

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting Date: 22nd August 2018

Reports Presented:

Principal's Report
Finance Report
Education / ICT
PFA

General Business:

1. Uniform Policy
2. Attendance Policy
3. Grade 5 and 6 camp to Phillip Island Adventure Park
4. Standing agenda item: Child Safety

Discussion / Decisions:

1. Boy's toilets nearing completion. Large urinal replaced by 4 individual urinals. 'S' bend installed to help prevent odour.
2. The final versions of the Uniform Policy and the Attendance Policy were tabled and discussed.

The policies was accepted unanimously and will be communicated to parents via Compass and web page.

3. PFA have organised the following events over the next few weeks:

Bunnings BBQ this 25th August
Family Movie Night 31st August
Father's Day stalls 30th and 31st August

4. Grade 5/6 Camp

The camp to Phillip Island Adventure Park and proposed activities were discussed and endorsed by School Council

Summary of the Principal's Report:

Enrolment

We have 51 confirmed enrolments for Foundation next year, with another 35 on the waiting list. We intend to have an enrolment of about 66 in Foundation and will endeavour to let those on the waiting list know if they have a placement or not by the end of this term.

Staffing

We recently advertised for a replacement for Stephanie Lambiris who is now on Family Leave. The successful applicant was Melissa Papal. Melissa also filled in for Lacey-Rae during her recent absence.

Maintenance

Some recent works:

- Raph has been working hard to complete the boys' toilets. Things have been delayed while waiting for the concrete to dry. Once this happens, it should be completed fairly quickly.
- A new storage cupboard has been installed in the Art Room (courtesy of funds raised through the Colour Run last year) as well as a storage area for Dave's cardboard.
- A storage area has been made between the two containers with left over fencing materials. Raph has added a roof as well.
- Martha's door was sticking to the floor and is now repaired.
- Part of the floor in Alex's room had sunk, required pinning from underneath.
- New storage racks have been purchased and installed in the gym.
- Clear laser light has been installed in the garage/shed to allow light inside.
- The cleaning up of the oak leaves which are a 'feature' of the school is ongoing.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator is in place in the First Aid Room and staff have completed training in how to use it.

eSafety Presentation

There was an excellent turnout of parents and families at the recent Information Night presented by the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation which showed this is an area that worries many parents.

We will continue to keep looking for suitable and relevant external providers to help support parents in the education of children around being safe on line.

Grade 3/4 Camp

The Grade 3/4 Camp this year will take place from September 10 – 12 at Mt Evelyn.

Excursions

- The Grade 5/6 area recently visited the city as part of their 'Big Issue' topic exploring the reasons for homelessness.
- Grade 4 students went to Penola SC to see their student production of Grease – this was part of their transition program.
- Grade 5/6LD participated in the 'Clippy' Workshop
- Foundation students participated in a 'Mini Beast' incursion

Family Life Sessions

The PFA have organized two sessions for families, to be held Thursday August 23:

Session 1: Where Did I Come From? Grades 3 and 4 students and their parents/carers

Program focus:

- Discuss the male and female reproductive systems, foetal development and the birth process
- Personal safety and protective behaviours

Session 2: Preparing for Puberty Grades 5 and 6 students and their parents/carers

Program focus:

- Discuss the physical changes of puberty, emphasising that it can be different for everyone
- Develop students' understanding of periods and sperm production, as well as the physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for both boys and girls
- Enhance awareness of children's personal safety and protective behaviours

Australian Girls Choir

A representative from the choir to audition girls last Wednesday. Parents will be notified if their child receives an invitation to join the choir.

Mathematics Specialists

We have put in an expression of interest to participate in the Primary Mathematics and Science Specialist Initiative. This offers two current teachers intensive training over a two year period, to develop their own practice and that of their staff. Teachers work 0.5 in the classroom and 0.5 as a Maths Specialist supporting teachers in their classrooms. Funding is provided to allow the release of the teachers.

Wellbeing Day

Natasha organized a very successful Wellbeing Day (Being the Best You) recently. Students were involved in a range of activities including yoga and presentations from Project Rokit, Head Space and psychologists.

100 Days of Prep

Students and teachers celebrated 100 days of Foundation on August 2nd. This included lots of counting to 100 activities; making crowns (saying 'I'm 100 days smarter'), '100 necklaces out of Fruit Loops, and dot paintings based on 10 lots of 10.

Tournament of the Minds

We have entered two teams in this year's Tournament of the Minds competition at La Trobe University. Livio Coreno and Melanie Ojczyk have been busy assisting the team to think, write and practise their responses. The competition includes a prepared response to a challenge, spontaneous questions and individual thinking challenges. The TOM is a great opportunity for those children who participate.