

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to acknowledge outgoing President Billie Ristoski who has stepped down as P&C President after nearly three years. Billie has worked tirelessly in this position as an organiser and fundraiser and we are very grateful for her contributions.

The first half of the school year has flown by and as we pass the midway-point I'd like to provide an update on what has been accomplished so far and what the P&C plans for the rest of the year. Although this is not the start to the term that we had all hoped for, we continue to fulfil our financial commitments to the school. We hope that you are all staying safe and coping with the challenges of home schooling.

Here's an overview of our spending for Terms 1 and 2:

Educational Programs & Resources

The greatest single item of expenditure for the P&C each year is the amount that we contribute to additional teaching resources for our school's special reading, literacy and mathematics programs. To date we have contributed **\$19,973** towards these programs, which includes nearly **\$2k** on library books. By the end of Term 4 we expect to have contributed **\$120,000**.

Infrastructure

We have contributed **\$23,884** to smartboards so far, and later in the year expect to finance 60 new iPads and 35 laptops at a cost of **\$50,600**.

The income from our voluntary contribution for Terms 1 and 2 is approximately \$43,000. This is 6% better than last year YTD, however we are working on collections for the remainder of 2021 to be 50% down.

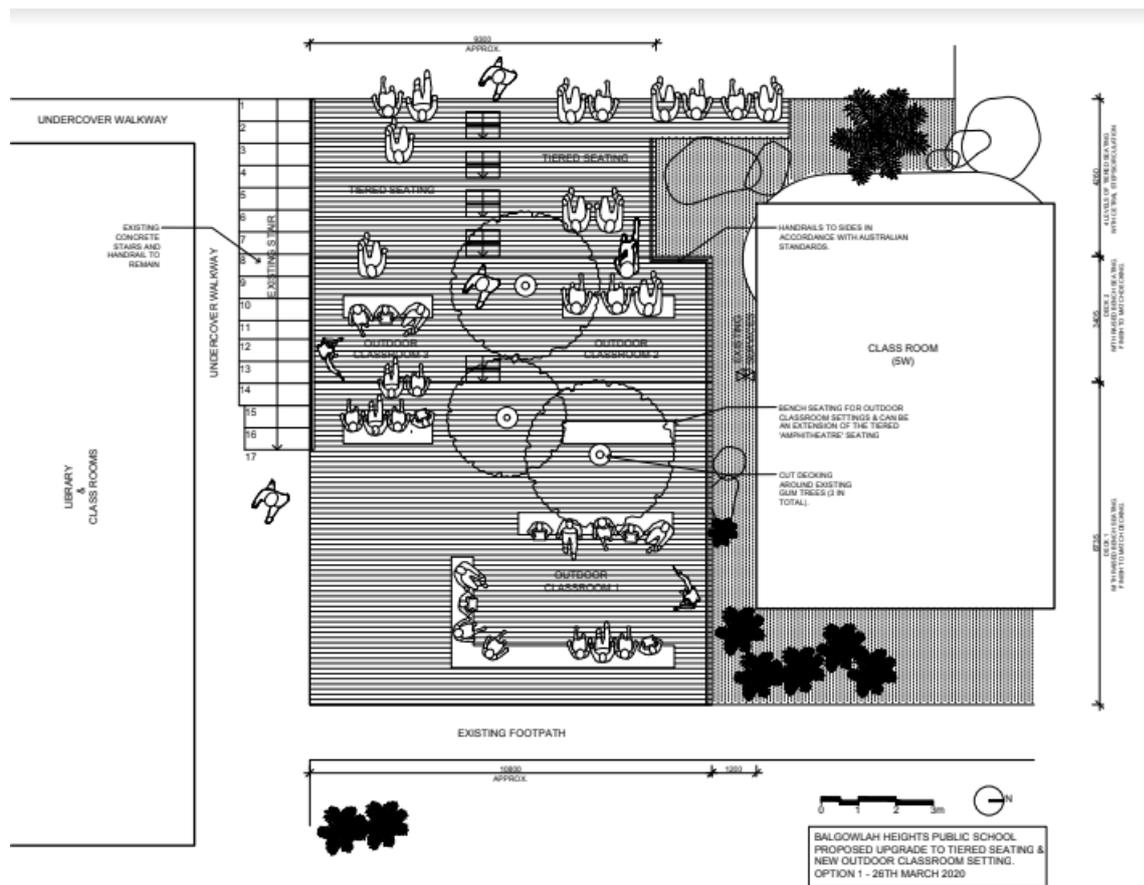
As you know, the canteen and uniform shop are closed under Covid restrictions, however due to NSW business support payments we are able to support our six paid staff and apply for a \$15,000 grant to cover lost revenue in the canteen. Many thanks to Ptolemy and Nicole for all their expertise navigating this.

This will be another lean fundraising year for the BHPS P&C with our major events (Trivia Night and Bally Bolt) postponed, likely cancelled. We are still in a comfortable financial position to fulfil our commitments to the school, but look forward to a healthier fundraising climate for next year.

When we are unable to organise fundraising events, the parent contributions that we ask for each term are particularly crucial to our revenue stream. We are very grateful to everyone who pays their voluntary contribution of \$50 per child each term. We'd also particularly like to extend our thanks to those families that donated to our Building Fund appeal, raising \$6,350 for the school hall air conditioners which we expect to be installed in time for summer.

Coming Up in Terms 3 and 4 ...

It's hard to predict how the rest of the academic year will unfold, but our big project this year (Covid-dependent) is funding the new outdoor classroom area which will be located outside the library on the Western Campus. We are estimating a cost of between \$80-90k for this project, although this has yet to be determined by the Department. Many thanks to Fiona Arckless for these initial designs. We await further notice for a start time for this project.



The Apres Ski Trivia Night, which has been cancelled, was due to be a big fundraiser for the outdoor classroom, but we look forward to the online raffle and auction which will take place at the beginning of Term 4. Thank you to the Trivia Team for sourcing some amazing prizes – we can't wait to showcase them!

A few other notable thanks to Gabrielle Kilpatrick for organising the stationery supplies at the start of Term 1, Sarah Woodward for organising the Kindy Drinks in February, Robyn Nowtarger for a thoughtful and enjoyable Mother's Day breakfast in May and Felicity, Annelies and Monica for organising the Great Lunchbox Sale.

And Finally ...

I would like to extend the P&C's thanks to YOU, the parent community for your support – both financially but also in all the voluntary roles around the school: Class Co-ordinators, Class Readers, Canteen helpers, Walking Bus volunteers, the Great Lunch Box recycle, the Year 3 Gardening Club etc. Your time and effort keep us all motivated and energised through these difficult times. If you would like to volunteer some time, however little, we always welcome new members. In particular we are looking for people to join the sustainability committee, lead events, manage sponsorships and join the band sub-committee.

Don't forget you can always find out about the work of the P&C and ask any questions by dialling in to the twice-termly P&C meeting. The next one is taking place at 7pm on **Monday 30 August**.

Thank you to our sponsors of the P&C who provide invaluable support to our projects and fundraising. Our Diamond sponsor is **Whitehouse Real Estate** who joined us this year. Angus

Whitehouse and his team have generously offered additional contributions to the P&C through the sale of any properties owned by families of BHPS students.

Thank you also to our Gold sponsors **Millins' Free Range Butchers, Balgowlah Automotive, Beachside Orthodontics** and **Balgowlah IGA**. We are lucky to have the support of such great local businesses.

And finally, a huge thank you to our teachers and leadership team for all their hard work in these challenging times. We appreciate all the planning and hard work going on behind the scenes to try and make these challenging times as normal and enjoyable for our children as possible.

If anyone would like to get in contact with any feedback, suggestions or questions for the P&C, please contact Diana at bhpspresident@gmail.com

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