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**Do you know the big differences?**

1. **Who sets the long term future for the school?** (School Board)
2. **Who runs raffles, sausage sizzles, canteen, uniform shop and has quiz night fun?** (P&C)
3. **Which one oversees the school’s operation (but does not manage it)?** (School Board)
4. **Which one wears Pyjamas on Pyjama day?** (P&C)
5. **Which one provides additional expertise or support to help the school achieve the best outcomes for the students?** (BOTH, just in different ways!)

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**GET TO KNOW the P&C**

**Jo Greasley - President**

Nickname? Josie Jo

What is your favourite time of day, week, month or year? (Apart from P&C Meetings) Christmas

What makes you laugh the most (apart from P&C fun times): My kids

What do you miss most about being a kid? Oh everything! My childhood was great!

Favourite food: Chocolate

Favourite quote: Keep smiling

Do you have Superheroes or Princesses at Bertram? One Superhero and One Princess

What is your favourite thing about the P&C? Knowing that we are striving to improve our kids education and spending time with some great people.

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School Banking 8:15-8:30 Wednesdays in the LIBRARY

School Banking has a range of fun and engaging rewards to help our kids learn about money and encourage them to save.

Children can bank as little or as much as they like, the idea is to get them into the habit of saving rather than being concerned with the amount they are saving. So every time they bank, they are rewarded with a Dollarmite token that can be redeemed for a prize once they have banked 10 times. And like we said, we want to encourage the habit of saving, so even if they bank 20 cents, they will get a token. This year our students have a chance to go in the draw for a family trip to Disneyland California, they just have to bank 25 times or more... some of our kids are already well on their way

Win a trip to Disneyland!

We are ordering more so get your pre-order in.
We have a sizeable amount of second hand uniforms available at the moment selling at $5.00ea. All proceeds from these go into the running of the uniform shop. There is also a large box of FREE items available, this consists of assorted second hand non-logo items (shirts, shorts, skirts, trackpants etc.) The box sits outside the uniform shop during opening hours. Feel free to come along and have a look through.

CLEARANCE ITEMS - A range of old style faction shirts are available for $10.00each. For size/factions available please see our Facebook page.

Kel, Tam & Emma - Your dedicated Uniform Shop Team

Uniform Shop 8:30am Thursdays

We are still well stocked for winter with zip jackets, scarves and most "bottoms" in stock. Some styles/sizes of bottoms will need to be ordered but they have a quick turnaround time.
Now is the time to get ready for the Sports Carnival before Sept ‘16-18. Get in early and secure your faction shirt and have your hat ready.

Pre-Order for Sports Carnival Sept 16-18!

If you were wondering why we sold out of faction shirts in early term 2.....When the new fabric shirts were put into production we ordered enough to keep us going for approximately 3 years based on previous year’s sales. These sold out in 3 months!!!!

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News from the CANTEEN....

Have you tried our new Olaf icecream from the movie Frozen? Why not come down to the canteen and give it a try for only $2.

A friendly reminder...... Please be sure to place your lunch orders by 9.30am to allow us time to prepare it and to avoid disappointment.

Karen & Mel - Canteen Ladies & Unsung Heroes