

Principal's Report

P&C Meeting Term 4 Week 7

1. On behalf of the students and staff, a sincere thank you to our wonderful P&C who have worked throughout the year to build a strong foundation for the future. A special thank you to Simon, our Treasurer, who leaves us this year – best wishes for your new school.

The Trivia Night was fabulous – congratulations!

Year 6 are very grateful for the donation of Super Doopers for their fundraising that is going very well.

We are also very grateful for your generous donation towards the Year 6 Farewell.

Thank you to Jessamy for speaking and our first Kindergarten Orientation session and to the P&C for hosting a morning tea at the last session next week.

2. **Business arising from last meeting:**

- CAMP: before school care will be available in 2023 and the school has offered its facilities for a vacation care service.
- Year 6 shirts: to be designed this year

3. **Last day of school year for students now 16 December 2022.** Last day for staff 20 December 2022.

4. **Parent survey:** One respondent this year. Zero last year. Student, staff and parent surveys to be analysed to assist with school planning – school leaders involved in this process.

5. **Parent involvement 2023 – centenary – proposed date/ time Friday 21 July 10am – 2pm**

- 100th anniversary biggest opportunity. School team will comprise Ms Walker, Mrs Petkovski and a person to be employed for garden maintenance – hoping for a parent who may be interested to take on this role.
- First formal meeting will be held early in Term 1 – probably week after children start so parents are more settled into a routine.
- **DRAFT** ideas:
 - history display in library
 - children's art display in hall
 - open classrooms for people to visit their old classrooms
 - artworks on perimeter fencing
 - COLA assembly for speeches school song, time capsule, cake – cut by youngest and oldest
 - simple booklet with writing, memories, art works, favourite recipes, some photos
 - student performances – either in hall (small groups to entertain) or under COLA larger groups
 - **morning tea (P&C) in hall**
 - **picnic luncheon – can BYO or pre-order – P&C idea**
 - **coffee van, food trucks – P&C can organise this**
 - **P&C chocolate wheel or raffle**

6. **Curriculum update:**

- K-2 English and Mathematics syllabus mandatory implementation 2023. School has already been implementing and so is well-placed. New resources including units of work being released.
- 3-10 English and Mathematics syllabus trial / exploration year in 2023 but we will be implementing as Year 2 moving into Year 3 have already worked with new syllabus (quite different from old syllabus).
- Teachers have been given an additional school development day on 19 December 2022 and 18 December 2023 for curriculum purposes. Additional teacher release has also been provided; school funded – planning days that we already conduct more than account for this. Middle leaders also to receive additional release.
- Aboriginal Languages syllabus available – need to explore this further

7. **Staff 2023 update:**

- Mrs Risi successful candidate for Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction role, commences 2023
- Ms Wira successful candidate for Assistant Principal Woonona East PS – position on hold pending student enrolments for 2023 (currently 7 classes)
- Auburn St Unit (ASU):
 - Mrs Skylas will continue at Para Meadows in 2023. Suzie O'Keefe will replace.

- Ms Daly will be moving to mainstream four days per week as Learning and Support teacher then ASU for one day per week (teacher release)
- Mr Sullivan will continue with us, replacing Ms Daly
- Mrs Arnold (W) will share the School Learning Support Officer role with Mrs Brown (M, T, Th & F)
- Mainstream:
 - Mrs Flynn: off-class in a school established / funded position as Assistant Principal Wellbeing as well as formative assessment leader / observer and Assistant Principal K-2. Miss O'Brien will fill Mrs Flynn's classroom teaching position as a temporary teacher.
 - Mrs Hill-Baulch will continue in the release from face-to-face role two days per week. Mr Formica will fill Mrs Hill's classroom teaching position as a temporary teacher.
 - Mrs Rodgers will be taking leave. Mrs Piljevic will return and fill this classroom teaching position.
 - Other part-time teaching positions are yet to be allocated as they are dependent on the school's budget.

8. Asset update

- Block D ceiling (Maker Space) collapse – water leak repaired; ceiling can now be replaced as well as items effected by water damage (carpet, blinds, furniture). This is now a priority to be repaired before 2023.
- Harmony Garden asphalt – quote \$42 000 so Dep't said 'no', will be requoted
- Internet wiring upgrade
- Sewage – continuing issues in all bathrooms, collapsed pipes, tree roots. Drainage – continuing issues with collapsed pipes, tree roots, overflow into weep holes. Summer holidays – work expected in lower car park to replace pipe work.
- Every call out for emergency purposes costs the school \$500.
- Basketball Court – number one priority for asset department. Common 'wish' for students in survey

9. Student activities

- ChiME Program – one class per term
- Conservatorium of Music – K-2 singing pilot program
- Keira High School additional transition day
- NSW Public High Schools transition
- Cromer Public School Strings & Band visit
- Kindergarten orientation – 3 sessions
- Stage 3 PSSA Soccer / Football Gala Day
- High Potential & Gifted Class showcase

10. Upcoming student activities

- NSW Public High Schools Transition Day
- Dates for end of year activities have been published on Sentral calendar and in newsletter

11. Professional Learning / Meetings (not an exhaustive list)

- Wellbeing Modules: Led by Mrs Flynn for teachers
- Formative Assessment: Led by Mrs Jacobs & Mrs Flynn for teachers
- Curriculum Reform: Led mostly by Mrs Risi. English and Mathematics syllabuses; significant number of modules to work through.
- Curriculum Reform network meetings: Mrs Risi
- K-2 and Yrs 3-6 planning days: data analysis, collaborative planning, targeted PL for explicit teaching
- Aboriginal Education Consultative Meeting: Ms Petsas
- School budgeting: Mrs Marczan, Mrs Flynn and Mrs Morton
- Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools update: Mrs Flynn, Ms Daly, Mrs Polyblank & Mrs Morton
- Bushfire Response planning: Mrs Flynn

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