



MINUTES OF P&C MEETING
7pm Tuesday 19th October 2021 via Zoom Meeting

PRESENT –

Mayank Gupta, Duncan Cooke ,Emma McDowall ,Lynne Crozier, Louisa Moynihan, Jeanette Cope, Leanne Ambrogio, Blair Cornwell-Smith, Susie Jacobs, Jane Godfrey, Samantha Hegvold, Margaret Boston, Shirley Kam,Rosa Evaquarta

APOLOGIES

PRESIDENTS WELCOME

Mayank welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the Term 4 P&C meeting.

Acknowledgement of country.

The focus for today's meeting will be on what the rest of Term 4 looks like , setting up expectations.

The P&C would like to recognise the fantastic efforts of the teachers , patience of the parents and the community contributions over the past 3-4 months.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 5th August 2021

- Moved by Mayank Gupta
- Seconded by Susie Jacobs

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Jeanette Cope acknowledged that the community has been outstanding in support of the school over the past few months.

Kindergarten and Year 1 have settled back into school well this week and were happy to be back, its as if they were never absent from the school.

Well done to the children and thankyou to the parents for supporting their children during this time. Thank you to the support given to the teachers and staff as it has been difficult managing a school on skeleton staff and rolling out the home learning programme.

Assessments will begin when the children return to school. Whilst the teachers have reviewed the outputs on Seesaw, it is difficult to assess during home schooling. The assessments will give them a better understanding and more data on the children to determine where they were prior to home schooling and where they are now. This data will not only show the recent growth, but any red flags and priority areas to ensure every child's individual learning needs are met.

The focus on learning in Term 4 will be on maths and literacy as a priority, referred to as explicit teaching. The assessments are a usual process that happen in the class already, there is no need to prepare / warn the children.

The assessments include the areas of :

- Phonics screening test
- Maths level
- Writing

The results of the assessment will help Jeanette determine where there needs to make extra investment in teaching staff.

Homework - the children will not be receiving any additional homework. At home tasks don't make a lot of difference following a day of focussed learning. Focus on reading at home for homework, with the focus being on retell and comprehension.

Wushka and Mathletics are other good on line resources.

Assessments include:

- Phonological test
- Maths level test
- Writing level test
- Tracing number test

Phonics screening test for year 1 has been started and so far, all are on target.

Sight words testing for Kindergarten.

The results of the assessments will place children into appropriate learning goals.

Returning to school routines in the first week have worked well. K-1 parents all followed our Covid safe procedures, with parents refraining from entering the school grounds.

Reminder to parents who are picking up their children in the car, is to pick up and go. Avoid standing around and chatting, so then other cars can take your space.

Jeanette opened up suggestions on how maybe the pick-ups can be staggered or a better way for drop offs and pick.

Any thoughts on this are welcome, so parents are encouraged to write to Jeanette on suggestions.

Gate 6 - Parents can enter and are allowed in for Kids Castle drop offs/ sign ins.

School Office - Both office doors are now open and there is a new sign in system in the office.

Activities for the rest of Term 4:

- No incursions or excursions
- No assembly in the Hall , no singing
- SISA will return
- Friday sport is on

Acknowledgment that senior year events , ie camps and surf school have been limited , but will try and keep the events they can do.

Year 6 assembly will try to held but dependent on the DoE restrictions.

Thoughts of a possible Gala Day and other like events for the children before the school year ends.

End of year Concert - there is insufficient time to put together an end of year Concert. Teachers will attempt to put something fun together. If there are any Covid safe ideas , please let Jeanette know.

Maybe a Christmas Hat Parade , but open to further suggestions.

Hopefully, Kindergarten can get to see their senior buddies before the end of Term 4.

End of Year 6 celebrations/assembly – likely to be a children based celebration with reduced number of parents to attend, graduation at Northbridge golf club.

End of year calendars – there may not be enough time to do the artwork calendars/gifts fundraiser this year. Class parents to work with Lynne Crozier to determine if there is enough time to complete this or look into alternatives.

Lunch and Recess are being eaten at the desks in the classrooms, before going out to play. Recess is starting 5 minutes earlier and lunch 15 minutes earlier at 12:55pm. Play time has 15 minutes extra and are rotated so each group gets their own space.

On the 2-6 side, the school is trialling play space with these divisions:

Years 3-4 play near the Shell/Flagpole

Seniors - Courts area

Year 2 – In front of the Library

The play equipment is closed as guidelines prescribe that need to be cleaned after each use.

K – 1 toilets cleanliness was raised by a parent in the meeting, and asked whether there is going to be more cleaning and pest control . Jeanette mentioned that the DoE have advised the toilets meet the standards. There are additional cleaners on site , toilets are cleaned before and after school and during the day

Multi – Lit Reading Programme is continuing with extra teachers brought on to enable this.

The Government has committed to providing additional funding to provide support to children that need added support as a result of Covid.

The school is fully aware of the mental health impacts. There is a school counsellor and team lead available 1 day per week. They are available to both children and parents. Samantha Hayes is our specialist learning support teacher. In addition, there is the Wellness Committee run by the P&C.

School Photos – these are tentatively booked for the end of November, but will wait and see how that eventuates with the changing DoE guidelines

Library is currently closed, so Mrs Westoby brings carts of books to the classrooms

Lunch Orders - these can resume. As the school has not onsite canteen, the shops are essentially our canteen and as the DoE allow canteens to continue to operate as an essential service, lunch orders can resume.

P&C Outdoor Learning Project Update– final plans have been drawn up. Quotes have been received \$150k- \$220k. Building maybe staggered during 2022. Jeanette thanked Llanie, Gabi and Mayank and all those involved for their patience and perseverance.

P&C Budget Update- Voluntary contributions are up \$12k and Band \$7k up. P&C will fund \$90k teaching support, \$7k for high quality learning materials /upgrade of the school readers and \$5k Technology support. McGrath have increased their funding this year as well.

Jeanette thanked the Wellness Committee and in particular Nat and Airie for the Wellness zoom sessions.

The school will celebrate its 70th anniversary in 2022. Please contact the P&C if you would like to participate in organising the celebrations.

Mayank thanked all for attending the P&C Meeting and the meeting was closed.