

P + C Ordinary Meeting Agenda

Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Acknowledgment of Country:

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet this evening, the Wangal people of the Eora Nation. I pay my respects to the Aboriginal people, past and present and extend that respect to any Aboriginal people here this evening.

AGENDA ITEMS

- Welcome and introduction P&C President
- Apologies P&C Secretary
- Previous Minutes (Feb 2021) P&C Secretary
- Correspondence P&C Secretary
 - BYOD topic – to address the P&C - Rick van der Zwan
 - Some volunteers for Welcome Drinks and BFR – thank you!
- Principal's Report Maria Lambos
- Finance Report P&C Treasurer
 - Setting of membership fee for the ensuing year
- P&C Issues/General business P&C President
 - **Story in SMH re DoE and COVID restriction**
 - **Motion being proposed to vote for the BPS P&C to get involved in a campaign to call upon the DoE Minister to address regulations & ease restrictions in schools (please see over for the P&C statement).**
 - Solar My School project Victoria
 - BPS toilet upgrade Paul
- 2021 P&C Events Calendar P&C Representative
 - Welcome Drinks 2021 – March 26th Cliff/Victoria
 - BFR – response to CTA for new committee members Cliff/Shehana
 - Future pending – ongoing or dissolution motion Jason Ockerby
 - Call-out for Yr 6 parents for Farewell Committee Cliff
- Actions Arising
 - Survey Monkey for BYOD proposal Shehana
 - BYOD topic – to address the P&C Rick van der Zwan
 - BPS Band – lack of response addressed? Ash Guven/Maria Lambos
 - Time on notice board outside the school updated? Maria Lambos
- OOSH Report P&C Representative
- Uniform Stall Report P&C Representative
- Any Other Business P&C President

Save The Date – future P&C Meetings

May 5, June 2, Aug 4, Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1

All P+C meetings take place at 7pm in the school ConneXion Hub, unless otherwise notified.

NOTE – all Term 1 2021 meetings will take place via Zoom and in a nominated off-site venue

SCHOOL COVID GUIDELINES

Balmain P&C joins the P&C Federation and other P&C's around the state in calling on the NSW Education Minister/ Department of Education to change COVID guidelines and restrictions for schools so that they are in line with other guidelines for the state.

Specifically:

- Allow parents back into school grounds;
- End staggered finishing times for different stages;
- Ensure clear and consistent guidelines for carnivals and excursions;

Schools have always worked closely with their local community and all the evidence shows that children thrive when parents are involved in their school life. The current restrictions are harmful for communities and unnecessary.

It makes no sense to continue to block parents when hundreds of people are now allowed to gather at events and in stadiums. We strongly support measures to keep children and teachers safe but they must reflect the evidence, be well thought through and consistent.