**P&C NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING**

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| **Meeting Date** | Thursday 9th November 2023 |
| **Opening time** | 2:23pm |
| **Attendees** | Amanda, Sherry, Dalal, Fatima, Joanne, Claudia, Mayadah, Hibaaq, Wilber and Mrs Nicole Benson |
| **Guests** | Ms Amanda Harb |
| **Apologies** | Jaclyn, Aisha H and Mrs Jill Williams |

1. **PRINCIPAL’S REPORT- Nicole Benson**

* **Thank you**

To Fatima for organising the Year 6 t-shirts; they have been well received.

The staff greatly appreciated the Thank You Morning Tea on World’s Teacher’s Day. It was great timing and very well received. Thank you!

* **COVID Intensive groups:**

After school intensive study groups on Tuesdays and Wednesdays have been well received and well attended. There will be an evaluation at the end of the year to gauge effectiveness. Will continue next year if funding is given.

* **Transition Programs:**

**Kinder Transition:** Ready, Set, Go and Headstart highly effective with about 90% participation across two terms. We have made some adaptations which have focused on building deeper connections and relationships and have had pleasing results.

There have also been several positive interactions with staff from locals preschools and day care centres with one proposed visit occurring over the next few weeks.

**High School:** Woodville Alliance have been working with some Year six children on a transition program. They also offered a parent workshop although this has been cancelled. We have made connections with most of the local high schools and had discussions about student’s strengths and/or concerns. Tuesday, 28th November is the designated high school transition days although some schools are offering different arrangements.

**Other Grades:** Children new to Bankstown West have been invited to come on Tuesday, 28th November. A note from Ms Vuong and a letter from a child in the same grade has been sent to each child.

* **Projects:**

Fencing is being installed behind the soccer goals. We have had new seating installed at the top of the field for a quiet area. The canteen has had a partial fit out with a new oven installed of greater capacity. A number of new commboxes, laptops and chrome books have been purchased to sustain us into 2024.

1. **AMANDA HARB**

* Thank you to P & C for funding the P & C citizenship medals to be presented at the end of year presentation assembly.
* Will need to volunteers from the P & C to present the medals to the chosen students on the day.
* **Basketball for PSSA for 2024**
* Students voted during assembly to either continue with softball/tee ball or to play basketball for summer PSSA. Majority voted for Basketball.
* Amanda Fakhoury brought forward the notion of some students being unhappy about this decision and giving students a wider range of sports to choose from, such as Oztag.
* Fatima also brought forward feedback from another parent stating the similarities between basketball and tee ball/softball and that it was not much different.
* Mrs Benson to take this feedback and discuss with staff.
* Fatima presented an idea to pick four sports that are available within the district and can be coached by teachers within the school and send out the options as a survey for sts to pick from.

1. **COLOUR RUN 2023**

* Colour Run notes have been distributed and are being collected and organised in batches.
* The notes for meal deals and parent helpers are to go out next week (Meal deals to go out on Monday and parent helper notes to go out on Friday).
* The obstacle course will need to be set up by parents and possibly some staff members.
* School sporting equipment may be used to help set up the obstacle course (Will look at supplies to see what is available).
* Amanda Harb to look into and help organise a photo frame for the event for students to take photos in front of to commemorate the event.
* Discussed the possibility of asking for donations of polaroid films to be used on the day.

**Meeting closed: 2:55pm**

**Meeting Minutes Secretary:** Joanne El Zein