

Schofields Public School

P&C Meeting

4th March 2019

Meeting opened 7.30pm in Schofields Public School Hall

Previous Meeting Minutes passed by Amba McCrudden & Nicole Burton

Attendance: Belinda Malec, Fiona Watson, Nicole Burton, Aalap Joshi, Lisa Parker, David England, Ryan Cox, Kristy-Lee Yarham, Colin Ross, Preeti Johncey, Kim Verheyen, Gemma Smith, Bobby Joseph, Emma Voss, Annemarie Herrmann, Alison Woodbury, Cyra Noshirwan, William Borrici, Amba McCrudden, Anne Irvine, Radhika Jain

Apologies: Carly Yates, Samantha Mark, Kayleen Glover, Chinthi Mampitiya

Matters arising from last meeting

- Banking Co-ordinators still needed
- Year 6 Shirts
- Swimming Carnival. Students arrived in sports uniforms

Mail

- NIL to report

Treasurers Report

Cheque/Main - \$47,095.19

High Interest - \$20,165.52

Canteen - \$9,085.72

- Canteen money to be moved into the High Interest Account
- Disco money from Term 4 still to be banked \$644.30

Fundraising

- Election BBQ 23/03/2019 projected voters 7-8000 running from 8am-6pm. Amba McCrudden to co-ordinate.
- Grandparent's day. Lunch opportunity. Pre-order at canteen.
- Movie Night in Spring. Stalls/Food/Markets etc
- School Disco Week 9 Term 1, 2 and 3.

Banking

- Requiring 1-3 Coordinators for 2 hours each Monday to process funds to bank

WHS

- NIL

General Business

- Meet the teacher's night – In the event of a teacher being absent give the parents the option to join the stage leaders class rather than postpone.
- Stage readers arrived and being marked off. As there are more supplies a new system is being put in place to ensure they can be tracked.
- Hot days – students have access to classrooms during recess and lunch to play board games, watch movies or read.
- Maths Prodigy to be announced.
- Robotic Kits – Stage 2 received an additional 4 kits and stage 3 and additional 8 kits. Stage 1 will have a slow roll out.
- Belinda to remind office to send a push notification on school app for the P&C Meetings.
- Everyone loving the new music bell.
- SRC to raise interest from students for clubs at lunchtime.
- Buddy bench in place. A student has made a mural draft to go behind it and should be finished by end of term 1.
- Parents are permitted to walk through the back gate.

Principal's report

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Building update communication

Over the last few weeks you will have noticed improvements being made to the temporary school.

This project update provides information about some of those improvements and responds to issues raised by parents and staff.

The health, safety and well-being of students, staff and our neighbours remains our highest priority.

The project team is committed to working with the school community and neighbours to minimise any impacts caused by the redevelopment process. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your patience while we deliver this important work.

ISSUE	RESPONSE
Safety of the temporary school site	School Infrastructure NSW engaged Work Health and Safety consultants to undertake a thorough inspection of the school site on 31 January 2019. The WHS consultants assessed the site and found the school safe for students, staff and visitors.
New pedestrian crossing in Junction Road	The pedestrian crossing and accompanying signage were installed to enable a safe crossing to the opposite side of the road during drop-off/ pick-up times. We have also engaged traffic managers to help students safely use the crossing.
Does pine pose a hazard for young children?	No. The pine is used for stringers on the stairs and the posts for the covered walkway.

	It is commonly used outdoors for pergolas and it is suitable for high contact use.
Do posts in walkways pose a collision hazard?	The assessment of the Work Health and Safety consultant is that the posts do not pose a hazard.
Safety edging on stairs has a sharp edge. Could it be an injury hazard in the event of a fall?	The safety edging is provided in compliance with Australian standards to prevent falls.
	The School has been inspected by the building certifier and WHS consultants and has been declared safe.
	It has also received a certificate for building occupancy.
The door to the library impedes the walkway when it is open.	This is being addressed by altering the door so that it opens 180 degrees. This was completed on Monday 25 February.
Openings under stairs	Openings under stairs have been filled to remove any concerns about safety.
Lack of seating for students in the playground	New benches will be installed to increase the amount of seating in the playground for students.
Is there a toilet for visitors?	There isn't a toilet specifically for visitors. Visitors can use the disabled toilet.

WHS

Evacuation drill- will be held this term staff and WHS team have been reviewing procedures. Children have been briefed and listened to evacuation and lockdown signals. There has been a plan in place since day 1 and staff were briefed on it.

STAFFING UPDATE AND CLASSES

Introducing our School Counsellor

Sargon Odisho has commenced as Schofields Public School's counsellor for one and a half days each week (Tuesday and Friday). The role of the school counsellor is to work with the executive staff and teachers involved with Learning and Support to provide guidance around cognitive, social, emotional and mental wellbeing. The school counsellor can talk to children, but only after a referral process and permission is granted from parents. Parents may phone to speak to the school counsellor for general advice. Often, the school counsellor will be able to direct parents to services outside school for ongoing support and/or therapy as required.

Reintroducing our Deputy Principal

David England is acting in the Deputy Principal role for Term 1. He was also with us at Schofields for most of Term 4 last year. The Deputy Principal works in supporting the Principal to provide both the strategic and day-to-day leadership of the school. The role provides an additional point in the senior executive to manage issues, support staff and engage with the community.

Preeti Johncey has joined as our Learning and Support Assistant Principal 4 days a week

SCHOOL UPDATE

Removal of old demountables as per communicated by schools infrastructure

Notification of removal of demountable classrooms from Schofields Public School – March 2019

In preparation for the start of works on the new Schofields Public School, seven (7) demountable classrooms on the original school site need to be removed.

The work is expected to start on the 7th March, and is expected to take one and a half weeks, weather permitting.

The removal of the demountables will require a crane on-site which will lift them onto trucks to be taken away. Access will be through the gate on Junction Road, near the corner with St Albans Road.

The crane will be placed on the old basketball court.

No trucks will be accessing the site between the hours of 8.00 and 9.30am, or 2.00 and 3.30pm.

The work will be carried out by Pro Group Management, which is contracted by School Infrastructure NSW to provide demountable classrooms.

The health, safety and well-being of students, staff and our neighbours is our highest priority, and all necessary measures will be implemented to ensure the demountables are removed safely.

We are committed to working with the school community and neighbours to minimise any impacts caused by the redevelopment process so please contact us should you have any issues or questions.

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PBL

Our new student reward system will come into effect shortly and replace the Assistant Principal's and Principal's awards. We will retain the medallion as the highest award.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is the system by which we organise and teach our school expectations and rules. It is a proactive, systems-based, whole-school approach which creates a positive, safe and supportive school environment and, supports student academic and social wellbeing. Our PBL vision for all is:

At Schofields PS, we are good learners by being SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE

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. More information to come.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We had a fabulous day at Riverstone Pool hosting our competitors only swimming carnival. Student effort and behaviour on the day was exemplary. Our house captains and vice-captains did an extraordinary job motivating and coordinating their teams. Well done! We would also like to thank all of wonderful parent helpers, Mrs Burton, Mr Denham, Mrs Rozic, Mrs Sperotto, Mrs Wanders, Mrs Watson, Ms Yates, Mr Yates and Mr Whalan who helped time races and allowed the day to run efficiently and smoothly.

We had 31 students qualify for the Ridges Swimming Carnival, which was held last Wednesday 27 February. Schofields swimmers were complimented on their outstanding behaviour on the day and all put in their best swimming efforts. We wish Steven Whalan and Charli Whalan the best of luck as they move on to compete at the Sydney West Carnival. Further congratulations to Steven who was the age champion at the Ridges Carnival.

Grants

Two grants brought to our attention by Mrs Glover

Community building grant and stockland grant we will review and decide on feasibility of applying for a grant.

CANTEEN

Has commenced operation- it has been a very smooth transition

Offer for freezers \$1500 for both

HIGHLIGHTS

Teams have commenced planning for a trial of see saw in grades 1-6

School individual and class photos were taken also student leaders.

NRL clinics for stage 3.

Continue our strong focus on teacher practice in English with all K-2 staff either fully trained, our completing training, K-6 focus on reading comprehension and higher order thinking; Maths as part of our induction program for all staff all staff new to Schofields have been briefed on our approach to Mathematics and our maths mentor/expert is visiting tomorrow to work with staff on reflective practices to maximise their impact. We continue our focus on positive behaviour for learning with our school wide approach being moved into classrooms. We are also tweaking the rewards system to match the PBL approach.

Staff are implementing the new science syllabus and continue their learning about it.

For student use we have purchased.

20 ipads

30 laptops

Signed up for STEAM Team 5/6N 3/4L (Science, technology, engineering, arts, Mathematics)

Robotics Stage 2 and whole

Camp booked- Canberra to be held Term 2

To name just a few

Upcoming dates

5 Mar

7 Mar Principal's assembly 9:30am Under sails

8 Mar PSSA

12 Mar Syd West swimming

14 Mar Selective High Test

18 Mar Stage 2 athletics program

19 Mar STEM show

21 Mar Paul Kelly Cup

22 Mar PSSA

25 Mar Stage 2 Athletics program

29 Mar PSSA

1 Apr P&C

Longneck Lagoon

5/4 School x-country

10/4 Easter Hat Parade/Grandparents Day

Meeting closed 8.45pm