



From The Principals Desk

Dear Families,

First meeting of the 2019 SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first meeting of our new school council took place on Tuesday of this week where we welcomed the newly elected team:

Newly elected members in the parent category include Samantha Hunneyball, Matt Taylor and Alex Brawn. They will join Cara McMahon (returning), Erica Smith (returning) and Peter Flaherty (returning) and current parent member Rohan Wood. In the DET member category, Liz Beasley and Bianca Muraca (also returning), will join Mat Montebello and myself for the new term of office. Julie-Anne Douglas continues to serve in the community position as the Friends of Willy representative. As mentioned in an earlier feed, we have two currently vacant "community member positions" (two years) which can be filled with council's approval.

We congratulate Cara McMahon who has been appointed as President once again, Matt Taylor, who will be Vice President and Rohan Wood who will be Treasurer again for 2019.

Being the first meeting of the new School Council there were a number of policies and procedures to be ratified and new information to be shared. The following is a snapshot of these discussions and actions:

- The 2019 **Annual Implementation Plan** was shared and endorsed
- **Curriculum Days (Student Free) 2019 for the rest of the year were endorsed:**
 - Tuesday January 29th 2019 – Staff preparation day**
 - Friday April 26th 2019- Smart Spelling**
 - Monday July 15th 2019 – Writing**
 - Monday November 4th 2019 – Inquiry learning**
- School council ratified that all students will be dismissed at 12:30pm, on Tuesday 25th June 2019, in order to attend **Student Learning Conferences** which will commence at 1pm until 7pm.
- The 2019 **Whole School Review Process** to take place in Term 3 was outlined
- The results of the 2018 School Council Self- Assessment tool were shared and analysed.
- The WPS School Council Standing Orders were ratified.
- Sub-committees were formed (Ed / Pol, Finance and Buildings & Grounds)
- Future 2019 School Council Meetings were confirmed including the **Annual General Meeting** –on Tuesday April 30th where all members of the W.P.S. community are invited.
- **School Council confirmed the following overnight camp excursions:**
 - Grade 5/6** Toolangi camp, Toolangi, Monday 19th August – Friday 23rd August (2 camps, 2 nights each -Individual classes to be allocated)
 - Grade 3/4** Wombat Corner, Emerald, Monday 26th August – Friday 30th August (2 camps, 2 nights each -Individual classes to be allocated)
 - Grade 2** Sleep Over (at school) Term 3 – Thursday September 12th
- 2019 **FOW Fundraising events** were endorsed.
- Council shared and discussed security options including the perceived need to acquire CCTV

Warm regards,
Andrea and Mat

Dates to Remember

TERM 1 dates

WEEK 9

Wednesday 27.03- Kids Share Open Afternoon in classrooms
(3:30pm- 4:00pm)

Friday 29.03- Interim Student reports posted on Compass

Saturday 30.03- FOW -Bunnings BBQ - Altona North

WEEK 10

Friday 05.04- **Easter Hat Parade 9:30am**

Friday 05.04- **End Term one 2:30pm dismissal**

TERM 2 Dates

WEEK 1

Monday 22.04 Easter Monday

Tuesday 23.04 Start Term 2

Thursday 25.04 ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Friday 26.04 CURRICULUM DAY – Student Free Day

WEEK 2

Tuesday 30.04 School Council

Tuesday 30.04 Parent Ed session: *Reading with Your Child*

Friday 03.05 Seaside Fair Launch

Further Dates for your diaries:

6 May Prep 2020 Parent Information Night

8 May Prep 2020 Parent Tour

9 May Mothers' Day Stall

10 May Start Gr5/6 Winter Sport

13 May Prep 2020 Parent Tour

13 May District Cross Country

14-16 May NAPLAN

17 May Prep 2020 Parent Tour

17 May Walk Safely to School Day

21 May School Council including Annual General Meeting

22 May Prep 2020 Parent Tour

29 May Divisional Cross Country

31 May Reconciliation Day

11 Jun School Council

20 Jun Regional Cross Country

25 Jun Student Learning Conferences (1:00-7:00pm) – ALL Students dismissed at 12:30pm

28 Jun End Term 2 – dismiss 2:30pm

TERM 3

15 Jul Curriculum Day

TERM 4

4 Nov Curriculum Day