**P&C FEBRUARY 2025 MEETING**

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| **Meeting Date** | Thursday 20th February 2025 |
| **Opening time** | 2:17pm |
| **Attendees** | Nicole Benson, Jill Williams, Dalal Dabboussi, Aisha Haddad, Fatima Krayem, Mayadah Mougharbel, Jaclyn Seles, Mariana Airini, Biljana T, Sarah Krayem, Joanne Doody, Claudia Sultan, Amanda Fakhoury, Nadia Ayoubi, Layla Darwish, Yen Stathakis, Lyka Elisara, Nancy Badry, Racha Masri Aboutari, Sameena Jalaluddin, Aisha El Cheikh, Yesmin El Masri, Lee Gavrilis & Joanne El Zein |
| **Guests** | Nil |
| **Apologies** | Nil |

1. **Principal’s Address- Nicole Benson**

* Nicole thanked all the members of the committee for their support and effort in the 2024 year.
* **Staffing/support:** Nicole discussed that an additional class will be funded by the school this year to enable smaller class sizes and to ensure that children can be best supported by the class teacher. As a result, there will be only three multi-age classes. Classes from Year one to Year six to receive three reading group sessions. Kindergarten to receive high level support from school learning officers (teacher’s aides) for literacy and numeracy. Year one to receive SLSO support for Numeracy and Year two, stage two and stage three have additional teachers supporting number groups. There will also be small intensive groups for children from an EaLD background and targeted support for children recognised as needing support in Writing from NAPLAN results from previous year.
* Nicole also discussed the after-school NAPLAN group, which has 53 students attending as another withdrawal program the school will be offering. These classes will be running after school on Thursday afternoons, supporting specific children with explicit teaching, supervised by teachers. This term it will target Year 3 and Year 5 Students, but will transition throughout the year to being Study Buddies (in Terms 2 and 3). In addition, each class of Year 3 and Year 5 has an explicit NAPLAN period each week, supported by Mrs Koulouris, teaching best skills and strategies students can utilise in their exams.
* **NAPLAN: 12TH March- 24th March:** This year the exams will be more spread out. Preparations began last year to prepare for NAPLAN and continues this term. As mentioned above, this includes timetabled classes and after school sessions.

Due to the exams falling in the month of Ramadan, the school will accommodate by ensuring the exams are conducted in the morning.

* **High school applications:** Applications to open through the school website on Monday the 3rd March. A parent workshop will also be held to discuss the process. Year six students would have received a note with information about the application process, as well as local high school open days for families to attend.
* **Sport:** Some changes across the District to PSSA this year. Schools within the district took a vote to replace PSSA with gala days, which will be held 2-3 times a term, starting from term two (with back up days in case of wet weather). This change has come forward due to several factors including the cost of bus hire, the disruption of learning across the Fridays and supervision needs.

There will also be an option for students to participate in Zone events within the region.

School is currently considering adaptations to the school’s Swimming Carnival event and considering different models as we move forward. This is because there are strict guidelines in place for active supervision for all children in the water. It is difficult to supervise students who cannot swim at least 50m in the lap pool.

Currently, there are 5 representatives heading towards district. Pool has been booked for following year but will need to change the model to accommodate effectively for the students who would like to participate.

1. **Treasurer’s Report - Aisha Haddad**

Aisha discussed the total funds made from the Colour Chaos event at the end of last year. The amount was $13,723.80.

This was a successful event, especially due to the fact that most items were generously donated by parents of the schooling community.

The most expensive expense was the hiring of the inflatables as an addition for the students to take part in on the day.

1. **Welcome to 2025 new and existing parents- Dalal Dabboussi**

Dalal welcomed all the new parents who have joined the P&C this year. She mentioned that any parents who would like to be added to the WhatsApp group could let her know at the end of the meeting.

She also thanked all parent volunteers, staff and community members for their contributions to all the successful events last year. These included (Easter Choc raffle, Mother’s Day Stall, Winter Warmers, Coffee for International Teacher’s Day, Father’s Day Stall and Colour Chaos).

1. **Year 6 Shirt Subcommittee:**

Four parents of 2025 Year 6 students have volunteered to organise the shirts for this year. These parents are Amanda, Claudia, Ronia and Linda. They will be working closely with the company Sinalli to create this year’s shirts for the children to start wearing.

1. **Ramadan 2025:**

Set to commence sometime next week (Week 5) and will end around Week 9. This year Ramadan will have longer days as sunset is around 7:30pm. Students who are fasting will be more tired and may not have the same energy levels during sports and outdoor activities, particularly on warmer days. Dalal mentioned that we appreciate the staff’s support and extra patience during this month. Ms Benson made note and will pass on the message to the staff.

1. **Easter Hat Parade Chocolate Raffle:**

Dalal put forward the question of whether the parents would like this event to run during the term. Parents voted and majority voted “Yes”, so chocolate raffle event will run this term. Date and organisation of event to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

* Fatima Krayem also put forward a motion to form a sub-committee for a future event (School fete) to be held within the school in the year 2026.

**Meeting closed: 3:00pm**

**Meeting Minutes Secretary:** Joanne El Zein