

**SCHOFIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**P & C MEETING 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2020**

**Time and location**

Schofields Public School library 7: 25pm

**Attendance**

Colin Ross, David England, Johl Storey, Cathy Thoroughgood, Fiona Watson, Belinda Malec, Amba McCrudden, Annemarie Herrmann, Alison Woodbury, Gemma Smith, Kim Verheyen, Srividhya Sundaram, Natiseh Elsani, Alysia Turner, Katrina Burgin.

**Apologies**

Kayleen Glover

**Acceptance of previous minutes**

Previous minutes passed by Fiona Watson and Alison Woodbury.

**Matters arising**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Action</u>
Mathletics	Teachers are still reviewing whether Mathletics will be used by the school	Carried forward
PBL awards	PBL reward system still under review	Carried forward

**Incoming/ outgoing correspondence**

Nil

**Principals report** Colin Ross

Pending

**Treasurer's report** Jessica Wanders

Cheque Account balance is \$10250.05

On line account balance is \$37187.49

\$396 is yet to come out of one of these accounts.

**Fundraising**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Action</u>
Easter Raffle	The P&C will be running an Easter raffle fundraiser. Funds raised will go toward purchase of technology equipment. P & C will ask for parent donations for Easter hampers. Raffle tickets and information regarding donations, will be sent home to all students shortly. Raffle to be held on the	<i>P&amp;C to provide information regarding donations and organise raffle tickets</i>

	same day as Easter hat parade and every stage will be present at the drawing of the raffle. P&C have requested help with selling of raffle tickets on the day. (Amba)	<i>Details of day's events yet to be finalised by teachers.</i>
Mother's Day stall	Mother's Day stall orders have already been placed. A total of 650 items have been ordered however this amount may not be enough. There will be six different gifts options aimed to cater for both mothers and grandmothers. A decision was made this year to go back to individually wrapping gifts as the gift bags we ordered last year cost extra. (Amba)	<i>Amba to reassess and order additional numbers if necessary.</i>

**Stage Based Classes Presentation** Mrs Thoroughgood

Item	Notes	Action
Stage Based classes	The presentation outlined the Department's information on stage-based classes, including basic structure of stage classes, social benefits, the importance of student teacher relationships and lesson content on stage-based class outcomes and when/why they may be used in schools. Schofields Public School has chosen to adopt stage-based learning to cope with the increased enrolments caused by the rapid growth in the local area. Concerns raised about stage-based classes were:	<i>Colin and Cathy to schedule another stage learning presentation for parents/carers</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The possible negative impact on social development and self-confidence of students</li><li>• Stage classes do not foster long term relationships</li><li>• The added workload on teachers</li><li>• The developmental differences between students within a stage</li><li>• It is there any up to date information available?</li></ul> <p>The presentation on Stage based classes was appreciated it was suggested that it be held again (separate from P&amp;C meeting) for the benefit of other parents.</p> <p><i>Mrs Thoroughgood said she would be happy to give the talk again.</i></p>	
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### Disco

Next Disco will be held in April. The theme will be decided by SRC members.

### School banking

Number of students banking has increased

## WH&S

Item	Notes	Action
<u>Mosquitoes in toilets</u>	<p>Mosquitos in the toilets are becoming a problem and students are being stung whilst using the amenities. (Alysia)</p> <p><i>Colin is aware of the problem and has instructed Jo Vella to spray the toilets every morning with a low grade Mortein acceptable for use around children. The wet conditions have caused mosquito numbers to increase.</i></p> <p><i>Colin said he would be happy to purchase mosquito repelling plants for outside every classroom if a suitable plant can be found.</i></p>	<p><i>Jo Vella to continue spraying the toilets every morning with a low grade Mortein acceptable for use around children.</i></p>
<u>Flooding of council oval</u>	<p>In February water was being pumped from the Schofields Public School building site by contractors, onto the top oval at Schofields soccer park flooding the whole park and leaving it water logged. The soccer club storage shed was also flooded as a result.</p> <p><i>It was reported to School Infrastructure by Alison Woodbury, after which the contractor was advised to cease pumping onto council grounds All subsequent water is to be redirected into storm water drain on school grounds.</i></p>	

## General Business

Item	Notes	Action
Electronic signing of notes	<p>Could electronic signing of notes be considered as option for parents, to reduce the volume of paper sent home? (Srividya)</p> <p><i>Colin explained that the current school set up does not allow for this at the moment, however it may be a possibility in the future.</i></p>	
Original classroom and Centennial celebrations	<p>Will the remaining historical classroom be utilised as a museum to show case school memorabilia and the Indigenous artefact which was found on the Schofields Public School site (as was previously suggested)?</p> <p>Will the long-standing Schofields residents be involved/recognised in some way by the school in the Centennial celebrations? Could they possibly be interviewed by stage 3 students as part of their history curriculum. (Annemarie)</p> <p><i>Colin confirmed that since the artefact would not be held on site it was no longer an option to utilise the original school house as a museum but that some historical memorabilia would be a part of the 2023 Centennial celebrations. The existing school house will be used as a learning space instead, once the new build is complete. It was agreed that it is important to include residents in the celebrations.</i></p>	
<u>Time capsule</u>	Has the time capsule has been removed/ affected by the new school building works?	

	<i>Colin confirmed that he was aware of where it was and that it has not been affected by the project works.</i>	
<u>PBL awards</u>	<p>There is an inconsistency with PBL awards. Not all teachers are writing the specific reasons for why the child is receiving the award on the actual award (previous merit awards were specific). Without this they are of little value.</p> <p><i>Colin agreed that this should be happening and said he would discuss it with teaching staff.</i></p>	<i>Colin to speak with teaching staff</i>
<u>Grandparent's Day</u>	<p>When will Grandparent's day be held this year? Will it coincide with Book week? (Gemma)</p> <p><i>Dates for Grandparent's day not yet scheduled.</i></p>	

The School will also be participating in the following events this year:

- the tournament of the minds
- Premier's spelling Bee
- Debating
- Australian maths Olympiad
- Chess tournament day

Meeting closed 8:35pm. Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> of April.

# Principal's Report

## Staffing News

I will be on leave from Wednesday 4 March until Monday 23 March. During this time Mr England will be relieving as Principal. Mr Storey will be relieving Deputy Principal. Mr Storey will continue his supervision of Stage 2. Staffing arrangements for 3/4S are to be finalised.

## Ridges Swimming

On Tuesday our school team will compete in the Ridges Zone Carnival. We wish them well.

## Panthers Visit

On Monday 2 March, Stage 3 students enjoyed a visit from the Penrith Panthers.

## Sustainable Schools Grant Success

We were successful in gaining a Sustainable Schools Grant of \$15000. Stage 2 students created garden designs as part of their work with Mrs Henry. The project will be completed during Term 2 and 3.

## Astro turf section of playground.

Has been completed as part of demountable install.

## Cyber Safety Presentation for Parents

On Wednesday 1 April from 5:50pm-7pm Riverstone High School will be hosting a very worthwhile seminar. Schofield's PS parents are invited and more than welcome to attend. *The Cyber Safety Lady*, will be conducting a 90min seminar on how to help manage online behaviours at home. The Cyber Safety Lady is Leonie Smith, one of Australia's leading cyber safety experts. She provides education for parents, school students, teachers, seniors and business. She is also the author of "Keeping Kids Safe Online" a step by step manual for online safety.

Topics Covered:

- New technology what are the dangers & the positives?
- Traps with apps, this years trends - TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram and more
- Protecting your child from online strangers and adult content
- Parental Controls and content blockers
- Mobile Devices & Smart Phone Safety
- Safer Messaging options
- Video gaming tips, Fortnite - Roblox - Minecraft
- Cyber Bullying how to prevent - what to do?
- Keeping an eye on your digital child's online world
- Screen time without the drama!
- Teaching kids how to take digital responsibility
- Raising an amazing digital citizen!



Leonie has been a guest on programs such as *Sunrise* and *The Today Show*. You can access her website [HERE](#)

Please take advantage of this great opportunity.

## Meet The Teacher

Our Meet The Teacher evening was a great success. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. Thank you also to all the teachers for their time and efforts on the night. If you were unable to attend and would like further information please contact the school and we will get the teacher's to contact you.

## 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge

We will again be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Mrs Hastha and Mrs Wilson (our librarians) will be coordinating the Challenge. The Challenge commences in March. Look out for more information from our librarians over the next few weeks.

## Keeping Safe In The Game

Stage 3 students participated in an e-safety session with many other schools last Thursday 12 February. It was a great opportunity for the students to review and discuss some of the benefits and dangers of online gaming.

## Upcoming dates

3 Mar	Ridges Swimming
6 Mar	Kinder excursion- Riverside Theatre
18 Mar	Stage 2 excursion- The Rocks
20 Mar	Harmony Day- National Day of Action Against Bullying
30 Mar	Longneck Leadership Day
1 Apr	Principal's Assembly
3 Apr	Disco
6 Apr	PandC