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GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome to our first edition of "Governing Council News". This is a new publication to help the community keep in touch with important Governing Council discussions and decisions.

The purpose of Governing Council is to seek local community views in order to co design the direction for the school, to co-design our Site Improvement Plan, including the budget and to build a positive and supportive community.

Governing Council works with the Principal to

- ✓ involve the local community
- ✓ develop and approve local policies
- ✓ set the broad direction and vision of the site
- ✓ monitor and review the site improvement plan
- ✓ be the employing authority of OSHC

Site leaders work with governing councils to:

- ✓ give educational leadership
- ✓ carry out the site's policies
- ✓ carry out the site improvement plan.

We encourage and invite all parents to seek out a Governing Council member to discuss your positive ideas to help us with our work.

We are publishing this newsletter to keep you in touch with the local matters we are currently working on so that you can approach council members to have your voice heard.

Our current Governing Council members are:

Victoria Kelton	Chairperson
Bek Woodrow	OSHC committee
Cain Pennell	Finance committee
Natalie Crittenden	Secretary
Carli Ambrose	Building Communities
Glen Robinson	
Bronwyn Mann	
Kate Hollitt	
Adrian Armstrong	
Karandeep Singh	
Marg Clark	Principal
Sarah Pressler	Staff
Nicola Launder	Staff
Graham Wegner	Staff

Our council represents a cross section of our diverse community, please feel free to liaise with them about anything you think will support your family and value add to our school.



Principal's Report

External review During the first week of term we hosted the External Review Panel and 4 visitors from the Tasmanian Education Department as observers.

A big thankyou to Governing Council and to all of the parents who took time to be on a focus group. The panel and visitors really enjoyed their time at our school. Their feedback was extremely positive and we will receive a report back in about 6 weeks. This report will have recommendations where we can improve on our current practices and will inform our planning over the next 4 years. I will share the findings tonight verbally but we cannot publish until the final report is received.

STEM Ambassadors Over the holidays we had 2 students attend the STEM ambassador camp. Jessica and Alana have been representing our school and partnership at local conferences and are a great asset to our school. The Department has made a short film, soon to be released, about the STEM ambassador project, we will link it to our Facebook page when they publish it.

Pupil Free Day -Learning Design and Moderation Today we met across the partnership in year level teams to moderate student work from a shared investigation in maths. The teams of teachers designed an investigation at our last partnership day. Since then they have been working in their own schools to investigate their topic. Today they came together with learning evidence to moderate students from A-E. This moderation process ensures that an A looks the same at each school

General Business Discussion

Hats The new sun smart policy that public schools adhere to, recommends hats when the UV is above 3. Because there are only a few days/weeks when this occurs regularly we have decided to implement our No Hat No Play policy throughout the year. This is far more consistent than making a daily judgement.

Sound System in the gym has been checked and updated. The system is new and the existing speakers will be updated later this term. We have had a few teething problems but hopefully they have been fixed. Thank you to Cain one of our Governing Council members who spent a number of hours balancing the sound system and microphones.

Capacity Audit

The Department has visited the site to do a functional capacity audit on our facilities. We will be starting 2019 at capacity and with the new buildings popping up throughout our local area, capacity issues are emerging. We will be establishing a zone around our school which we are currently negotiating with the department. Existing enrolments will not be effected by the zone but any new enrolments will need to live within the zone. We are discussing some minor building works that we can implement internally to ease our current space issues, and we are seeking help from the department to manage growth. We will be starting the year with an additional class so Governing Council is working with Marg to choose and use the most appropriate space in preparation for the new year.

Building Communities is a wonderful group of parent volunteers coordinated by Carli Ambrose one of our Governing Councillors. This subcommittee of Governing Council work to bring our community together and be inclusive of all families. This group volunteer for many school events and are a good starting point to be involved in our school and to meet other parents. Their most recent efforts were at our Book week celebrations where they ran a treasure hunt and read stories to all of our students. It was a wonderful day and was greatly appreciated by all. Please feel free to join this group by approaching the front office to become a volunteer.



Governing Council Is not part of the school complaints management process. If you have an issue that is bothering you or your child, please immediately contact your classroom teacher or a member of leadership. The school like to solve issues in a timely manner before they become larger. The leadership team and teachers will work individually and quickly with your family to resolve issues or concerns and support you through times of need. If you need help settling into our community please see our counsellor Christine Fowler who can put you in touch with many local support organisations.