

P&C Newsletter - Term 3 Week 9

Getting to Know our P&C Volunteers Tom Carr - Non-Executive Member

My name is Tom, and I've been a proud Beecroft parent since 2017, with two children. Percy is now in Year 8 and Rose in Year 6. I also run a local business, so you might recognise me from around town (or even from my banner in the Woolworths basement!).



I grew up in a tiny English village where my primary school had just 80 students. My mum taught there and my dad served as president of the P&C. That close-knit, everyone-knows-everyone atmosphere shaped my childhood and inspired me to create something similar for my own family.

Soon after joining Beecroft Primary, I was invited to help on the BOOSH parents' committee, first as assistant treasurer and later as treasurer. It was an eye-opening introduction to the passion and dedication of parents who want to improve the school and leave a legacy for future students.

After a lengthy travel break caravanning around Australia, I returned in late 2023 as a Non-Executive member of the P&C thinking it would mean less work! In reality, it's been a chance to pitch in wherever my skills are useful: organising BBQs, coordinating the working bee, supporting the Multi-Cultural Fair, and helping with grant applications.

Non-Executive roles are deliberately flexible. Each of us focuses on our own strengths while supporting one another. If you've never attended a P&C meeting, I encourage you to come along. You'll be surprised at how much happens behind the scenes and how welcoming the team is. If you're curious, please reach out. I'd be happy to share more about what we do and how you can play a role.

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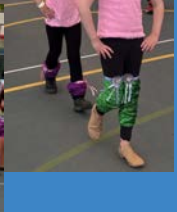
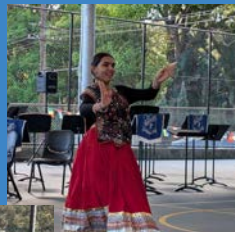
On Saturday 13th September, we opened our gates for our first Multicultural Fair in over 7 years, and it exceeded all expectations. The weather was glorious, the setting & decorations were beautiful, and the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement and unity as the school community pulled together to achieve one of the most successful fundraising events in BPS history.

We had 9 food stalls, serving cultural delicacies lovingly prepared by parents, carers and families from our diverse communities. They managed so well with the lunchtime rush, with most selling out before 2pm. The BBQ and French Crepe stalls were still serving right up until the end to ensure all patrons didn't leave hungry.



A big shout out to Woolworths, Sydney Packaging, Hannah's and Seoul Mart West Ryde for helping our food stalls come to life, as well as the specialist grocers who supported our Food Stalls.

Local Ministers Julian Leaser and Monica Tudehope praised the high quality of the food, the community spirit and the wonderful atmosphere. After Uncle Laurie opened proceedings with the smoking ceremony, the entertainment programme kicked off with wonderful performances from our Band & Strings ensembles. This was quickly followed up with heart stopping moves by our school dance troupes. Throughout the day local community performance groups showcased their culture, demonstrating the diversity in our community.



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MCF Recap - Continued

Our Tattoois, Face painters & Hair sprayers made sure all our kids had their best look, and there was a lot of swapping of Jibbitz throughout the day through our Lucky Dip stall.

The 'librarians' in the hall did an amazing job sorting through all the books, puzzles and games getting them ready for avid readers. The Slushie and Lolly Stands ensured sugar levels were sufficiently elevated and the success of our Bake Stall demonstrated the amazing baking skills that could be the envy of any Masterchef contestant.



The hype for the Raffle and Silent Auction escalated as we got close to 3pm, with many keeping an eye on their email to check if they had been outbid at the final moment.



The voice talents who kept you entertained, informed on various scheduled activities and the agenda, were none other than our charismatic MCs - Gavin and Andrew.

Speaking of entertainment, the Mary Street Grass was a hype of activity and it may take the grass a little while to recover from the Super Soaker!



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MCF Recap - Continued

Overall we raised a total of around \$60,000 - WOW! What an amazing effort! Those funds will be put towards playground spaces, including updates to the Copeland Road Grass area.

A day like this was only possible due to the dedication of volunteers, the generosity of local businesses and the strong connection with School staff and local communities. In particular, I would like to mention our Gold Sponsors: McConnell Dental, McGrath, Stone and Belle.

I had the opportunity to speak with some parents and volunteers after the event. All conversations were peppered with broad smiles and enthusiasm as they described how much they enjoyed the day. Many parents stepped in at the last minute and helped when there was a challenge - and I saw this personally as we all rallied to get more Fair tickets after demand exceeded supply early in the day.

Reflecting on the day and the many, many months leading up, I am immensely proud and grateful to the many people who worked tirelessly to bring this event to life. For me, this event embodied a true community value and spirit, not only of this school but of the Beecroft community.

Thank you to all each and everyone of you for helping us bring back the Multicultural Fair in such a successful way.

Khuong Lac - P&C President



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Canteen Bites *Jenny & Irene - Canteen Managers*

Changes in Menu

Next week, as it is the last few days of term, the canteen will be winding down. Therefore some items will not be available.

Next Term, due to the warmer weather, pumpkin soup won't be on the menu anymore.

Pasta salad will be returning and a new dish - Creamy mushroom and chicken with rice (GF) will be introduced.



Multicultural Fair

The Chinese stall at the Multicultural fair was run by the Canteen team with Ka and Jess.

All the yummy food was cooked on site and we are so lucky to have such a talented and hardworking team.



Volunteers Needed

If you would like to join our lovely team and volunteer in the canteen please email Jenny and Irene at

beecroftpscanteen@gmail.com

🎉 Save the Date! 🎉

The **Year 3-6 Disco** is coming in Term 4!



Friday, 14 November

🌟 Get ready to light up the hall! 🌟

More details will be shared early next term—stay tuned!

Arts & Crafts *Sruthi - Arts & Crafts Convenor*

Reminder that enrolments for our Arts & Crafts program open on Friday 19th September at 9PM.

Our wonderful Arts&Crafts Coordinator has a **new mobile number**: 0416 482 125. It is important that you notify the Coordinator of all absences via SMS.

For all other matters, please email

bps.artncraft@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar – Terms 3 & 4

Fri 19/9	Arts & Crafts Enrolments Open @ 9pm
Fri 26/9	Arts & Crafts Enrolments Close
Fri 26/9	Last day of Term 3!
Tues 14/10	First day of Term 4 for students
Wed 22/10	P&C Meeting (online)



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Band & Strings Jen & Charmaine - Band & String Convenors

MCF Music Magic!

It was so wonderful to watch and hear our nine Band & Strings ensembles perform in front of family, friends and the local community at the MCF last Saturday. It really hit home how fortunate we are at BPS to have such a thriving Band & Strings program and to be given such amazing opportunities to showcase our homegrown BPS talent. Huge thanks to all the B&S students who participated, our Conductors, the parent volunteers from 5C and our Band & Strings Committee (in particular Rebecca W) who helped to make the busy performance program run smoothly.



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Band & Strings - Performances

Festival of Instrumental Music

Congratulations to our Year 6 Advanced Strings students and their Conductor, Ms Katrina Papallo on their participation and performance at the Opera House on 8th Sept. Please refer to last weeks' school newsletter for a full write up and photos from the day.

Congratulations to Raymond Kong from Senior Concert Band

Last week Raymond had the incredible honour of representing BPS performing at the Sydney Opera House as a member of the NSW State Wind Band. Raymond was also chosen to be Principal Clarinetist and Concert Master which was a special moment for him and his family. We are all so proud of you Raymond!



ASBOF is on this Sunday, 21st Sept at UNSW

We want to wish our Training Strings, Intermediate Strings, Advanced Strings, Training Band, Intermediate Band, Concert Band and Orchestra ensembles all the very best at the Australian School Band & Orchestra Festival this Sunday. Go BPS!!

Band & Strings - Updates

Do you have a child in Year 2 or above who is interested in joining the BPS Training Band next year?

Our 2026 Training Band recruitment process will start in October. Training Band is open to anybody who is currently in Year 2 or above. Stay tuned for more details, however please note these dates in your diary:

- Tuesday, 28th Oct @8.30pm: **Parent Information Session** via Zoom (parents only)
- Friday, 7th Nov @3.45pm: **Instrument Try Out Session** in the Library (parents & children)

Your child does not need any prior music experience to join the Training Band. This is the beauty of our Band program, the kids all learn and develop musically together.

WANTED: Band & Strings Vice-Convener to complete our team

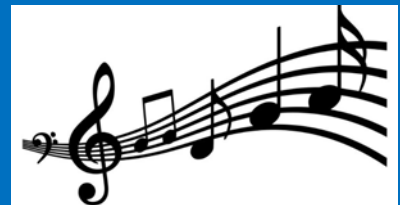
We are looking for an engaged parent from our Band & Strings community who cares about this program and would be willing to step up and take on the Band & Strings Vice-Convener role from 2026 onwards. This person would support our new incoming Band & Strings Convener in overseeing the program, working alongside the brilliant Band & Strings committee with full support from our outgoing Conveners, P&C Executive, School Executive and Conductors. No musical experience is necessary! A full handover and ongoing help will be provided. If you are open to finding out more, please email viceconvener.bandandstrings@gmail.com.

Band & Strings End of Year Concert - SAVE THE DATE

Date: Friday, 28th November 2025

Venue: Cherrybrook Technology High School

Time: 5:30PM for 6:00PM start



Band & Strings invoices are now DUE

Friendly reminder to please pay your Band & Strings invoice by the due date. These were emailed to you in August by Lucy Lu, our Assistant Treasurer. The email address is coming from messaging-service@post.xero.com (Xero is our Accounting software).