Welcome to another addition of 'Le Parent'. This newsletter provides you with news & highlights from in and around the school community.

The P&C meets at 7pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, during the school term. The meetings are very informal and we discuss a range of issues from the informative 'Principals Report' to the often frustrating 'Traffic Reports'. We also use these meetings to decide how best to raise valuable funds to improve our school and which projects would be best supported with these funds. We welcome all ideas/suggestions and encourage all members of the school community to attend.

As I am sure you are aware this year's fundraising has kicked off with the Chocolate Drive. We hope to be able to make a substantial contribution to the school from this often controversial fundraising event. We are very aware of the negative aspects a fundraising event like this has attached to it and as such we try to limit this type of fundraising to every few years. This is our first chocolate drive since 2008 and so far the response has been amazing! This year we not only have some outstanding prizes for the top sellers BUT every family who participates goes into the draw for a $100 Myer Gift Voucher!

Unfortunately the first Disco of the year has been postponed for a week, due to bad weather, but hopefully the weather will be kind to us this week and we can have an amazing night filled with flamboyant dancing, sensational stalls, fabulous food and the wonderful company of the friends & family of the BLPS community. As we enjoy ourselves this disco I would like all families to keep in mind that the disco is one of the P&C's biggest nights for fundraising and would not be possible without the hard work & dedication of our amazing volunteers. With this in mind I would like to ask everybody who attends to please be patient with these volunteers and please, if you feel like helping out, don't be shy. Volunteering doesn't have to be a weekly commitment and we are always happy to see new faces at events like the Disco or Mothers Day Stall.

Lastly, and most importantly, as the school year really kicks in I would personally like to ask all parents to be mindful of how we enter and exit the school grounds. It is very important that we demonstrate to the children of BLPS the correct entry and exit gates. The staff car park at our school unfortunately runs right through the middle of our school and should at no time be used for a quick entry/exit point. The entry to this car park is clearly marked with an 'OUT OF BOUNDS' sign and I would like to reiterate that this is not for your inconvenience but for child safety. I am very aware, that as responsible adults, we can navigate around cars with relative ease and confidence but our children get distracted very easily so it is very important they are aware of the dangers and rules pertaining to entering or exiting through the car park.

Set the right example for your child.

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Our school operates the Munch Monitor system in the uniform room and canteen. It is really easy! Simply follow the directions below.

Go to www.munchmonitor.com
Enter Username: blsp
(new users)
Enter Password: munch2216
Click the ‘sign up’ button and follow prompts.

Go into the Canteen section to see all the great things that our Healthy Canteen offers, and place lunch orders that will be taken direct to your child’s class at lunchtime!

Go to the shop section for a full list of items available in the uniform shop. Again, all orders will be delivered to your child in their class.

For your convenience school hats are always available to purchase from the canteen. If there are any parents that have an hour a week that they can spare, we could perhaps open on an additional morning or afternoon this year. Contact Blair 0419 273 659

Chocolate Drive

By this stage the eldest child in each family would have received their box of chocolates to sell. Each chocolate costs $1 and there are 48 chocolates in each box. All money and unsold chocolates must be returned before March 16. Don’t forget that there are prizes for the families that sell the most boxes of chocolates, so if you would like to collect another box come to the North Hall between 8.30 and 9am each morning.

This is where and when you can return your unsold chocolates and money too.

Make a note

Fundraising events 2012
- Chocolate Drive—March
- Disco—9th March
- Hot X Buns—April
- Mothers Day Stall & Raffle—May
- Movie night—July
- Fathers day stall & raffle—August

P & C meetings 2012
- 14 March
- 9th May
- 13th June
- 8th August
- 12 Sept
- 10 Oct
- 14 Nov (AGM)

Helping Hand

If you have a morning or afternoon free (even just once a month) give Christine a call & come and join the friendly team in the canteen.

Your child will love you serving them at recess!