

Doreen Primary School Council Meeting
Thursday May 16th, 2019

Present: : Glenn Simondson, Lisa Welch, Ben Miller, Kirsty Branagan, Catherine Ingram, Shelley Harris, Brent Hardy, Warren Sharpe, Leonie Craig, Naomi Joiner, Michael Kehio,

Apologies: Rebekah DiBerardino

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Approved Shelley Harris, Seconded Ben Miller

Business Arising:

Another walk to school morning

Correspondence:

Annual Report Feedback - Became compliant after updating of School policies and philosophy on the internet.

New Secretary of Education, lots of shuffling of positions. It seems there are attempts to get people out into regions and even schools.

Principal's Report:

Enrolments

Enrolments are at 154 at present, one family moved to Canterbury, and one has disappeared at present. 2020 is looking full already, lots of interest, we are down to really keen people at the moment!

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is running this week. Online version caused connection problems. We will be doing the online version next year.

ANZAC DAY

We had a great turnout for ANZAC Day - Lots of families, ex-students, and current students who did a great job at the ceremony and were very well behaved.

Visit by Matty Duggan

Matty Duggan, one of our parents, spoke to children about his life as a Torres Strait islander. He showed artwork and spoke of the importance to him of his culture. He also showed some aboriginal dancing. He engaged well with the students and they had a lot of fun.

Parent Information Night

Our parent information night went very well. We had 20 -25 attend and all were new prospective families. Thanks to Brent for his talk on the night.

Bikes from Ivanhoe Grammar School

IGS have given our school 10 mountain bikes for free. These will be handy on the bike ride for spares. Great to see private school helping out.

Cross Country

Our students have been training for the Cross Country being held on Wednesday 22nd May. No Grade 6 students attending.

Winter Sport

Winter Sport is going along really well. We hosted Upper plenty Primary School here the first week, and we are going to Kinglake West Primary School tomorrow to catch up on a missed game from last week. Kids really enjoying it with some signing up to outside clubs. Next week we host Kinglake Primary School here.

Student Opinion Surveys

Students are doing the online survey at the moment.

Election Venue this Saturday

We are an Election Venue this year, and will be a running sausage sizzle on the day

Staff replacement over China Trip.

Ben will be replaced by John Strickland and Lisa Tsobanopoulos to work the extra days for Glenn while they are away in China.

Walk to School

There is another walk to school day tomorrow with Danielle Green walking with the students

Kane Jutson's award and exhibition at the NGV

Kane Jutson, one of our ex-students, has a piece of his artwork being exhibited in the National Gallery of Victoria More info and photos will be in this week's newsletter.

Junior School Council Report

Interschool Sports

Round one of Interschool Sports commenced on the 3rd of May. Doreen Primary School was up against Upper Plenty Primary School. We beat the Upper Plenty Primary School in Netball A, 21-1, and we beat Upper Plenty Primary School in Netball B, 9-1. Upper Plenty Primary School beat Doreen Primary School in regards to Footy and Doreen lost against Upper Plenty Primary School in T-Ball.

Torres Strait islanders

Thursday 16th a man by the name of Mathew Duggin talked to Doreen Primary School about how the Koorie people live and about how they grew up. He told the school about the flags and what the colours mean. The students were showed some Aboriginal art work and some dances. He told the students about how his mother of his great grandmother was stolen and put in a cell during the time of the stolen generation. While this happened Thomas and Alannah in grade 6 filmed and recorded his voice during the time he was talking. He was really good fun and really good with the students.

Anzac day

This year six grade sixes had the opportunity to help at the Dawn Service. The grade sixes had the job of laying the wreath, reading the Honor Roll and holding the Honor Roll. They were Lily G, Iris, Brooke, Daisy, Jacob and Isaac. They had to be at the dawn service by 5:30am to practice. The service was from 6.00am - 7.00am.

China Trip

On the 26th of May six Grade 6's and four Grade 5's are going to China for 2 weeks. The students will get on the plane at 5:30am, Students going to China are Bridie Sutherland, Alexi, Alannah, Isaac, Jacob, Jude, Grade 6 and in Max, Aiden, Oscar and Georgia Grade 5. They will go to a number of 5 Star Hotels and they will visit 2 schools. All the students will stay at a homestay with a Chinese family they will stay with the Chinese family for 5 days.

Sail or Roof over Sand Pit

At JSC, there was a suggestion that came up. The suggestion was 'Can we get a sail or roof over the sand pit?' We were thinking and the answer was we would talk to Mr.S. Mr.S said, "He has the sail and he just need 4 poles." Therefore, we bought up again at the next meeting and said to the others that Mr.S has the

sail but not the poles so it might be up soon. The Children cannot wait for the sail to come up. It will attract more people to come into the sandpit

Child Safety Issues

1. CSS Policy changes - no changes
2. Regular discussion - School Council, Staff
3. WE ensure all adults working with children are aware of their obligations regards Child Safety.

Buildings and Grounds:

Water Problems

We are having issues with water and will need more downpipes and regular gutter cleans

We will be adding another set of downpipes on basketball court and will send underground on both sides.

The gap between the breezeway and building at Grade 2 room lets water in all over school bags.

School Maintenance

Our School Maintenance Plan is now entered through a government portal to ensure planning and to justify extra money. We have entered information to form a 5 year plan. We are a pilot school for this program and have been given \$5,000.00 for participating in the trial. This money will fund some projects around the school including a new front door and the purchase of switchboard locks, lights etc.

Grass

Andrew Sutherland will be oversewing our new grass at the bottom of the oval

Works to be done

We will be hiring a plumber to do Kitchen and downpipes, and will be ordering new pumps for the septic tank. The pumps are expected to cost around \$2,000.

Treasurers Report

CASES Balances

High Yield Account Balance as at May 17th, 2019 - \$42,820.78

Official Account balance as at May 17th, 2019 - \$1,807.96

Total Holdings as at May 17th, 2019 - \$44,628.74

Fundraising Report

Mother's day stall went well.

Sausage Sizzle this term.

Pie drive term 3

Bunnings BBQ 20th October

General Business

Approve Policies

Values, Goals, Purpose - Approved

Pets in School - Approved

Code Red in EMP - Approved

China Update

Meetings keeping parents up to date have happened, Insurance has been arranged through DET, We have approval by DET, just awaiting my approval, so just about organised.

We leave at 8.00am on Sunday 26th May, and are having a night in Huizhou before we take the children to their school and Homestay. We will be involved in a special event with visiting students from Macau, Hong Kong and Tibet. Funds will be raised for school in Tibet - suggest we will take this to Junior School Council as well for fundraising Projects.

Homestays are being arranged now in China. We should have them soon.

We arrive back in the evening of June 6th (Thursday) with a Curriculum Day the next day.

Sister School Relationship with Huizhou PS No 11 - Approved

We are looking at joining forces with Laurimar Primary School with a possibility to a Share Chinese teacher.

Strategic Plan

We will revisit Values, Purpose Goals (that we just approved) then get feedback from Parents, School Council, Students and JSC members. We will also be working on our Extension programs.

Round the Table

A request was made to let parents know about accidents/incidences involving their child even if medical care wasn't needed. Teachers need to pay more attention to sick and injured students.

Information requested in the policy of unimmunized students. Lisa to find a copy on the Department Website

Second Brick wall - we have 32 orders for bricks for second wall. Can we start the process?

Will do another run before we order. The wall will be built in August.

Warren offered to service bikes from IGS

New computers have been installed in grade 3 classroom

ACMI requested our students and staff to help with video conferencing

Chinese trip fundraising. In future look at getting sponsors for uniform. School Council to re-visit Fundraising Policy.

Meeting Finished: 9:30 pm