

Principal's Report- P&C Meeting 02/06/2021 (and School Board)

Term 2 Staffing

2 x new teachers- Cassandra Vadala (covering Ms Barling's mat leave)
Hannah Beltrama (covering 0.4 to music program)

Mr Pettit still acting principal at another school.

Buildings and Grounds

- New directional signage has been added to the Gracefield entrance.
- The garrison fencing at the front of the school has been removed to make the office façade and school more welcoming.
- New Waabiny playground signage has been made and will be installed shortly.

Parent Night/Learning Journeys/Eduganza

Informal reporting- Apart for 2020, the school normally has a parent interview afternoon in Term 2. The school usually closes for half a day and teachers and parents meet in a 'speed dating' style 10-15 minute interview. This has been reviewed and it was felt that 10-15 minutes was often cut short, it wasn't enough time, lots of children were left at school for the half day to be supervised and it didn't involve the students.

In 2021, the Engagement and Partnership and NQS Teams have come up with the idea of an 'Eduganza'. This is a learning journey, school showcase and community engagement night. Work will be on display in classrooms and each child will take their parents/carers on a learning journey through their class and the school. There will be performances, food vans, QR code search, games and raffle to give the night a real community fair feel. The BHive will be open 4.30-6.00pm and Main site, 5.00-7.00pm. Food vans and performances will only be at the main site.

The following day will be the School Development Day.

We are hoping the night will be a success and replace the parent interview afternoon. Parents will still however, be able to request an interview with their child's parents at a separate time. This can occur any time throughout the year by request to the teacher.

Every student, known, valued and cared for.

We have ordered individual name badges for every student in the school. These will have their faction colour as the outline to the badge, will include their first name only and be worn on their hat. This is so they can be easily identified (eg out on duty) and so it will assist all staff and students in learning the students' names.

Assemblies

- Assemblies have now been replaced by digital video 'Bursts' The bursts will be recorded by classes and uploaded to Seesaw. They will include performances or videos of inquiry learning, or general classroom work.

- Merit certificates will be presented in class also and videoed so parents know why the child is receiving the award. These too, will be uploaded to seesaw.

Canteen

We are looking at the possibility of changing canteen providers. At next meeting, I will table this as an agenda item and we will discuss positives and negatives of current service and discuss benefits and drawbacks of changing canteen providers.

Public School Review

The school will undergo its Public School Review in Term 3, Week 8. We are busy preparing for this. The P&C will be included in this process. We will look at how our P&C works with the school to engage the local community and what evidence we have to support this. We will also look at future recommendations. A representative group will be asked to speak with the reviewers on the day of the review.

I will put that on the agenda for the next meeting, also.

Teaching and Learning

The school has been invited to apply to become an Apple Distinguished School which is a great honour. There are only 430 ADS world-wide, and 60 in Australia. There is still an application process we must go through and criteria we must meet but we are hopeful of gaining this title. It is in recognition of the amazing work by both our students and teachers in the field of Digital Technologies.

The next two weeks will be the National Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (NAPLAN). The assessment program will begin on Tuesday and go for 2 weeks. Testing will be in Years 3 and 5, and be online except for Year 3 Writing. We try to keep this pretty low-key for the children's sake but it is necessary, as parents, the school and the system gain valuable information. But it's also important to keep it in perspective- it is one test on one day.

Events-

Upcoming events include:

- National Simultaneous Storytime- May 19th
- Winter Sports Carnival, May 28th
- Eduganza, June 3rd
- School Development Day, June 4th

Labelling Fundraiser??

The school was wondering if the P&C would like to be involved in a labelling fundraiser so that we can reduce the number of lost items in the school. To be discussed.