

## Otford P&C Agenda #7 2021

<b>Date:</b>	Tue 24th August
<b>Time:</b>	7.30pm - 8.31pm
<b>Location:</b>	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85828936250?pwd=NnQxWS8zMU1ndzZ5cVVia1RUK0xwdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85828936250?pwd=NnQxWS8zMU1ndzZ5cVVia1RUK0xwdz09</a>
	<b>Meeting ID:</b> 858 2893 6250 <b>Passcode:</b> 881622
<b>Attendees:</b>	Dallas Baird (President) Rebecca Stone (School Principal) Eleanor Bell (Treasurer) Sarah Deitz (Secretary) Kingsley Reeves Lucinda Crossley Meates Sophie Cresswell (Vice President)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Alexis Pillsbury Brett Giddings (Vice President)

## Agenda

Item
1. 7.34pm, meeting opened & acknowledgement of country.
2. Treasurer's report (see attached) Annual insurance paid. \$7,308 in the account.
<b>3. Principals report</b>  School has funded a book week show (\$250) for this week.  <b>School network improvements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wed 15/09 Cabling &amp; rewiring being carried out.</li> <li>• 1st week of holidays, new connections, new server etc.</li> <li>• Means we can get the new interactive TVs through the rural access program.</li> </ul> <b>Enrolments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindy orientation sent out last week.</li> <li>• 1 potential has decided to go to Holy Cross instead</li> </ul>

- At this stage 4, maybe 5 enrolments
- New family in Otford Rd have 3 children under 4 (2023 first one will come to school)
- Due to lockdown, we're saving money on casuals covering sick leave etc. We can use these funds to fund our current 3 classes if we get to 51 kids (which we're not there yet).
- New online enrollment system has been put on hold.

#### **Southern Stars**

- Haven't heard about it for 3 weeks.
- T-shirts arrived.

#### **Inter-relate sex education talks**

- Local schools do this program bi-annually
- Yr 3 and above normally attend face-2-face with their parents
- 2 local schools have cancelled this year
- Other schools are doing it virtually and we could join them, but we decided to wait to do it in person, hopefully next year.

#### **Child protection talks**

- In T4 we do child protection around naming body parts, identifying your 5 safe people.
- Sophie raised an interest in how we can integrate 'consent' into this training.
- The Y-Pet program talks a bit about this, we do this once every 2 years.
- Currently in T4 our theme is around design using technology. It's a hands-on collaborative theme, so if we're not in school by then, we will likely move this whole unit to next year. This will free up time for us to do child protection in T4 instead.

### **4. Lockdown / homeschooling**

#### **Plan for upcoming weeks:**

- Next week (week 7) is Wellbeing Week
- We will have "Dance fever", dance lessons at 1pm each day for the whole school
- NRL has given some rugby league players to talk about resilience & setting goals
- Friday morning trying a "tea and talk" to engage the kids to chat less formally.
- Week 8 planning a circuit breaker, having some fun, trying to get some social time.
- Week 9 will be creative arts week.
- On the last Friday of week 10, teachers will be offline as they need to plan for term 4
- Currently working out what to do about the Federal education funding assessments as it's unfair to do assessments at home incase students get help from parents.

#### **Discussion on how it's going:**

- Dallas talked about how teachers being online is working really, really well. Impressive.
- Bec said that we're all really proud of the community, we talk about the growth mindset and it's nice to see it. Particularly seniors running leadership groups online in break-out rooms. Credit to the growth they have made.
- What we're doing could be a best practice model around using people & technology to the best you can. Maybe it wouldn't scale up as well with bigger schools. Using
- It's also good for the teachers, they need to engage with the kids for their own wellbeing, it's what they're passionate about.

- Acknowledging Kate, her 1st year of prac and she went online straight away.
- Sarah mentioned she was happy that 'news' was reintroduced to K-1 giving the kids an opportunity to engage with their peers.
- Kingsley asked if 'news' could be bought in with the other classes too.
- Kids like the quizzes and polls.

#### **Round table with minister**

- Bec has been asked to sit on a round table on Thursday with the minister.
- There has been lots of reaching out to find out what's actually happening.
- A roundtable to gather thoughts about learning, health and wellbeing of the kids.
- What kind of events & connections we are making between homes & school
- Talking about learning programs and how schools have been doing online learning, as well as talking about phasing kids back to school
- No other local schools have teachers online from 9 - 1pm.
- Most local schools only have 2 meetings a week with kids.
- Dept has bought out online learning packages, with timetables & planning pro-formas.
- We can't do a stock standard format, we need to customise for our students.
- Bec will be telling the minister that most of our kids are feeling strong, engaged, confident.
- We have 2 families with kids that are struggling with engagement & anxiety.
- Think they will want to know what families want out of schools once kids are back.
- Not every teacher in every school will be vaccinated, no talk of mandating this.
- *After the meeting the premier has now mandated teachers be vaccinated by 8th November.*

#### **5. Bus schedule / before & after school care**

Sarah proposed to skip this agenda item as lower priority in the current circumstances.

#### **6. P&C info for new starters**

- Eleonor has drafted P&C letter to go out with other permission forms for new enrolments asking for permission to add to P&C mailing list. No need for P&C to review, just send to Bec and cc. the office.
- *Since the meeting, this has been delivered and has been put on school letterhead ready to go out with information packs and start of year notes pack.*
- Dallas to write paragraph or two about the P&C for the school booklet.

#### **7. Grants**

No additional discussion was had on this.

##### **Connecting neighbours grant - (SC)**

We got \$300 to host a seed swap (or something) event.

##### **Solar system repair update**

Bec has identified other grants to fund the solar system repair.

- The system we have is really old, looking to get updated to a more recent one.

**8. Fundraising updates**

Crazy camel, we'll postpone until we're back in person. It could be done in T4.

**Term 4 fundraising events:**

- We're still planning to do the gingerbread house kits, but most other ideas will be postponed.

**Ideas for virtual fundraising:**

- Bec suggested virtual trivia: <https://www.timefortrivia.com.au/> could be for all of 2508.
- We could do an online raffle.
- Stanwell Park is doing father's day packages with local business. Online shop, pick them up from the school, gift wrapped.

**Financial struggles**

- If you know of anyone in the community who might be struggling money wise, Bec can organise f&v / pantry boxes through Green Connect and/or a local business.

**9.** There's currently a demo version of the school anthem through the efforts of Alex & Zoe Bell and Kingsley! Talked about getting all the kids involved and making a video.

**10.** Next meeting will be after the school holidays Tuesday 26th October, 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.31pm.