



## Minutes of the General P&C Meeting: 19 July 2021

Meeting Opened 7.30 pm

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### Presentations

Overview of **Italian and Mandarin language programs** (presentation is Attachment 1 to the minutes)

Presentation from **Randwick Public School Teachers Federation Representatives on the recommendations of the Gallop Report (Valuing the Teaching Profession)** which looked at proposals to better support teachers and the profession. Further information is available at <https://www.nswtf.org.au/inquiry>. The members of the P&C community were asked to show their support for the recommendations from the report at <https://www.nswtf.org.au/gallop-inquiry-show-your-support>

### Minutes and Apologies

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. The minutes were moved by Noelle Phegan and seconded by Naomi Dusheiko.

### Principal's Report (Relieving Principal, Trent Gardiner)

#### Key points

- *Preparation for the years 2-6 plays* have taken place during Term 2. The School has enjoyed four amazing performances last week of Trolls by Year 6. A huge congratulations to the students who did a tremendous job. A huge thanks also to the Year 6 teaching team for their time and guidance. Productions like that don't just happen and it does take a great deal of additional time to ensure a successful production.
- *Staff well-being week* is this week and the team have planned a number of initiatives at school to celebrate the staff and emphasize staff wellbeing.
- *House Point System* - New house teams were introduced in 2021. Students have been busily accumulating points and the winning house team will be announced this Thursday [24 June]. As an incentive this Thursday there will be a House Fiesta for the winning house – a disco in the hall. The House Captains led some House meetings last week where they engaged with students in Grades 2-6 to ask their thoughts on what they would like as incentives for Term 3 and 4.
- *English as an additional language or dialect (EaLD)* - The EaLD program has established parent & carer language groups across many of the languages represented at Randwick Public School. Eleven languages now have a Parent Language Representative and 92 families have signed up. Those who have not yet joined up and would like to do so should contact Patrick Madden. The School and language groups are working collaboratively to assist with translation of materials. Patrick Madden (EaLD) and Alyssa Worthington (STEM) have produced a wonderful short film with EaLD students in the New Arrivals Program (NAP) for a competition about making every moment count at school.
- *Music Program* - We have had a successful outsourcing of instrumental music programs to Alex Bieri of The Music Partnership ensuring the entire program will run again from T3. Thank you to Megan Madden and Tracy Ong, Karen Birrell (SAM), Connie Saad (Staff Rep) for overseeing this transition process. Tuesday 22 June, The Music partnership will meet with music tutors to begin handover.
- *Properties - Progress on roofing* - The reroofing of the main school building should be finished by end of Term 2. We have had a number of classes relocated to the additional learning spaces in the Beehive while building work has progressed. Huge congratulations to the students and teachers have taken the disruption in their stride. Reroofing of the Administration block set to commence in the holidays, it is anticipated that it will take two weeks to complete so should be finished in time for the start of Term 3.

- *Properties - Cooler Classroom Program* - This is due to start once the roofing work has been completed, most likely early in Term 3. It is expected that the works will continue until the end of the school year.
- *Properties – Kindergarten toilets* - Planning for the refurbishment of All Kinder toilets over Christmas holiday period.
- *Building works* – the roofing work

### COVID Guidelines in place

Families should regularly check the NSW Government COVID-19 news and updates for the venues and locations and adhere to advice where required. NSW Health has advised that masks will be mandatory on public transport until Thursday 24 June for people in the Sydney and Blue Mountains. This applies to students aged 12 years and over, and staff when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport or by chartered or private transport services. Masks are also strongly encouraged in all public indoor venues, such as retail, theatre, hospitals and aged care facilities. Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received. Locations of testing clinics are available via the NSW government website. Schools must continue to implement:

- Personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping practices.
- Where possible to use outdoor areas weather permitting or large open spaces to enable adequate physical distancing.
- All visitors to a school site must be well and symptom free, comply with sign-in arrangements, and the 1.5m physical distancing requirements. Visitors to schools should maintain 1.5m distance from other people where practicable. Avoid congestion of groups of visitors in specific areas where possible.

### President's Report

Key points:

- *Thank you to parents who came forward to offer assistance* with various things following recent P&C requests – so much so we had more than we needed this time around. But please don't let that discourage you from putting your hand up again in future.
- *Other thank yous*
  - Volunteers for Athletics Carnival in T3
  - Working bee, and Angus Northey for ongoing performance as coordinator
- *Kindy play date – Save the date – more to follow (subject to COVID requirements)*
  - Friday 23, Week 2, Term 3 – 3:15 – 4:30 (timings to be confirmed, watch for updates)
- *End of Year Fair – EOIs welcome for stalls, activities, email the P&C secretary with suggestions*
- *Comedy night for parents and carers* – for those interested in this fundraising event sign up here <https://comedyforacause.net/tc-events/rps/>



No reports this meeting from the following subcommittees

- Working Bee
- Sports
- Fundraising
- Treasurer
- Music
- OOSH
- Uniform Shop

### Other Business

Other business raised through the Zoom Chat function:

1. Information on the Gallop Report has been published on the P&C Facebook page and website for those wishing to support the recommendations and/or read more about the inquiry.
2. To become a financial member of the P&C please register at <https://events.humanitix.com/2020-21-p-and-c-member-register> . Payment of \$1 is required to become a financial member. The Annual General Meeting is held in November – this is where the annual financial report is presented and the Executive Committee is elected. Membership of the P&C Executive is on a volunteer basis.

Next Meeting: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Meeting Closed: 8.55 pm.

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