

Truganina College – School Council Report – July 2017

A very full and extensive agenda was discussed on Monday 24th July 2017.

Gareth McLean, responsible for PE and Sports, presented the plan for the Years 4 – 8 Athletics Day, complete with a detailed risk assessment. This included the venue, transport, staff, volunteers, invitations to take part, First Aid and a contingency plan in case of wet weather.

Carla Evans, responsible for SWPBS, presented data collected through consultation with staff, students and the community regarding the School Wide Positive Behaviour program. Most votes received for the identified values so far have been for RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, RESILIENCE, with Learn, Safe, Inclusion, still in contention. The data collected so far will be returned to the staff and students, giving them the opportunity for more discussion and input. Carla presented the reward charts, which had been discussed with the students and were age/stage appropriate and used to display the tracking of tokens.

Both teachers were thanked for their clear and concise presentations that were much appreciated by the School Council.

Other agenda items discussed were:

- The City of Wyndham Spelling Bee, The 91 Storey Treehouse Writing Competition and the Australian Mathematics Competition
- Excursions to enhance the learning experience of the College
- Assemblies organised by teams to celebrate the learning happening in each of their Teaching and Learning Teams
- Anaphylaxis and Epipen Training
- Parent/Teacher Interviews and Progress Reports
- Pedagogy Coaches; Justine Ryan, Vanitha Sujith and Sadia Toqeer coaching various staff across the College
- Literacy Consultant; Terri Campbell, working with staff to develop their skills in delivering rich vocabulary and Literacy learning experiences
- Extracurricular Activities – Soundgarage, Fit Kicks, and recess opportunities including; Art, Dance, Homework, Coding, Robotics, Student Voice, all supported by staff
- Robotics Competition – moderated by Nicholas Stebbing
- Recruitment of 8 new teachers in Primary and Secondary, and a Speech Pathologist who will support staff at each level where appropriate
- The Facilities Manager, Mr Salmond, wrote a report regarding our school playground. He has researched a wide variety of options, presenting the final 3 quotations for the playground and 2 other quotations for the rubber surface under the playground for discussion. Staff and student input into the design and requirements have been taken into consideration, and the attached photo is an artist's representation of how it might look. This is a huge undertaking by the school, and once again, the School Council, staff and students are very grateful to all those who have contributed and donated money towards this endeavour. It would have taken much longer to reach this stage in planning and discussion without your support. We await one more quote for the rubber surface before making a final decision.

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