

Truganina College – School Council Report – March 2017

The first School Council meeting for this year was held on Monday 20th March at 5pm.

The School Council welcomed Doreen Narayan, a newly elected member to the Council. Her knowledge and expertise will add to the future discussions and decision making of the Council.

School Principal; Jenny Crowle and Assistant Principal; Nicole O'Brien attended the School Council meeting immediately after a very successful workshop for parents, explaining the lead up to NAPLAN, and other assessment procedures that take place in the school. Following last year's post NAPLAN learning and information afternoon for parents, where the results were explained, this meeting was to inform parents and carers about ways in which they can prepare their children for this assessment. Nicole O'Brien and Steven Trotter are trialing a 'Study Club' for 20 plus students, and there was a good response to this suggestion. The staff, as always, emphasise the importance of growth and reading stamina.

Late last year, the school was reviewed by a team of education staff, external assessors and professionals. Staff, parents, students from the school and a representative from the School Council took part in the review over two days. A report was written for the school and the Education Department by an independent company.

Child Safety Standards were discussed. Staff and School Council members are required to familiarise themselves with the document, which concerns mandatory reporting and other obligations.

Jenny Crowle gave an ongoing report regarding Clearwood Drive, and the acquisition of more mobile classrooms, to add to the 3 already in place.

The school has received some complaints about the behaviour of students and parents, when parking and entering the school on Clearwood Drive. There are 3 staff now on duty to ensure that students walk on the footpaths and behave in a responsible manner. Any complaints about the traffic should be directed to Wyndham City Council.

An official Auditor has visited the school for 6 days, in accordance with Education Department regulations, and will prepare a report regarding school Governance.

The School Council Code of Conduct was read and discussed and the principles were agreed.

Election for the Council positions took place. Nominations were made, seconded and agreed. Please see agreed positions below.

President: Marilyn Jefferies

Vice President: Jagruti Dave

Treasurer: Sahar Amjad

Many thanks to the team in the Administration Office, the Management Team and the staff, and to Helen Salmond and Jenny Crowle for their sterling work regarding the resources information and agenda, and in managing the finances of the school.

Marilyn Jefferies
School Council President