

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT**

Meeting Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

### **Annual General Meeting**

Presentation of the 2017 Annual Report.

Please see the school's website for a copy of the Annual Report.

### **School Council Meeting**

#### **Reports Presented:**

Principal's Report

Finance Report

Education / ICT

PFA

#### **General Business:**

1. Confirmation of election of School Council Treasurer – Rory Sercombe
2. Oak Park Primary School Council Standing Orders
3. Student Resource Package (SRP) and Annual Budgets
4. Standing agenda item: Child Safety

#### **Discussion / Decisions:**

1. A proposal was put to the school council for the purchase of a defibrillator.

The school will investigate the purchase of a defibrillator. A \$1000 Leader Newspaper grant has been applied to assist with this.

2. Parents have raised concerns about the odour from the boy's toilets.

The school is addressing the issue. Part of the problem is the fact that boys' urine is actually quite smelly. Raph makes constant repairs to the toilets and the toilets are cleaned thoroughly every day. As well as this, they were given a deep clean during the last school holidays.

Raph is replacing the large urinal with 4 individual urinals. He will also replace the silicone along the edge of the urinals – urine is trapped in places where there are gaps. We are also looking at replacing the sinks as the bench tops have been water effected. Raph is also investigating on the best way to extract/circulate air within the toilets eg exhaust fan/s.

## **Summary of the Principal's Report:**

### Student Leadership Conference

Our Grade 6 students attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at Moonee Valley earlier this term. They met student leaders from other schools and heard from a range of presenters. Key messages included transforming into leaders and developing integrity. Thank you to all staff and parents who helped to provide this fantastic opportunity for our students.

### Writers' Festival

This year's Writer's Festival was another great event showcasing student writing and the many hours of focused teaching that goes in to producing such outstanding works. This year, students were introduced to the author Kym Lardner prior to the Festival and they were able to participate in workshops in which he encouraged their writing and spoke he goes about the task and pleasure of writing.

### SRC visit to the Shrine of Remembrance

On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> April all of the Grade 5 and 6 members of the SRC went to the Shrine of Remembrance. This was part of Legacy's 87<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day Commemoration ceremony for students. Our school captains were among the many lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Some of our students got to meet the Governor of Victoria.

### Life Skills Program

Senior school students this term are participating in a Life Skills Program. This accredited program includes elements of PE, Mindfulness and Wellbeing.

There is a focus on physical, social, emotional and attentional self regulating strategies and skills, developed to systematically cultivate wellbeing, resilience and lifelong learning, providing healthy skills for students' physical, social, emotional and mental wellbeing.

The program is designed to teach students how to:

- Build resilience
- Develop self regulation
- Increase self awareness
- Practice positive relationship skills
- Strengthen problem solving skills

### Mother's Day stalls

Many thanks once again to the parents who organized and helped out at our recent Mother's Day stalls. This is a really important service to the kids and it's always great to see how happy they are with their gifts!

## NAPLAN

Students in Grades 3 and 5 across the state undertook testing in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Numeracy.

It is important for parents and students to understand that NAPLAN tests are just one of the assessments teachers use at Oak Park. Also, these tests by their nature, can really only be a 'snapshot' of how a student performs during one 45 minute period on one particular day. It would be wrong to assign too much emphasis to the tests.

## Cross Country

Students will be competing in the District Cross Country in a couple of weeks and a number of trials and practice runs have taken place around the school.

## Education Week

The theme this year for Education Week is 'Celebrating the Arts'. We have several activities on during the week to help celebrate education at Oak Park. These include School Tours, Open Mornings, the Grade 5/6 Incursion; Captains and Convicts.

## Book Fair

The Book Fair has become an important part of our calendar and allows students to purchase their own books. The school also receives a commission on sales which helps to restock the library.

## Transition to Foundation Information Night

This will be held next week. Material has been revamped and we are hoping that parents will find it very useful.

## Team Holiday

Team Holiday has changed its name to Team Kids as they also move into the OSHC space. During the last holidays:

Total Bookings        306

Average attendance   34

School families        52

The most popular activities were Ice Skating and the Melbourne Star excursion.

## PIVOT Survey

Teachers on the Student Agency Team have trialled the PIVOT survey recently. PIVOT is a student opinion survey, the results of which teachers can access almost immediately. It provides teachers with data on student perception and identifies relative strengths and

opportunities for improvement. The survey will be rolled out across the school, except in Foundation. The survey will be conducted twice a year so that teachers can firstly identify any issues raised and then work on them with their students – thereby enhancing student voice.

### Staffing

Nicky McKinnon resigned from her position earlier this term and we advertised for a new Physical Education teacher. Liam Sutawan was the successful candidate.

### Comedy Night

We encourage everyone to come along to the Comedy Night on May 26<sup>th</sup>. It's always great fun and a good way to get to know other people (or at least find out what they laugh at).

### New speaker system

We had a new sound system installed in the gym during the last term break. Whilst there has been some improvement, it is still not as good as it will be. We are waiting on a new amplifier to arrive and will purchase a high quality cordless microphone which will help. We also need to learn a bit more about the mixing of the sound and we have sought expert help to assist with that.

### World Environment Day

A number of activities have been organized to promote the day. The theme this year is 'Beat Plastic Pollution'.

### Storage

Raph has built a shed ('John's Shed') next to the garage. We also had another container delivered and it has placed next to the other one. Raph will paint that one the same colour.

### Outdoor Play Area Project

Raph and Bryan attended a seminar recently - 'Grants, Gardening and School Grounds' – we gained a few good contacts and information about possibilities for play spaces and how to go about applying for grants.

### Student Resource Package and Confirmed budget

The confirmed Annual Budget was tabled and endorsed.

**Meeting concluded 9:20pm**