



Middle 1 Sailability

St George School 2018 Newsletter

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Principal (R)

Date: 12 June 2018



Key Dates:

Term 2

Reports home to families:
Thursday 28 June

Parent/teacher interviews:
29 June – 3 July

Last day of term 2 - 6 July

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

Teachers will be finalising the writing of reports in the next few weeks.

Reports will be handed to families during parent teacher interviews. It is hoped you are able to attend these meetings.



Family Fun

Celebrating Ability...

Student Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on 5 June for their outstanding efforts....

Manar Saleh for clearly indicating when she is ready for more during mealtimes.

Josie Fishwick for being brave during her recent surgery and for returning to school.

Bella-Rose Thiel for positioning herself in her walker independently.

Joshua Welch for being happy and enthusiastic during lessons since his return from hospital.

Adania Evans for following the class rules to be patient and positive.

Hailee Scifleet for a great effort and determination while doing exercises in hydrotherapy with Michael.

M3 Class for being so welcoming and helpful towards their new teacher. Thank you Nick, Matt, Ashleigh, Alysia and Dean!

Brett Houdek for learning to say 'Hi' and using it in appropriate situations at school when greeting staff and peers.

Lauren Green for keeping her head up, engaging in the story and turning pages using the switch while listening to a book online.

Sports Awards: Shafia Diab, Manar Saleh, Zeinab Saleh, Mouemin Hammoud, and Dominic Cheuk.

Library Award: Angel-Rose Papapavlos





Happy Birthday to our June birthdays

Joshua Sale who turned 18
on 1 June

Matthew Chiotis who
turned 14 on 10 June

Alysia Dalianis who turned
13 on 2 June

Oliver Mai who turned 11
on 16 June

Lara Palmer who turned 10
on the 4 June

Ismail Fleweller who will
turn 9 on 24 June

Sophie Groll who turned 8
on 4 June

Joshua Welch who turned
8 on 16 June

Mateo Farinaro who will
turn 7 on 24 June

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews will be held in the last week of term. Last week you would have received a letter indicating the available days and times. Please let your child's teacher know of your availability on those days.

Primary classes will be on Tuesday 3 July

Middle classes will be on Friday 29 May

Secondary classes will be on Wednesday 4 July



Sibling workshop and sausage sizzle

Last Friday 8 June, we had our family Fun night. Thank you to those families who supported the event. It was an engaging, social and fun night with lots of eating, drumming and dancing.

Reconciliation Week

Last week we celebrated Reconciliation week. Students celebrated and acknowledged Aboriginal culture through music and art.

During music class students played along to Aboriginal songs and listened to the sounds and vibrations of the didgeridoo. Within classes, students also listened to stories and created art work to reflect Aboriginal culture and history.



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ST GEORGE P&C ASSOCIATION INC.

Thursday 24 May 2018

Minutes

1. Welcome and attendance

Meeting opened at 11.35am

Present: Fay Chiotis, Matt Balkwell, Barry Watkins, Ron Watson, Hui Mei Lin, Ivy Wu, Karen Baker, Ana Mowle, Karen Crawley, Diana Murphy,

Apologies: Paul Cox, Sofi Papapavlos

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting November 2017

Accepted by Barry Watkins and Matt Balkwell

Business arising: Nil

3. Correspondence In –

Bank statement 1 Feb – 30 April 2018

4. Financial report (in absence of Treasurer)

Bank statement 1 February – 30 April 2018

Opening balance: \$86, 846.27 Cr

Total debits: \$ 139, 333.09

Total credits: \$ 111.151.13

Closing balance: \$ 58, 664.31 Cr

Deposit from ASTP for 7 bus runs

Quarterly cheque to school for operation of the 7 bus runs:

Amount deposited into the P&C account from DoE for ASTP: \$111.151.13

P&C Fundraising in 2017:

Events: Christmas hamper raffle: as per minutes of term 1 2018: \$1886.50

Purchases: Christmas gifts to students: \$1288.64

5 School Council matters

- School Plan 2018 – 2020 on school's website
- Annual Report for 2017 on school website

6. P&C matters:

Current P&C membership – sent in \$2 last term to join - minimum number of 5 required to conduct a P&C meeting.– Membership is currently at 16 comprised of parents , staff and community . Receipts to be issued.

Suggestion made to continue to enlist membership. Further reminder to be sent home with envelope.

Incorporation requires **auditor's report** for presentation at the **AGM**

Harry was contacted as auditor: Harry required a cash book of transactions or a spreadsheet to be prepared in order to audit the books – Karen Baker, SAM, currently preparing the spreadsheet for the auditor in the absence of a Treasurer. When the P&C received the auditor's report

Survey sent to families regarding attendance at meetings.

Survey results to date are included in the minutes.

Current preference is Tuesday during the day. There was also support for VC to attend if unable to attend in person. **Tuesday daytime** was again the preferred option.

Zoom recommended as a VC vehicle.

Department supports the use of Polycom for vc meetings (as well as Skype for Business) P&C to trial Zoom at the third term meeting.

Suggestion made that **P&C agenda** to go out prior to the meeting. Parents can also ask for matters to be added to the agenda.

5. **Principals report**

St George Chn with Disabilities Fund - supporting music program in 2018 including sibling workshop to be held on 8 June to include a sausage sizzle prior to the meeting.

Response positive to date regarding sibling workshop with approximately 30 attending.

St George Chn with Disabilities Fund application to Bayside Council grant for additional eye gaze bundle for professional learning for staff, parents and teachers from other schools was not successful. Issue of council amalgamation and higher number of applications across two former council areas.

School will look at donation for the eye gaze bundle for training. It was acknowledged that parents could learning how to use eye gaze technology to support their child. NDIS is a source of funds for family purchase of hardware and software. Eye gaze support being implemented in the school. Release of executive to coordinate support for 1:1 training, assessment of students in use of eye gaze, integration into class programs and training for staff. It is a process that is ongoing.

Term 2 **school development day**: mandatory training on Code of Conduct and on Fraud and Corruption. Training on the classes' new ipads and options for classroom use.

The focus on training was on features of the 6th generation ipad and the possibilities for teaching and learning and in particular the effective use of apps for communication and functional learning.

Training has continued with teacher professional learning. Teachers have developed books using Pages app with option to save as an iBook. The other option is to airdrop the book into the students' own ipad so it can be viewed at home.

Twilight meeting in term 1 on TACPAC a sensory integration program. Delivered by the developer, Hilary Wainer who was visiting from the UK. The website address for TACPAC is <https://tacpac.co.uk/>

Three **teacher positions** were filled at the end of last term. Two temporary teachers from the school were successful. The third teacher currently at Bates Drive School will start in week 6.

9. **Calendar of tasks**

Audit of books – spreadsheet of income and expenditure currently being prepared by Karen Baker who has agreed to be the interim Treasurer in the absence of a treasurer..

AGM checklist for P&Cs was raised – actions acknowledged as task for completion prior to the AGM

10. **Unscheduled business**

Issue raised of better facilities for the older students when out on the playground. Suggestion of in ground trampoline, diversional therapy. School to follow up.

Drive for volunteers suggested for swimming program, bike riding and other programs. Options presented: community notice in the Leader, contact with organisations such as Volunteers Australia, Probus, clubs. Plus a push for support in the newsletter.

Intensive swimming program – in 2017 one teacher provided an additional session only. The intensive swim program that was offered by the department a number of years ago with 5 teachers is no longer available. Suggestion of use of Rainbow Club again as successful previously.

Reminder about the **colds and flus of winter** – request that buses are properly equipped with sanitisers and antibacterial spray. Reminder to everyone to use sanitisers.

Meeting closed at 12.45pm

Survey results

16 replies to date

Q1 Meeting at night 7 out of 16 (yes)

Q2 Preferred night: Monday x 2
 Tuesday x 4
 Friday x 1

Q3 Meeting during the day: 13 out of 16 (yes)

Q4 Preferred day: Monday x 2
 Tuesday x 4
 Wednesday x 2
 Thursday x 4
 Friday x 1

Q5 Meeting in the afternoon: 2 out of 16 (yes)

Q6 Preferred afternoon: Monday x 1
 Tuesday x 1

Q7 Attend via VC: 10 out of 16 (yes)

Q8 Preferred day: Monday x 2
 Tuesday x 4
 Wednesday x 2
 Thursday x 1
 Friday x 1

Q9 Preferred time for VC: daytime 10 out of 12

Preferred time: Day x10
 Afternoon x 0
 Night x 2

Q10 Receiving minutes if unable to attend: 10 out of 13