

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 22nd May, 2019

PRESENT:

President: Dieu Quach

Principal: Beth Godwin

CHS Staff: Lachlan Erskine, Robert Ward and Derek Hie.

SRC: Brendan Ferreira, Maryam Sliwa, Anthony Mai, Kayla Trin

Interpreters: Thao Le, Linda Siv, Trinh Mai, Jennifer Xian and Jamal Alkarkhey

Guest: Anthony Hilder and Laurence – Men & Family Relationship program in Fairfield.

Parents: Nashwan Butrus, Mariam Mikhaeel, Ablahad Saklta, Muthanna Al-badri, Taghreed Al-Khadadi, Eid Alsaigh, Nasir Sliwa, Rano Marana, Rasha Daa, Yagoob Saor, Almas Dankha, Samaher Estantbouli, Maher Zoori, Sandy Seedi, Polu Al- Nakoula, Roula Bitar, Savuth Soun, Diane Sanderson, Huong Nguyen, Marija Ristic Lekic, Dieu Quach, Sok Kheng Ear, Phat Sophorn, Chhuy Hong Ma, Phillip Mate, Chanvinn Luy, Eric Lim, Rennea Soth, Banly Ung, Chan Bopha Kong, Sambo Heng, Mr Heng, Chu Trieu, Thanh Ha, Kim Chau, Huynh Thanh, Thi Minh Thuy Huynh, Thi My Loc Dinh, Thi Trang Vo, Cuong Hung, Van Lam, Han Nguyen, Nguy Hong Cuc, Pham Thi Phi Pham, Thi Xinh Trinh, Thi Bach Mai, Tra Bao Hanh, Bui Huy Phuong, Minh Dat Nguyen, Thi Lan Phuong Phan, Thi Ha Le, Phung Lan Tran, Annie Soun, Thy Huong, Luu

Apologise: Boramom Han, Phary Soth and Sokkong Eam.

PRINCIPLE'S REPORT – Beth Godwin

- Our school is connected to many community groups. One of these groups is called the Good 360 this organisation provides us with discounted goods for our students and families who are having a difficult time. BIG W has partnered up to allow the school to pick up clothing items for free to give to our school community.
- Donations to Women's refuge and men's refuge.
- Items given out per raffle ticket at School Council Meeting for family and or relatives.
- Items cannot be sold or taken back to Big W for a refund
- Another organisation we belong to is the Food Bank. They supply breakfast foods to the school for free so that we can offer breakfast three mornings each week.
- This is staffed by volunteers and students with up to 160 students per day having breakfast at school
- Food bank has asked the school if we would like fresh fruit and vegetables to give to families on a weekly basis. 400Kg of fresh food each week will be delivered to the school and 10 teachers have offered to help distribute this to our needy families.
- At the last meeting we spoke about donating scarves and beanies for the St Sergius aged care facility. Parents, teachers and students have created or bought 43 scarves, 36 beanies, 11 pairs of gloves and 50 knee blankets and 42 pairs of sock.
- Staff and students went to St Sergius to deliver the items and share some food and provide some musical entertainment.
- Winter hampers for 50 families in need, these hampers include non-perishable food items, blankets and clothing items. Donation for these hampers can be made at the front office in the next two weeks.
- Looking after the community in times of difficulty teaches our students emotional intelligence.

Staffing

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- New head teacher Welfare has started her name is Olga Pappas and is making great connections with staff, students and the community.
- Working alongside her is a youth working in training.
- The school is also looking into having a Head Space worker one day a week. We are currently negotiating this role and the cost to the school we are having a higher referral of complex cases involving mental health than in previous years.
- Currently recruiting for a Head Teacher Secondary Studies. Jamal is the ethnic community representative on this panel and Greg Trainer is the parent community representative.

Cabramatters

- This publication has been around for about 30 years and has changed its format a number of times. It's published once per term.
- The school would like to find out if it is achieving its purpose and if it is time for a change.
- A short survey has been designed to seek your opinion. It asks what the purpose of the publication is. It seeks the positives and the problem and asks if there is an alternative format the newsletter can take.
- Time To Do Survey

NAPLAN and Secondary Studies

- Student in years 9 and 7 recently undertook NAPLAN. Our school did the pen and paper version.
- Subjects on offer for 2020
- Dance will be offered in both Years 9 and 11
- Financial services is a new course and will be offered a pathway to students being employed in the financial area including accounting.

Mathematics Faculty

- Changes for 2019 and beyond
- Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 2 – one major new topic added is Statistical Analysis
- All courses will now have common content which allows for easier comparison between students
- Year 12 Students completing Mathematics Standard will be split into Standard 2 and Standard 1
- Students in Standard 2 complete the HSC exam while it's optional for Standard 1 students to complete the exam.

Intensive English Centre

- IEC usually has enrolment of between 150-190 students including Migrants, internationals students and refugee students
- Acts as a bridge to High School and further studies
- Support newly arrived students to Australia and their families.
- Specialised English language and subject teachers
- Support into Australian society
- IEC Students and their families receive support from counsellor skilled in migrant and refugee matters
- Language support is available during lessons and in the Homework Centre. Free tutoring support on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Guest speakers - Anthony Hilder and Laurence – Men & Family Relationship.

- CatholicCare is running a 6 - week or an 18 - week group program for men who are having difficulty managing their emotions and learn strategies to change aggressive or violent behaviour.
- The course is aimed at men who have been violent or abusive to another person or property in the community.
- CatholicCare also running The Parent Education Program providing a range of parenting courses that help prepare and support families in their parenting.
- There are fees associated with the programs contact CatholicCare www.catholicare.org or call 13 18 19.

SRC Report

- **Water station** - Students now have a water station for filling water bottles with cool filtered water. It is located next to the canteen bubblers. This will encourage people to bring refillable bottles instead of purchasing single-use water bottles.
- **Blankets** – Blankets and scarves were donated to St Sergius Age care located on Cabramatta road.
- SRC contributed \$100 to purchase 25 blankets.
- **Sleeping Bags** – Students in the SRC volunteered to take home two sleeping bags each and wash them. These Sleeping bags will be given out to the homeless.

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