

Banana SS Principal's Report

P&C Meeting March 11th 2019

Enrolment: 36

1. Finance Report

2. I believe that our P&C Association plays an important role in supporting our school to maximise learning. This is a vital role in terms of our achievement of our 2019 Improvement Priority - **Successful learners with a focus on teaching quality**. I would like to encourage all of our new members to engage in the work of the P&C. I believe that one of the P&C's 2019 aims should be to achieve representation from a broad cross-section of our parents and families, we do have diverse backgrounds yet we also have a great variety of skills and expertise. I believe that we should value our diversity. Families come in all shapes and sizes. Understanding the diversity and strengths of our families is a starting point for reflection on the needs and opportunities in our school community.
3. I'd like to invite all parents to attend the Parent/Teacher Interviews on Monday 25th/Tuesday 26th/Wednesday 27th of March. At Banana State School, we hold teacher interviews at least twice a year. Parents who are unable to attend are invited to attend at an alternate time that suits their schedule.
4. Be You Surveys empower all members of our learning community - educators, families and children and - to share their voice about mental health and wellbeing. Information gathered can help highlight strengths to build on and areas for improvement within our learning community.

There is a survey available for families and you are welcome to complete this survey using the following link.

<https://secure.peoplepulse.com.au/survey.php?mid=uNo38ypjAlYd2cg3nI6fskyI98qqI>

The Be You Family Survey is designed to help gather mental health and wellbeing-related perceptions of all parent and carers within our learning community. Responses gathered from parents and carers can help highlight what we are doing well, and what we can do better as part of our commitment to continuous improvement.

This survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and includes 26 questions.

Your responses are anonymous and only summarised results are used to help us better understand how to improve mental health and wellbeing in our learning community.

Although not every question may seem relevant to you, please answer each question honestly and as best you can.

The terms learning community and learning environment refer to your child's school.

If you have several children attending the school, please respond to questions from an overall perspective.

The survey is not compulsory and you can skip questions if you want to.

5. This Friday, March 15th, is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Parents and other carers have a key role in preventing and responding to bullying. You can:
 - Learn [what bullying is](#) and what it is not. This is the first step in talking about how to prevent or respond to bullying with your child. 'Bullying' is a word that is used for lots of things that are not actually bullying. These other behaviours may be just as serious, but may require different responses.
 - Talk about the value of [diversity](#) with the community and understanding that each individual is unique and brings with them individual differences that should be valued and respected.
 - [Talk about bullying](#) with your child at home to make it easier for them to tell you if something happens. Make sure they know what bullying is and how they can respond. Help prepare your children to [prevent online bullying](#) and to know what to do if it happens.
 - Start [when your child is young](#) to guide them to develop the social and emotional skills they will need to build positive relationships throughout their lives, including [problem-solving skills](#).
 - Recognise the [warning signs of bullying](#). Although there may not be an issue, you should talk to your child if you have any concerns. Raise the topic generally if you don't want to ask directly. Be aware that many times children and young people won't ask for help, so it is important to know what to look for.
 - Learn about how to respond appropriately [if your child tells you about bullying](#). You can reassure your child by remaining calm and being supportive.



Every day counts
Is your child at school today?
www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

You must:

- Enrol your child at school
- Send your child to school every day
- If your child is away from school, make sure you tell the school.

Children do better when they go to school all day, every day

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