

SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C MEETING 2nd November 2020

Time and location

Via zoom 7pm.

Attendance

David England, Fiona Watson, Rajeswari Palanisamy, Fiona Watson, Gemma Smith, Annemarie Herrmann, Belinda Malec, Colin Ross, Elise Holloway, Johl Storey, Alison Woodbury, Aaryan Singh, Ben Griffiths, Preeti Johncey (Preeti Johncey), Manimegalai Sankar, Amba McCrudden, Kim Verheyen, Susanne Tocher, Cyra Cyrus Noshirwan, Kayleen Glover, Manan Chokshi, Maulik Trivedi, Rajesh Mani, Savinder Kour, T H Chung

Acknowledgement of country (Colin Ross)

Acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the Darug people. For over 60,000 years, the area comprising present day Parramatta has been occupied by the Burramattagal people, a clan of the Darug, who first settled along the upper reaches of the Parramatta River. Schofields Public School and surrounds also rests upon the lands of the Darug people.

I would like to show my respect to, and acknowledge, the Dharug people who are the traditional Custodians of this land on which our gathering takes place.

I would also like to pay respect to the elders both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people present today.

Good evening everyone,

Acceptance of previous minutes

Fiona Watson and Alison Woodbury

Apologies

Jess Wanders

Matters arising/Outstanding items

<p>Spraying on school oval</p>	<p>Colin to investigate what GA was spraying on oval whilst children were present. <i>Colin Ross to speak to GA to seek clarification on this matter.</i></p>	<p>Mr Vella was spraying to mark lines for students. Only other sprays are bindii spray which is used occasionally and then before weekends or in the holidays. Weed spray again used occasionally in areas where there are no students and timed as for bindii spray. CR Completed</p>
<p>LEGO CLUB</p>	<p><i>Annemarie to order tubs for LEGO</i></p>	<p>Tubs to be ordered this month by AH</p>
<p>Parent/teacher communication</p>	<p><i>determine the best communication method between parents and teachers. Colin to ensure this information is passed onto parents via school newsletter</i></p>	<p>Seesaw communication is a legacy of COVID and will cease at the end of the year. Primary mode of communication is by phone. Parents can leave a message at the office and teachers should respond within 24 hours. Urgent matters should be notified. CR Completed</p>
<p>Unsafe road crossing practices by students on bikes and scooters</p>	<p>School to reiterate safe road rules to the students.</p>	<p>I have spoken with students and have also communicated with parents about some safety behaviours on the road. CR Completed</p>

	OUTSTANDING ITEMS	
PBL awards	Review of PBL reward system and missing PBL awards	Mr Storey will update this evening at the end of Principal's report. CR Completed
P&C Storage	Colin Ross to advise P&C of dedicated storage area once school has moved into new build. School will make space available for P&C storage.	P&C allocated container space for storage. Amber to liaise with Colin re moving Mother and Father's Day gifts to allocated area. Completed
<u>P&C minutes</u>	Colin to ensure P&C minutes are available on school website. Currently only the March 2020 meeting minutes have been published on the school website.	<i>Ongoing</i>
Questions regarding the new build information sessions	David to include questions/answers about the new school in the next newsletter	Posted in newsletter Completed
Official school opening	Colin to facilitate ways for community to be welcomed into upgraded school facilities	<i>The school will hold off on the official opening until the community can attend</i>
Mini Fair	Colin will review in Term 4 based on COVID-19 guidance from the Department	Mini fair cancelled. Completed

Incoming/ outgoing correspondence

Stockland CARE grants team	Email requesting completion report for LEGO Club Grant	<i>AH asked for extension due to club being on hold because of COVID-19.</i>
Stockland CARE grants team	Email granting extension for completion report till December	

School Infrastructure	Email reply to concern raised by AW regarding problems caused by setting fence back at corner St Albans and Junction Rd and from St Albans Rd to hall along Junction Rd ie school sign now being exposed making it a potential target for vandalism, woodchips from external garden bed spreading onto footpath (slip hazard) and exposed watering system outside fence line which will cause ongoing cost and maintenance issues for the school.	<p><i>Infrastructure advised that:</i></p> <p><i>*planning and design advisers supported setting fence back and the electronic sign was left where it was as it was not part of the upgrade.</i></p> <p><i>*The Asset Management Unit (AMU) have also been involved in the design process, so they are aware of the ongoing maintenance requirements.</i></p> <p><i>*The school has been designed to comply with The Educational Facilities Standards & Guidelines (EFSG) standards.</i></p>
Kirsty Pole Fundraising Manager of "Small Ideas"	Email Fundraising opportunity. Membership app for families, cost is \$35 which allows families to save on activities and venues and shopping and is valid for 12months. By promoting the digital membership P&C will get 50% of every order made.	<i>After discussion it was decided to revisit this fundraising opportunity next year.</i>
Yahoo	Email confirming P&C Yahoo account has been updated from previous Treasurer's details to current Secretary's details and P&C Gmail account	
Andrews Insurance	Certificate of Currency and receipt of payment of insurance	
P&C Federation	Email Let's talk about HSC webinar	
P&C Federation	Email Survey 'Growing up digital Australia'	<i>Forwarded onto school for inclusion in newsletter</i>
P&C Federation	Email Survey on new 'Student Behaviour Draft Strategy'	<i>Received in school holidays</i>
P&C Federation	Email P&C Federation Bulletin	<i>Forwarded onto school for inclusion in newsletter</i>
School Fun Run Director Brendan Hopp	Email Offer to upgrade to 'Big Show' with free colour power for next year if interested	<i>No decisions to be made on this until next year</i>

Principal's report Colin Ross

A Great Start to Term 4

We have had a very successful and enjoyable opening of the upgraded site. Students and staff have settled in very quickly and hard at work to end 2020 on a high note. I would like to congratulate the students for their exemplary behaviour and efforts this week. I would also like to thank the students, staff and community for their patience and resilience during the many challenges we have worked through together this year 'Success Through Community'. Staff did an amazing job moving and setting. I can't thank them enough for the time and effort they gave to ensure a smooth transition.

Students and staff are becoming more accustomed every day to our changed learning environment. Later in the newsletter you will see some great insights to the teaching and learning occurring here at Schofields. Well done to all students and staff.

Showcases in the newsletter and a fly through being organised with our photographer.

Overview of 2021-2024 planning process

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/school-excellence-and-accountability/2021-school-excellence-in-action/resources#Animations0>

Interrelate unavailable- programs for students available from different provider, we'll be looking at booking session for online delivery in early December. Current plan is for Year 6 only and catch up again next year.

Reports- will be similar to half yearly- points and one comment

End of year activities- assemblies in stages- parent attendance or nonattendance will be in line with guidelines.

Year 6 farewell and graduation plans in place for events at school

Fun days-

Medallion breakfast or event- awaiting guideline update

Basketball comp- to be run for Stage 3 first- time permitting Stage 2

Demountable removal project grass rain interruption- we have been significantly slowed in reclaiming our oval by wet weather. Even if regressed now unlikely we would use the new grass this year.

Council restrictions on oval- we continue to communicate to get access.

NAIDOC week celebrations

We will be holding NAIDOC week celebrations and activities this Wednesday.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking

Late in Term 3, four students from Schofields Public School progressed through to the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Local final. Congratulations to Ananya Year 3, Cherezad Year 4, Khristina Year 6 and Brinley Year 6.

Brinley in year 6 was successful at the local finals and reached the Regional Finals of the 2020 Competition.

On Tuesday 27th October, Brinley participated in the Regional Finals via Zoom and presented a fantastic prepared and very interesting impromptu speech against very strong competition from around the state. Brinley's skill and poise in public speaking were clearly evident as was his flexibility and resilience in performing on camera rather than face-to-face. On outstanding effort. Congratulations again to Brinley.

A very big thank you to Miss Shelton who coordinates and organises our Public Speaking and Debating programs.

SRC Crazy Hair and Sock Day

Thanks to our SRC and Miss Dale. We had a very crazy and enjoyable day on Wednesday 28 October. A report and some great photos are later in the newsletter.

Everyday Maths Hub

We use maths every day, in almost everything we do. Explore how, with fun, practical activities for young minds. Visit the site below to see how you can talk to you child/ren about Maths every day.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/mathematics>

School Photos

School photos should be available for preview and ordering shortly. We will notify everyone via a push notification as soon as this occurs.

Operation art

Our Operation Art winners Early Stage 1 – Kalki, Stage 1 – Felix, Stage 2 -Ashlynn and Stage 3 – Razi currently have their framed artworks on display at The Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park until 15 November. The exhibition is free to enter and open from 10am -4pm daily.

Kalki's work 'Bug on a Flower' was selected as a Paw Pick winner. Congratulations Kalki.

Book Week Mufti

Don't forget next tomorrow we are having our Book Week Mufti Day. I look forward to seeing some great costumes.

Drop off

School drop off has been operating very efficiently and safely in the morning. From next week our slight flexibility around arrival time will cease and children will be marked late for school if they are not in class straight after the 9:15am bell.

Changes to pick-up

Friday 16 October will be our last day of early, staggered dismissal. We have been monitoring student pick-up during Week 1 and it has been having little, to no effect on physical distancing outside the school gate and causing further safety concerns for our students. Additionally, we believe the extra teaching and learning time in class will be of benefit to the students of SPS.

Sandpit and Sustainable Garden

Our sandpit is now in use and a cover is now being manufactured. A roster is in place to ensure all children have the opportunity to access this fantastic addition to our school. Thanks again to our fabulous P&C who gained the funds for construction through the Community Partnerships Grant Scheme.

Our sustainable garden is under construction behind the demountables on Junction Rd and should be in use next term.

Cakes, lolly bags and food for sharing

Please be aware that we cannot allow food to be distributed from homes to other members of the school. This includes birthday cakes and lolly bags to celebrate special events particularly birthdays. We actively discourage the sharing of food and when food is part of a school activity, we will inform parents in advance.

PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to the parents who have already completed this survey. Could I ask any parents or caregivers who have not already done so to take this opportunity to contribute to our school planning.

Completing this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. Due to Covid-19, parents and carers will need to complete the survey offsite using a personal device. All information provided is confidential and the survey will take about 15 minutes to complete.

Although participating in this survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much encouraged and appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

To access the survey for our school go to <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/schofields2020>

Overview of school planning process Colin Ross

Unable to proceed with presentation due to technical problems ie no sound. Colin to iron out problems and aim to present at next meeting.

PBL award update provided by Mr Storey	PBL award system finalised. Students will be issued with individual tracking cards to monitor progression towards a medallion. It will be students' responsibility to monitor their own progression and get individual awards signed off. New system is outlined in note which will be sent home and a video will also be made to explain the process of how to use the tracking system. Any old awards held by school will be returned this week.	Completed
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Treasurer's report

Jess

Funds

Cheque Account balance is \$3,954.20

On line account balance is \$37206.30

Payments made

\$40,000 paid to school for sandpit

Fundraising

Item	Notes	Action
Christmas Fundraising ideas	<p>Gingerbread House kit via pre-order? Supplied by local business at a cost price of \$24. Gemma <i>Issues around COVID safe practices with logistics delivery and distribution. Probably not an option at this stage.</i> Colin <i>Some discussion also around cost possibly being too high. Gingerbread kits can be bought from ALDI for approx. \$12</i></p> <p>Cookie dough via online payment. Cost price \$12.50. Other schools are currently selling it as a fundraiser</p>	<p><i>FW to investigate</i></p>
	<p>Selling Mother and Father's Day gifts as Christmas gifts AH</p>	
	<p>Kid's photos or art. Calendars and Christmas cards</p>	<p><i>Colin to investigate and let Gemma know by the end of the week.</i></p>

WH&S

Item	Notes	Action
Slip hazard on footpath outside main gates St Albans Rd	<p>Runoff water is regularly leaking from garden out the main front gate and onto footpath on St Albans Rd and is creating a slip hazard. This problem has previously been raised and was thought to have been addressed. BM <i>Matter has been referred to school infrastructure and is ongoing</i> Colin</p>	<p><i>BM to email Colin regarding matter</i></p>

Effects of leaking water on brick wall at front entrance	What affect is the waterlogging of the ground around front entrance have on the structural integrity of brick wall? AM <i>Foundations for the brick wall are quite deep, this should not be an issue</i> Colin	
Wood chips slip hazard on footpath	Wood chips from external garden beds are spilling onto footpaths on both St Albans and Junction Roads making footpaths uneven and slippery. AH	<i>Colin to contact school infrastructure regarding matter.</i>
	When will the old school fence at the kiss and drop near the substation be replaced? KV <i>It will be completed in the Christmas holidays</i> Colin	

Item	Notes	Action
COVID safe practices in new school	Can parents please be updated on COVID safe practices in the new flexible learning environment? AH <i>Colin said he could send home information outlining COVID safe practices in the new school. Also, if parents have concern/question re this, they can ask their child's teacher.</i>	<i>Colin to send home information outlining COVID safe practices in the new school.</i>
Replacement trees along Junction Rd	Is the school aware of when Blacktown Council will be revegetating the area alongside the school boundary fence on Junction Rd? There are 28 trees which need to be planted. AH <i>Council contractors ready to go but planting has been delayed whilst the school has sought permission from School security as to planting guidelines. Some of the areas where the council wanted to plant do not suit the school e.g. around sustainable garden.</i> <i>Areas behind the demountables and along the bank on lower field have been identified as suitable sites by the school. School is happy to accommodate as many trees as possible.</i> Colin	

General Business

<p>Play equipment in new build</p>	<p>Plans for the school upgrade included play equipment/nature play space which despite being signed off, haven't been delivered. Can the P&C please investigate this further KG</p>	<p><i>KG to send all details to FW and KG and AW to follow up with P&C</i></p>
<p>New pavers</p>	<p>Can pictures of the new pavers be made available to parents? Fiona</p>	<p><i>Colin to put pictures in school newsletter</i></p>
<p>Electronic sign</p>	<p>When will the electronic school sign be operational again? The P&C made a big investment into the sign and it has been out of operation for quite some time. AH <i>It is on the list of things to address.</i> Colin</p>	
	<p>Some of the plants in the new upgrade have already perished. School infrastructure emailed and clarification was sought over whose responsibility it was to replace them. School infrastructure advised that they will notify contractor and arrange a suitable time to replace plants. AH <i>As per contractual agreement, all maintenance/landscaping issues to do with upgrade will be tended to by School infrastructure for a 12month period after upgrade completion date.</i> Colin</p>	
<p>Year 6 farewell</p>	<p>Year 6 farewell will be held on site this year following COVID guidelines. Specific details yet to be decided. There will be a zoom meeting information session for students and parents regarding year 6 farewell (yet to be advised).</p>	

Meeting closed 8:10