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Edition 2

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome to our second 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.

As we move towards term 4 we start to look at planning for the year ahead and write our Site Improvement Plan. The Department has moved to a new 3 year plan which we will be exploring at our next meeting. We will also be looking at class structures for 2019.

The Governing Council is currently working with Marg and the Department to plan for increasing enrolments and capacity management. We will be starting the new year over our suggested capacity and will be making some internal alterations to spaces to allow for an extra class. The Department is looking at implementing a zone around our school. For families who are currently enrolled with us there will be no change but for new families applying to enrol we will only be accepting them if they are in zone and we have room in our classes. The department's funds are currently committed to the year 7 building program in the high schools so we will not be getting new rooms in the near future.

We are working together continuously to make decisions to ensure we do not impact on our important programs so that student learning is not interrupted. We will keep everyone informed of our progress on this issue.

As a parent group we are concerned with some dangerous driving at pick up and drop off times. Please have a close look at the below traffic flow diagram. During busy times we ask that parents use a one direction flow of traffic around the school. When cars are parked, Stuart Rd especially does not have room for 2 way traffic. Students must not be picked up or dropped off when you are double parked as this is highly dangerous. The zone in front of the school on Stuart Rd has a 2 minute limit, you cannot park your car to go into the classroom, if you need to see a teacher please park further away and walk. The drop and go zone is very important to keep the traffic flowing.

We hope everyone has a great holiday break!

Governing Council Parents

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 likes 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.

Principal's Report

External Review

We have received our official report from the external School review which has been very positive and a confirmation of the wonderful work going on across classes in our school.

“At Prospect North Primary School there are sustained high expectations and a culture of improvement. There is shared leadership across the school and authentic student influence in decision-making. Professional learning and performance and development are translated into effective teaching across the school.”

Each school is given directions from the review to work on over the following 4 years, our directions were about refining our practices to ensure our Students have smooth transitions in order to succeed between year levels and when they leave us.

The report is available in full on our website.

STEM

We have had another couple of busy weeks with STEM conferences.

We hosted 30 interstate visitors looking at student agency in our school and how our students help design their learning and assessment. This was another very successful visit with extremely positive feedback.

Tournament of Minds

We had 3 amazing teams perform at Tournament of Minds. This competition requires students to solve a problem over 8 weeks and come together on tournament day to present their solution via a performance. We had 2 teams in the STEM categories and one team in the Arts category. All performed well and had very creative solutions. Well done to everyone and a special thank you to Anna Weinert who mentored our teams over many weeks. Two of our teams received Tournament Honours which is a reserved for the top 5% of teams in each category. This is an awesome result for first time teams.

General Business Discussion

Uniforms

We are seeing an increased number of students who are not in uniform. Please note that our uniform policy is for plain black pants/leggings (not Jeans) or plain black shorts (minimum length mid thigh). Black options are available cheaply at local stores such as target, big W and Best and Less. Governing Council have set a uniform policy that is both affordable and neat. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform on each day.

After School Sports

After School Sports are an extension of our PE program at school and a great way to connect with our school community. In order for teams to run we need parents who are willing to coach and manage each team.

After School Sport is managed by Amber our PE teacher, if you would like to be involved with a team please email her for details.

amber.heaft435@schools.sa.edu.au

We are currently seeking coaches for next year's program, no experience is necessary, just volunteer status, and you can approach the front office staff to become a volunteer at our school.

Grounds

Now that we have a decision from the Department that they will not be building us new classrooms in the near future, we will go ahead with our yard development plans. We have a shade and seating corridor being planted and installed along the eastern side of the oval, currently the seating under the large pine is aging and becoming unsafe, so that area will also be redesigned. We will begin the process of developing another nature play area along the western side of the Junior primary building. We have had students in classes planning the play spaces they would like to see in our yard so they can now work with the developers to see their plans come to life.

NAPLAN results have arrived and will be sent home to families this week. Overall our NAPLAN results showed some very positive trends especially in Reading across the year levels. Our year 5's showed consistent results with previous years and the year 7 results showed improvements across all areas. We also had high growth in Reading for all levels. The staff will analyse our data for individual students and cohorts in order to set priorities for next year.



Children's Safety: Coming to and from School

At our recent Governing Council meeting, concern was expressed about the number of drivers putting children's lives at risk by driving without due care on the roads around our school.

Whilst many of our community obey the road rules and parking restrictions around our school's boundaries, some do not.

The actions outlined below particularly increase the possibility of an accident involving a child:

- stopping in the middle of the road to pick up or drop off students
- cars forcing their way down Stuart and Arthur Street which are both very narrow
- parking on the non-school side of Stuart Road when there are NO STANDING signs displayed
- parking in the KISS AND DROP Zone on Stuart Road which is intended to be a Drop and Go (no standing) zone only
- motorists doing star turns using driveways both on Stuart and Arthur Street
- driving faster than 25kph in our school zone
- speeding through the School Crossing on Regency Road to avoid having to stop.

Please observe the following:

- Particularly if coming from Regency Road please approach the school down Arthur Street, Alice Street and Stuart Road so that children are dropped off on the school side footpath (see map below)
- If coming from a different direction, do so in such a way that you are dropping off children on the footpath side of the school rather than having children cross the road
- Continue your journey away from the school in a direction where you are not turning around and going against the flow of traffic
- If you can't get a park in Arthur Street then consider parking in Alice Street and walk or allow your children to walk the short distance to school

For the safety of all children we ask that motorist be responsible and not in such a hurry, so that due consideration can be foremost in your mind when driving anywhere near the school.

The City of Prospect Traffic Inspectors have been requested to have a prominent presence before and after school hours to closely monitor traffic and parking. Fines will be issued to motorists not obeying the rules. Parents who see unsafe practices by motorists around the school streets are asked to report their registration number to the Prospect Council. Parent reports will be followed up.

