your card to Wendy or Sharon at the office.
2. OHS: Please read the ‘OHS handbook’ before volunteering. This can be found from the office or on the school website under the “about” section.
Bonbeach Primary School Choir

Hear ye! Hear ye! Chortlers, hummers, singers and vocalists.

Bonbeach Primary School Choir will be brought back to life by YOU at Tuesday lunchtimes 1:40-2:30!

An opportunity to sing in a group, share music, make friends (and noise) might be your dream come true, so come on up (or down) to the Green Room aka the Music Room next Tuesday at lunchtime and see what tunes and grooves we can create.

For song requests, please write down the title and artist in your best handwriting and bring to your music class.

Congratulations to the following children who will receive Student of the Week awards at next week’s assembly.

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Senior School: Alicia E, Ava B and Ava F
Friday Lunch Time Icy poles

Thank you to the people that have volunteered to help serve the icy poles. Due to the small number of volunteers we are only able to offer children icy poles for sale at the beginning of lunch breaks (big play) one day a week this term. If you are available to assist and haven’t yet put your name on the roster please do so at the office or contact Anita McKenzie on 0400 177 353 or anitamckenzie@rocketmail.com

The following icy poles will be for sale over the counter next week on Friday 17/2:

Zoop Dooper
50 cents each

$1 each
2017 CSEF Applications are available from the Office or www.bonbeachps.vic.edu.au. Please complete the application and present with Health Care Card which must be valid for the 30th January 2017. Applications must be at the office by Friday 24th February 2017.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

**CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.
UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 8:50am-9:15am.

Prepaid completed orders forms can be left at the office to be filled. Orders will then be available for collection from the office.

Thank-you
Bonnie & Katarina

FROM THE ART ROOM

Please provide your child with an Art Smock. It can be an old large t.shirt or shirt. **All children are to bring an Art Smock if they are participating in Art classes.** All paint used is non toxic and water based.

Paint on clothing: Hand wash in cold water with soap. To remove any stains remaining in the fabric use a stain remover and follow the directions. **It is important NOT to use hot water.**

Thank you
Mrs Kellie Batson

Please remember to wear your wide brimmed hat every day until the end of April.

Dogs at school.

Dogs are not allowed on school premises between the hours of 8:45am and 3:45pm. Even if you know your dog is placid and wouldn’t hurt anyone, some children are scared or uncomfortable around dogs. If you do bring your dog to school for pick up or drop off, please tie them to the fence outside.
STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING

Please bring your student bank books to the school office on THURSDAY mornings.

Please remember to fill in the payment slip when depositing money into your account.

Thank you
Wendy
Bring out the best in your child with performing arts education!

The Australian Youth Choir helps young boys and girls from 7 years of age upwards, to discover their vocal talent. Students learn to sing, develop their musicianship and performance skills, and make new friends.

Singing in a choir stimulates the mind, imagination and spirit, with research showing it has a profound effect on a child's general learning of literacy and numeracy. Weekly rehearsals and 2 concerts a year.

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If yes, these Hip Hop Classes are a great opportunity for your kids to learn to turn, jump, slide and move to the groove in choreographed routines which are so much fun.
Great for building confidence, coordination and stimulating creativity and love of music!

Term 1 | Fridays 3.45pm & 4.40pm (45 min classes)
$80 (ten) week term | Friday, 3rd February to Friday, 31st March
Bookings Essential 9587 5955

Aspendale Gardens Community Service
103-105 Keurney Drive, Aspendale Gardens 3195
9587 5955 | www.ascostr.org.au | info@ascostr.org.au

LJ & PATTY SAY
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REGISTER NOW AT AUSSIEHOOPS.COM.AU
Kids with a Difference
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Who are we for?
Our group has been created to support parents of children with a difference. You may be concerned about your child’s development, behaviour or they may have a diagnosed medical or psychological condition. Well our group is for you.

What do we do?
We meet twice a term to talk about our concerns, joys, support available, share resources, funding and much more.

Term 1 Meeting dates and times (at the Longbeach Hotel, Chelsea)
Friday 17 February 10am - 11.30am
Friday 17 March at 10am - 11.30am

Everyone who has a concern about their child is welcome 😊
Contact: Anita – anitamckenzie@rocketmail.com or mobile: 0400 177 353

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Yoga Classes
Patterson River Golf Club

Held every Monday morning during school terms. Classes have commenced on 6th of February at 9.30am.

Improve strength, flexibility, energy.
Gain peace of mind.
Registration, please call first.
Do bring your yoga mat and blanket. $15 per class.

ALL WELCOME. Anne 0401 535 509