

# BSPS SCHOOL COUNCIL

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### BSPS School Council Report

Our last School Council meeting was on 4 September 2018. Among other things, we discussed the following:

- ◆ Recent correspondence to and from the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, the Hon James Merlino MP;
- ◆ Inviting a number of Out of Hours School Care (OHSC) providers to tender expressions of interest to operate the OHSC program at BSPS in 2019 and beyond; and
- ◆ The parent engagement night which was held on 23 August 2018.

Below you will find an update on each sub-committee's key activities.

We are always happy to have visitors attend SC meetings. If you would like to come and observe a meeting, please email us via the school.

We wish everyone all the best for the school holidays, particularly those who are flying off to Italy. Buon viaggio!

**Gabrielle Marchetti** on behalf of all the SC

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

This year the committee has been working away on a Masterplan document for the school. This document is designed to set out the priority works across the school and assist in future planning. The school council has written to the Education minister to assist funding the development of the masterplan and some of the key works identified. Some of the major work identified in the masterplan include:

- ◆ Improving the playground spaces and equipment in the school yard
- ◆ Replacing fencing to the North and East of the school and improving landscaping along the boundary
- ◆ Leading the development of a plan to renovate the drainage of the foundation / 1 / 2 play area
- ◆ Leading a plan to better utilise the linear parkland area adjacent on the south of the school boundary

The Victoria School Building Authority will be attending the school shortly to undertake a building maintenance audit and the committee will assist with this process.

We also held a working bee in August, where fresh tanbark was provided to garden beds, dangerous rocks and structures were removed and drains were cleared. There was a great contribution from the school community and lots of ideas for improvements to the school grounds. Another working bee will be held in term 4 so look out for notifications in the newsletter and classroom emails.

On the 1st and 3rd of every month another working bee regime is place to work on the development of a new garden bed in the South East corner of the school. These works are progressing well.

The committee currently meets once a month at 8am on Monday mornings. Please let me know if you have any interest in this committee or any other ideas we should be incorporating in our plans for the school.

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## COMMUNITY & FUNDRAISING

### Silent Auction

Preparations have begun for an end of year silent auction to run online during the last two weeks of November to raise funds for the school and we need your help. Are there any parents who are artists, craftspeople or business people who may provide products or services that they could donate? Experiences are also desirable, such as holiday homes for a weekend or a fine dining experience to auction off, so if you know anyone who might have a holiday home or anyone in the restaurant business, that we could list on a silent auction, please consider asking them if they would be interested in supporting the school in this way. Be creative! As an example, if anyone knows a car dealer that could donate a red Fiat 500 for the school to raffle off, let me know! If you have any questions, or donations, please email Robert Wagner at [bspscaf@gmail.com](mailto:bspscaf@gmail.com). We're hoping to finalise the donations by early November.

### Responsible Serving of Alcohol Certificate

If you have a RSA Certificate please can you let the community & fundraising committee know by emailing [bspscaf@gmail.com](mailto:bspscaf@gmail.com). To sell alcohol at events we need a permit. To comply with the permit there needs to be someone on site (not necessarily working behind the bar) at each event whilst the bar is open. We rely heavily at the moment on 1 or 2 parents. If you have a certificate and can come along for at least part of an event we'd love to hear from you at [bspscaf@gmail.com](mailto:bspscaf@gmail.com)

### Facebook Alumni page

If you attended BPS in the 1980s there is now a Facebook group for you to join. Click [here](#) to go to it and ask to join. If you attended in a different decade, or know someone who did and would like a similar group set up, please email [bspscaf@gmail.com](mailto:bspscaf@gmail.com)

### Shop locally and benefit the school.

If you buy from the Little Bookroom or cheese from the Two Tall chefs, both on Nicholson Street, you will be raising money for the school. See the adverts elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

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## OSHC

Last year School Council made the decision to change the operating model for our Out of Hours School Care (OSHC) from an in-house run program to one run by an external contractor. After a tender process, Camp Australia was appointed.

At the time, School Council said we would appoint Camp Australia initially for the period of one year, with the intention of seeking expressions of interest from a broad range of providers towards the end of this year.

As the current OSHC provider, Camp Australia will be invited to put in an expression of interest, as well as other OSHC providers invited on the basis of their performance against quality standards.

School Council will be seeking expressions of interest from OSHC providers. The indicative selection process is below:

- ◆ seeking expressions of interest (by 5 October)
- ◆ shortlisting preferred providers (by 12 October)
- ◆ interviewing shortlisted providers (23 October)
- ◆ recommendation to school council (30 October)
- ◆ School Council decision (5 November)
- ◆ Commencement of the new service, or continuation of Camp Australia (29 January 2019)

The shortlisting and selection panel will comprise, Trevor Strolla (Acting Principal), Monique Dawson (School Council member and Convenor of the OSHC subcommittee), a parent representative and student representative.

Parents interested in nominating to be on the selection panel are encouraged to nominate themselves, via the school email [brunswick.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:brunswick.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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