

Schofields Public School

P&C Meeting

3rd June 2019

Meeting opened 7.01pm in Schofields Public School Staffroom

Previous Meeting Minutes passed by – Amba McCrudden & Fiona Watson

Attendance: Belinda Malec, Fiona Watson, Amba McCrudden, Kristy-Lee Yarham, David England, Sam Mark, Colin Ross, Alison Woodbury, Marianne Bonnici, Thomas Joseph, Adrian McIntosh, Radhika Jain, Kim Verheyen, Nicole Burton

Apologies: Emma Voss, Kayleen Glover, Anne Irvine, Annemarie Herrmann, Kayleen Knox

Matters arising from last meeting

- Grants – Community Building Grant – will get quotes from Timber Creations when needed approx. \$30k each
- Athletics note sent out last week

Mail

- NIL

Treasurers Report

- Please see attached report from the Treasurer

Canteen

- 1 of the freezers broke down again. Enquire about a company taking it away FOC. Will still sell remaining one for \$750.

Banking

- Incentive for new accounts opened until end of term 2.
- Reminder in newsletter banking is on Mondays

WHS

- Lack of soap in toilets – Colin to follow up on how often they are refilled
- Gates not locked up some nights

General Business

- Outdoor learning area
- \$1000 Grant approved
- Fun Run early term 4. Belinda to get quotes

- Disco week 9 – sports hero theme, note in newsletter, add to upcoming dates
 - Term 4 stage 3 Bunnings BBQ to raise money for year 6 farewell
 - School Learning and Environment change – Anne nominated to be the P&C Representative
 - 40km zone along back of school has been requested by David England to the RMS but is about an 8 week turn around. We can contact council, our local member or infrastructure to try and move things along quicker.
- Monetary supplement request from Colin for 65 x iPads and follow up on Athletics. Total \$39,000 P&C to give half. Moved by Nicole Burton and Fiona Watson.

~ Principal's Report ~

Principal's report

Grant success

Stockland care grant Thank you Mrs Glover.

Student/staff absences

We have seen a spike in illness over the past few weeks with larger than usual staff and student absences. Mrs Johncey, Mr Cox, Mr England and the Aps have done a great job reorganising classes and teachers. Over the last week we've had an average of 70 students away per day.

Reconciliation Week – 27th May – 3rd June

Grounded in Truth: Walk together with Courage.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.

During Reconciliation Week, in class students had discussions with their teacher and peers about friendship, harmony, diversity, respect, acceptance, fairness, sharing and understanding and what reconciliation means to us. We made Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag bunting to hang around the school. It looks lovely and thank you to everyone for their contribution.

I would like to thank Mrs Boulton and her team for coordinating the activities.

Ridges Cross Country

Our Cross Country team represented SPS the Ridges Zone Carnival with pride. Three of our students placed in the top 8, moving them on to the Sydney West Carnival (next Wednesday 12 June) - Congratulations Annaliese Martin, Oliver Smith and Katie Denham who all placed 7th in their event and will be competing next Wednesday. We had lots of parents and families come to watch. It was a fabulous day. Thank you Mrs Avery for organising the team and Mrs Woodbury for managing the team on the day.

Student Representative Councillor (SRC) Mufti Day

Our SRC will coordinate a mufti-day on Tuesday 4 June. 'Your Future Job' was the theme for the day.

All funds raised on the day will be donated to Stewart House. This organisation was the charity chosen by the SRC.

Stewart House has been caring for children living in difficult circumstances for almost 90 years and is today one of the oldest children's charities in NSW.

This program is offered to children entirely free of charge and we depend entirely on charitable donations to meet the costs of the program.

Facebook

We can't stop people sharing posts from our page. People however can't leave a post on your page or message directly. But they can comment on or share your posts.

We will evaluate the page with parents and the community later in the year.

Building update

Demolition has commenced. PRG meeting this week which should provide more information.

Staffing Update

No new staff this month. Student numbers are now over 600. We are not expecting the growth to slow.

Road safety

Regular reminders have been included in the newsletters. No significant changes to conditions around the school. Driver behaviour has improved. We anticipate changes when the bus stop is finished.

Walk safely to school

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our 'Walk Safely to School' day last Friday. Walking from a small distance away from the school certainly reduces the traffic around the school and is great for your health. Thanks to Mrs Mark for coordinating this event.

Mother's Day Stall

I hope all the Mums in our community were suitably spoiled on Mother's Day. The students certainly enjoyed buying a special treat for mum from our Mother's day stall. A huge thanks to: Carly Yates, Anne Irvine, Elisa Ardill, Kristy Hulm, Kim Verheyen, Jess Wanders, Mei Gan and Juliana Loo for the time and efforts making the stall such a success.

Panthers Cup

On 7 May, fifteen Stage 3 boys represented Schofields PS at the annual Panther Cup rugby league tournament. The boys played extremely well finishing at the top of their pool. The boys then progressed to the semi-finals, narrowly going down to tough opposition. All boys showed excellent team work on the field and represented themselves, their families and SPS very well. The boys are looking forward to the Knock Out Rugby League on the 11th June.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 completed the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy tests last week. Results are usually sent home late in Term 3.

Online bullying

We've had a number of technology/cyber based incidents.

Parents please be aware and closely monitor your child's use of social media. Unfortunately children sometimes make poor decisions which can have significant consequences. I am currently organising a visit from our Youth Liaison Officer from Riverstone Police to provide an information session for parents and a workshop for Stage 2 and 3 students.

Upcoming

4 June	SRC mufti day
10 June	Queens B'day Public Holiday
11 June	PSSA knockout All day
12-14 June	Stage 3 camp
12 June	Sydney West X country
20 June	Sydney West Orienteering
1 July	3-6 athletics carnival

Meeting closed 7.52pm