



Principal's Report

August 2023 P&C Meeting

Recent Activities

- Semester 1 reports were published. Parents can access these at any time through the Compass Parent Portal.
- During the holiday period, the new substation was cutover and is now powering the school. This was part of the major capital works. Additionally, the carpet upstairs in the Kindergarten collaborative space was replaced following water damage. The roof replacement is nearly complete with cleaning and rectification works to the grounds currently underway.
- COVID-smart measures remain the same. There has been cases at our school. COVID notifications continue to be sent when we are notified.
- Additional Release – As part of the implementation strategy for the new syllabus documents (English and Mathematics), teachers have additional release from face-to-face teaching time. Our teachers utilise this allocation through whole day stage/hub time.
- Anticipated enrolments for 2024 were submitted last week. At this stage we will be holding 23 classes.
- Year 1 students are about to undertake the Phonics Screening Check. The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short assessment that tells teachers how students are progressing in phonics. The Check takes 5–7 minutes and is carried out in the classroom by classroom teachers with each student individually. Results are available immediately. Teachers analyse the results and, if necessary, plan for any additional support that students might require by targeting teaching aligned with NSW English syllabus outcomes. The Check complements existing strategies to identify students' progress in developing foundational literacy skills.
- Sport
 - Winter PSSA continues.
 - The ESPSSA Zone Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 8 September 2023.
- Cocurricular
 - Indigenous games sessions for all students were held late last term.
 - 74 students attended a three day excursion to Canberra in Week 2.
 - 100 students are currently at Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation (Narrabeen).
 - The Showcase Dance Group have their performance Tuesday week.
- Staff Professional Learning Focus:
 - The Anxiety Project (all teaching staff)
 - Diabetes (ten staff)
 - Filmmaking (all teaching staff and SLSOs)



Upcoming Events

Please always check the school website and the Rambler for upcoming events.

- Tuesday 15 August – 7 pm Showcase Performance (Souths Juniors)
- Thursday 17 August – Years 3-6 Author Incursion
- Wednesday 23 August – Book Parade
- Thursday 24 August – External Validation Panel
- Friday 1 September – Father's Day Breakfast, K-2 Illustrator Incursion (Session 1 of 2)

Other Information

Roadworks

- Fennelly Street Widening – The design has been approved. Awaiting information as to construction timelines.
- Young/Fennelly Street School Zone Signage – Council has advised: *Clarification has been sought from TfNSW as to the extent of this speed zone – guiding the location of required signs and lines. Once exact TfNSW requirements are known we will provide same to CBUS to arrange installation. Council Coordinator Integrated Transport is liaising between TfNSW and CBUS regarding School Zone signage and logo requirements.*
- Kiss And Drop – Council has advised: *No fresh updates – we continue to remind TfNSW of Rainbow Street Kiss & Go proposal. (NB: In parallel RCC is also examining pedestrian / bike rider facility across Rainbow Street aligned with Byrd Avenue – may affect length of proposed Kiss & Go zone).*

Centenary

Following a very successful day of professional learning in filmmaking on 17 July, teachers are currently planning their '100' theme short films. The filmmaking process will be linked to English, HSIE (where applicable) and Creative Arts teaching and learning. The Centenary Committee is meeting tomorrow night to lock in food options and additional activities such as a photo booth.

Outdoor Classroom

A meeting was recently held with architect and landscapers as costings were well over budget. Plans have been reviewed. Meeting to be held at the end of the month to review revised design and costings.

External Validation

The school is currently undergoing External Validation. Once, during a four-year cycle, schools undergo an external validation of the evidence of their school self-assessment. Each year approximately 25% of schools are selected as a representative sample across School Performance Directorates. Schools engage in discussions with an external panel and have their self-assessments validated using the School Excellence Framework (SEF). The panel, comprising of a Principal School Leadership (PSL) and a peer principal, meet with the school external validation team and determine whether the school's evidence supports their self-assessment using each element of the SEF. An external validation panel report, which includes the school-determined next steps in the self-assessment process, and school-determined future directions to support school improvement, is provided to the school following the external validation.

Playground Equipment

In addition to the update that Craig shared, there is an SRC Meeting tomorrow to get student feedback regarding the designs.

Book Week

The Book Parade will be held on Wednesday 23 August. Get your costumes ready!

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Principal