BELGIAN GARDENS STATE SCHOOL
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER  
20 March 2016

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
Our annual Mothers’ Day stall will be held on Tuesday 3 May 2016. All classes will have the opportunity to visit the stall to purchase a gift to give their Mother on Sunday 8 May. Flyers will be sent home in this week.

LEM PHONICS PARENT WORKSHOP
On Wednesday 9 March, thirteen parents from BGSS attended a workshop that was facilitated by our Master Teacher, Damien Pressley, giving them a great overview on what LEM Phonics is about and how it benefits our children when learning to read, write and spell. This Parent Engagement Opportunity was enjoyed by the Parents who attended.

WINTER JACKETS
Ordering for the BGSS winter jacket is now open and can only be purchased through pre-ordering. If you would like to purchase a jacket for your child, simply complete an order form and return it to the Tuckshop with your payment or if paying by EFT email your order to Robyn Southwell at petrob118@hotmail.com. All orders are due by Friday 22 April and will be available for collection from the Tuckshop from Tuesday 31 May.

Order forms are available from the tuckshop, school office and school website home page.

AGM
Belgian Gardens State School P & C will hold their Annual General Meeting, on Wednesday 24 March 2016 commencing at 6:00pm.

At the meeting all committee positions will be declared vacant and elections will be held to form the Executive Committee for 2016/17.

On the back page of this newsletter is a nomination form for the positions that need to be filled to form the new committee.

If you are interested in any of the positions, please contact the Office or any of the current Executive.

Role descriptions for each position is available from the Office if you would like to find out more details about what is involved.

The General Meeting will follow the AGM, commencing at 6:30pm.
All are welcome and we encourage you to come along and be involved in your child’s education.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Nine weeks of Term 1 has flown by so quickly. During the Term the P&C has donated $15,000 to the new Groundsman Shed, which will commence over the holidays and install 2 sets of bubblers in the Prep & Prep/Yr 1 area. Fundraising organized was Book Club and gifts ready for the Mothers’ Day Stall. The Tuckshop continues to run profitably with the generosity of Robyn and Peter Southwell. Have a safe and happy Easter Break.

Andrew Pegler
**QSchools App**

If you have downloaded the QSchools App, please activate the “Push Notifications” within the Settings of the App. This is an effective option for the school to circulate an important message to parents.

Activating this setting will allow you to receive the reminders of events or activities via the “push” notices from the School.

**Playgroup**

Did you know that Playgroup is held at the school Hall each Monday from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Belgian Gardens P&C is proud to be the sponsor of the Playgroup Program by meeting the cost of wages. We believe that this worthwhile activity provides enjoyment for the children and is a great community opportunity for parents.

Children from babies to 5 years of age are welcome to come along and enjoy the variety of activities organized for them by Mrs Green. A piece of fruit for a shared morning tea and $2 donation is asked to help cover the costs of consumables for the various activities organized each week.

Yesterday, the Easter Bunny visited Playgroup and to their absolute delight, treated the children to an early Easter surprise.

**National Ride 2 School Day – Friday 13 March**

Despite the unpredictable weather on Friday 13 March, over 120 students, 50 parents and even some dogs still braved the showers and enjoyed the cooler temperatures to make their way to school by bikes and scooters, or part of the walking group from Hooper Street. A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who assisted the riding and walking groups – the event would not happen without you.

Also a massive Thank You to Sergeant Kerry Melrose from the Queensland Police Service and her 20 wonderful Police recruits. Fourteen recruits rode bikes with our students and parents, while the others walked with the group from Hooper Street. This assistance could not have happened without the generous support from Sam Stedman, owner of Outer Limits Adventures, who provided ten mountain bikes for our event. Our Adopt-a-Cop Constable Darryl was also at school welcoming our students as they arrived. Thank you to Sam, Darryl, Kerry and all the recruits for their support. Your energy and handball skills are very much appreciated, despite the rain. The students had a great time playing handball with you; hopefully there will be a rematch soon.

Thank you again to Townsville City Council for kindly supporting the event with Deputy Mayor Vern Veitch welcoming students through the school gates. The School has also been given some riding shirts which were given to our parent leaders and some lucky students.

Additionally, we greatly appreciate the fruit donation from Lamberts Fresh Produce, water bottles from Intersport Townsville and six $20 vouchers from Launch Zone.

Congratulations to the recipients of the ‘lucky registration’ prize of an Intersport Townsville water bottle and TCC riding shirt are: Heath Benson, Jacobie Goodwin, Boyne Noble, Matthew Debbs, Amelia Phelan and Cooper Humphries. The winners of the $20 voucher from Launch Zone are: Mika Leete, Amali Clark, Tanika Gravelle, Oscar Lewis, Sophie Gravelle and Harry Ballinger.

*** Please mark Term 2’s Safe School Travel event in your diary: National Walk Safely to School Day will be on Friday 20th May 2016. Check out http://www.walk.com.au for national details or the BGSS website.

**After School Care**

Camp Australia is conducting before and after school care at the Belgian Gardens State School Hall. This service is being offered to support the families of Belgian Gardens and also extends to a Vacation Care Program.

If you would like to take advantage of this great service or make a booking visit: www.campaustralia.com.au - or call 1300 105 343.

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**Belgian Gardens State School Parents & Citizens Association**

**Committee Nominations - 2016 AGM**

I wish to nominate for the following position on the P and C Association Committee:

- O President
- O Vice President
- O Secretary
- O Treasurer
- Other ____________________________

NAME:______________________________SIGNATURE:____________________DATE:____________

(Please print)

SECONDED BY:______________________SIGNATURE:____________________DATE:____________