

Schofields Public School

P&C Meeting

1st April 2019

Meeting opened 7.03pm in Schofields Public School Staffroom

Meeting Minutes passed by

Attendance: Belinda Malec, Anne Irvine, Amba McCrudden, Alison Woodbury, Annemarie Herrmann, Kim Verheyen, Kayleen Glover, Leanne Southers, Colin Ross, David England, Ryan Cox, Kristy-Lee Yarham, Sam Mark, Johl Storey, Preeti Johncey, Fiona Watson, Emma Kriketos, Jade Varty, Dawn Fury, Radhika Jain.

Apologies: Carly Yates, Nicole Burton

Matters arising from last meeting

- Athletics – Yes, we are going ahead and will commence Term 2. Funding is via school P&C and costs about \$5000
- Seats have arrived
- Playground markings have been completed
- Kindergarten shelves have been installed in classrooms

Mail

- NIL

Treasurers Report

Cheque/Main - \$15,317.55

Business - \$47,111.19

Canteen - \$8844.44

- Need to bank disco and electoral sausage sizzle profits

Canteen

- Sale of freezers \$750 each moved by Fiona Watson and Anne Irvine. Money to be spent on iPads moved by Annemarie and Anne Irvine

Banking

- 1 person has volunteered

WHS

- Soil is eroding away, and drain isn't working, exposing tree roots which can cause a long-term issue.

- Road changes bring communicated newest school newsletter based on latest information
- Request to change P10 parking to P30 as 10minuyes is not enough time to drop off
- Alison to contact council regarding changing old bus stop zone on St Albans Road into a “kiss n drop” zone
- Alison to attend Project Reference Group meetings monthly on behalf of P&C
- Pavers will be relayed in the new school
- 2023 propose Centenary path for new families in new school
- Meet the teacher/parent helper note going out by end of term, potentially starting term 2.

General Business

- Emma from School Operations came for a talk to update us on the school rebuild.
- Kayleen has advised of many upcoming grants – Stockland grant, community project grant – school to act as a sponsor and we can be eligible for an amount between \$20k-\$200K. Ideas are council areas like fencing, play equip, exercise equip, adequate drainage, landscaping. Community Building partnership grant of \$100k opens in may.
- Sandpit – Kayleen to follow up on quotes for next meeting.

~ Principal's Report ~

Staffing news

Miss Bedwell has recently married and is now Mrs Woodbury. Congratulations.

Mrs Gannon is retiring at the end of the year and will not be returning to Schofields PS as a member of staff. She has been working closer to home on the South Coast. She returned to school last year to farewell the students.

I will be on LSL for the last week of term and the first week of next term. Mr England will be relieving Principal in my place.

Building Update

Bus bay is scheduled to commence construction. This will impact our current Kiss and drop located on the school side closest to Station St. This section including the footpath will be closed. A temporary path will be constructed on the school site from the corner of Junction and Station and run to behind the containers. A temporary Kiss and Drop will be located in Station Street. There will also be changes to the signage for parking on the opposite side of Junction Rd which will become P10 8-9:30am and 2:30-4pm school days. This is scheduled to occur from next week and based on the latest information I have.

Election BBQ

A huge thank you to Amber McCrudden for her efforts coordinating and running the Democracy Sausage Sizzle. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to assist. \$470 was raised.

Disco

Thank you to Belinda Malec for coordinating the Movie Star discos. There was a large rise in the number of students attending both discos. Thanks also to the parent helpers who assisted and the large group of teachers who attended. I have promised the new staff members that I will make a better effort with the fancy dress at the next disco.

PBL new award system to commence next term

The new reward system is outlined below.

4 PBL awards handed out per class per fortnight.

3 PBL awards = bronze award

2 bronze awards = silver award

2 silver awards = gold award

2 gold awards = medallion

Students will have the opportunity to "trade" their existing Schofields PS merits for an equivalent level in the new scheme. More information on equivalent levels to come.

Students who are new to the school will start on an equivalent level to their grade average.

Harmony Day

We celebrated Harmony Day's twentieth anniversary. Harmony Day was established to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and to be a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. We had a broad range of cultural heritage represent including but not limited to students from Aboriginal backgrounds, Australian, Cook Islands, Chinese, England, Pakistan, India, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan to name just a few. We are clearly a very diverse and successful school community.

National Day of Action Against Bullying

On March 15 we marked the National Day of Action Against Bullying as part of our Anti-Bullying plan. At our school, we have a range of programs in place to address bullying, including lessons completed as part of this NDA and our PBL procedures.

Playground markings

Students are enjoying the brightness and functionality of the new playground markings.

Longneck Lagoon Leadership

Our 3-6 student leaders received very positive feedback from the Principal at Longneck Lagoon for their efforts and behaviour. The students took part in a variety of problem solving, team building and leadership activities. They did an awesome job.

SPORTING PROWESS

We have in recent weeks seen many outstanding performances in sporting endeavours.

Well done to all the students who trialled for various Sydney West Sports teams over the past few weeks. Congratulations to Steven Whalan and Kaiden Martin who were successful in making the Ridges 11's Rugby League Team; Brayden Hughes, Noah Denmeade and Hayden Elkriss who successfully gained a position in the Ridges AFL team and finally congratulations to Brayden Hughes, Steven Whalan and Hayden Elkriss who were successful in gaining a position on the Ridges Opens Rugby League Team. We wish you and your teams all the best in upcoming matches. Also, congratulations to Steven and Charli Whalan who competed last week at the Sydney West Swimming Championships. Both Steven and Charli achieved personal best times in the 50M freestyle. Steven qualified for the final and finished 6th overall. Well done to both students.

High Impact Teaching in Mathematics

Teachers have been working with Mathematics mentor Chrissy Monteleone to develop our teaching practices to maximise our impact on student learning. Our current focus is on continually improving the quality of teaching and learning in mathematics. Training facilitated opportunities to reflect upon our practices in areas such as mental warm ups, lesson structures and the integration of technology in Mathematics. Staff will continue to work with Chrissy throughout the year as we look to create a greater level of expectation for all staff and students.

School Facebook Trial

Miss Chan is going to coordinate our school Facebook trial. More news to come next term.

Annual School report and external validation

This year SPS is being externally validated. The external validation process provides an assurance to the school and system that the progress being made aligns with the expectations articulated in the School Excellence Framework (SEF). Once every five years each school undergoes an external validation of the evidence of their school's self-assessment of progress by an independent panel.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

School Community Charter

I included with the last newsletter the NSW DoEs School Community Charter which outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

Voluntary School Contributions

For confirmation- no increase- requests for VSC to be per 2018 and no prize system.

Student eye health visit

A representative from school shades would like to come and address the PandC about a package he provides for student sunglasses. It is an opportunity to provide UV protection for eyes as part of our Sun Safe procedures.

Canteen freezers

I have received no further offers for the freezers. I have had one of them repaired. I suggest we take one of the offers of \$1500.

Upcoming dates

3/4	Principal's assembly
5/4	School x-country winter PSSA trials
10/4	Easter Hat Parade/Grandparents Day
12/4	Last day Term 1 ANZAC Service
25/4	Dawn service Riverstone-Schofields
29/4	Staff development day
30/4	Day 1 Term 2 for students
6/5	P&C 7pm

Meeting closed 8.38pm