



PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION INC.

Bicton Primary School View Terrace BICTON

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school canteen provides a service to parents through the provision of healthy food for children. Over the years the P&C have always encouraged parents and students to support this service. The canteen was once open every day of the week but as the years have gone by the amount of days have been reduced. Like all retail, times change and so does everyone's personal situations.

During this year our P&C and canteen committee have been working closely to improve the canteen as a service to the school.

Data from last year showed that the canteen was not viable by the end of the year but the P&C agreed it was a valuable service that needed to be supported while further options to make it successful were explored. A committee with new members was formed and a process began.

Over a long period of time many discussions and suggestions have taken place, in and out of meetings, on how to best service the community. From this information the following steps were taken;

- Sought feedback from the community in the newsletter/asking individuals
- Advertise – posters/newsletters/menu/website
- Encouraged volunteers – newsletters/class email/asking individuals
- Data from online orders and over the counter
- Changes to the menu –removing less popular items
- Fresh new healthy choice menu items added – through samplings with the students

On Tuesday 8th August the canteen committee met with the P&C executive committee and the school to assess the results of this process. The findings showed that there was not enough increase in canteen sales to cover the costs incurred for operating this service.

The P&C executive committee have now made a decision based on lack of sales, declining income and increased costs. It is with sincere regret that I inform you that the canteen will close effective 3pm Thursday 14th December 2017.

The canteen will remain open as normal for the remainder of this year. Should sales increase significantly the viability of the canteen may be re-examined.

I commend and thank the Canteen Committee on their continued effort. The many hours spent discussing new menus, different ways to operate and ultimately bringing in outside food were not enough to maintain the cost of the canteen.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me either via email or phone.

I thank the community for the support.

Kind Regards

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