



Principal's Report

April 2023 P&C Meeting

Recent Activities

- P&C Meet & Greet – A fabulous, relaxed community event. Thank you and well done to all involved with the organisation.
- NAPLAN – Completed. Reporting criteria has changed from 10 bands to four levels of achievement with the aim of providing parents with clearer information as to where their child's literacy and numeracy skills are at. The new levels of achievement are:
 - Exceeding
 - Strong
 - Developing
 - Needs additional support
- Parent/Teacher Interviews – Being undertaken this week.
- Stage 1 Open Morning – Very positive feedback following the Stage 1 open classrooms session. More sessions to be planned by Stage teams.
- COVID-smart measures remain the same. There have been cases at our school and in the local community.
- Curriculum Implementation – Stage teams have utilised additional release provided to support the implementation of the new syllabus to dive deeply into the syllabus content and refine units of work.
- The school community celebrated the school's culture diversity during Harmony Day celebrations.
- Leadership – The SRC has met twice this term.
- Sport
 - Summer PSSA concluded last week and resumes in Term 4.
 - Winter PSSA team trials (netball and soccer) have been scheduled and dates and times published in the Rambler.
 - Marcs Wang will be competing at the State Swimming titles in the 50m breaststroke.
- Staff Professional Learning Focus:
 - CPR and Anaphylaxis (all staff)
 - The Anxiety Project (two staff)
 - Simplifying School Budgets (two staff)
 - External Validation Peer Principal Update (Principal)
 - Primary Principals Conference (Principal)
 - EAL/D Network Meeting (one staff member)
 - Individual learning in line with performance development plans
- The focus of the School Development Day scheduled for Monday 24 April 2023 will be Aboriginal Education.

Upcoming Events

Please always check the Rambler for upcoming events. Main events on the school calendar have been added to the school website.

- Wednesday 5 April – 8 am Band Performance



- Thursday 6 April – Hat Parade; Last day of Term 1
- Monday 24 April – School Development Day (staff return to school)
- Tuesday 25 April – ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Wednesday 26 April – Students return to school; ANZAC Service
- Thursday 27 April – 3 pm PSSA trials (senior netball and junior soccer)
- Friday 28 April – RSPS Cross Country

Other Information

Traffic Update

We continue to seek information as to the status of commitments made by Council and the Traffic Committee. The Manager, Integrated Transport, has not attended the last three meetings and has not provided further information.

High School 2024

Year 6 parents have successfully submitted Expressions Of Interest through the new online process.

High School Consultation

Please complete the High School consultation survey to ensure that you have your say about the future of High Schooling in our local area. The Department of Education has engaged SEC Newgate to carry out independent, comprehensive community consultation with the aim of understanding parent and student decision-making factors regarding high school enrolment choices in the eastern suburbs and views on a range of proposals for future arrangements at Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls' high schools. Community consultations started on Monday 13 March 2023 and will conclude Friday 12 May 2023.

https://dr.octopusgroup.com.au/survey/Needlefish_9_5

Outdoor Classroom

A civil engineer has reviewed the plans and these have been sent for pricing.

Building Works

A small exclusion zone will be set up on the back field (north-western corner) due to Newmarket works. Replacement of the Block A roof has been approved and we are awaiting a date for commencement. This will likely necessitate relocation of Early Stage 1 classes into our currently vacant learning spaces.

SRC

The SRC has been working on two projects: House Names and Playground.

Further work on the development of new house names has seen the students overwhelmingly elect the elements of earth, fire, water and air. We are now in the process of determining these words in Aboriginal language and then will seek approval through the local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.

In order of preference, at lunchtime students prefer to play: back field (overwhelmingly), library, courts, lunchtime club, equipment, Astroturf/COLA/Canteen. In order of preference, students like to play: tag/tips, handball, own made-up games, soccer, basketball, on the equipment.

Possible locations for new/additional equipment suggested include: the back field (but SRC felt that it needed to be noted that it needs to still allow soccer and running games), near the Mulga artwork/left of basketball courts, sensory area (to the east of Block J). There was also a couple of suggestions of the astroturf. Elements to include and consider: climbing frame, monkey bars, swings/slides, rock climbing and fireman's pole. Students also noted 'considerations' of soft floor, safety, suitable for all ages and height, sun shade, how many students can use it at one time, weather resistant, enough space.

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