



Class Representatives Term 1 Meeting Friday 24th MARCH 2017 at 2 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Attendance:** Rachel Thompson, Gavin Power, Marisa Phoebe, Claire Burt, Christine Sardi, Suzanne Taylor, Amanda Rothman, Simona Sharp, Daryl Freame, Nicky Bailey, Lisa Larsen, Liz Lyttle, Asha Day, Rachna Desai, Jonathan Parker, Jo Davey, Christopher Grubb, Bec Moore

Apologies: Daile Pepper, Jay Bradley, Meagan Nix, Cally Davidson, Sharon Trinder, Jenni Storey, Sam Wagenaar, Helen Davidson
 2. **Welcome and Introduction to 2017 Representatives**
 3. **Dissemination of information from School, P&C and Board.**
 - i. **School:** Gavin reminds all parents to show respect during drop off and pick up times and to respect the rules of Kiss and Drive, as well as the flow of traffic. Students are welcome to wait at Kiss and Drive until about 3:20 and then they can go to the office to await late parents. Parents are asked NOT to cross the footpath on Lombardy and park anywhere on the Oval. It is not safe to cross the footpath, as Woodlands and Churchlands students use it. The oval is not a parking lot.
Pre-Primary Playground: This playground is out of bounds after school, as it is noisy for the PP teachers and the students tend to enter the classrooms. They are welcome to play in any of the other playgrounds with parent supervision.
Bike Enclosure: A new bike enclosure will be constructed outside the library, under shelter. We are awaiting a quote on the cost.
 - ii. **P&C:** Finding sufficient volunteers for the Canteen continues to be problematic. Reps were asked for any ideas about communicating this need. Suggestions including getting the Fixed Year Group Roster out at the start of each term and the idea of keeping it the same each term was popular.
- Week 1: Year 1
Week 2: Year 2
Week 3: Year 3
Week 4: Year 4
Week 5: Years 5 and 6
Week 6: K and PP
Week 7: Year 1
Week 8: Year 2
Week 9: Year 3
Week 10: Year 4

All Reps are kindly asked to remind their classes that it is their year group's week one week in advance. The Canteen Committee will be posting roster allocations and sign up information outside each class as of Term 2. Reps do not like last minute Sunday emails asking for volunteers, as this does not allow enough time to email classes. Advance notice of remaining spaces would be appreciated.

2017 Budget Requests: The budget requests for 2017 were voted in at the P&C Budget Mtg. Academic and classroom requests were given the highest priority.

Year 6 Disco info: This year 6 fundraiser will be on the 5th of May. The year 6s run it and use the ticket sales to go towards graduation costs. The Year 5s fundraise through food sales. There will be a sweet and savory stall and a pre-order menu through the online canteen system or cash to the office. The theme is Casual Friday and information will come home prior to the holidays.

4. A forum to have class questions, accolades or concerns addressed:

i. An accolade for this year's staffing: Feedback indicates that parents are very happy with the teachers this year and how they have been distributed. Particular accolades have been offered for Mr Jones, Miss Harris, Mrs Roberts, Ms Collins, Mrs Russell and Mrs Rees.

ii. School water fountains (Yr2, Rm3): The water pressure has been checked and seems to be fine, as long as there isn't more than one in a row of them being used. Gavin is happy for ideas for covering the fountain outside Rm 5, which is exposed to the elements. Maybe a student project?

iii. Grant Taylor photos: Classes and teachers alike have passed on very positive feedback about the service, quality and personal touch of our new photography company. Though the schedule was emailed out several times, a few parents were caught unawares as to when their children were being photographed.

iv. Online booking of Parent Teacher interviews (Yr2, Rm3): The school is happy to look into acquiring this system. As well as it being simple for parents to book their interview times, it will also clear teachers from having to book them and coordinate with teachers of siblings.

v. Parent Teacher Interviews (Yr6, Rm17): The Board approves one day for Parent Teacher interviews and the school takes it very seriously. Parent Teacher Interviews are not a requirement but the school values the face-to-face time. The teachers work hard to organize useful interviews. Woodlands also links their day with Churchlands in the hopes this will help families with children at both schools. OSH will be conducting a full day program for working parents. Interviews were moved to Term 1 this year to allow time to work on areas of focus before reports in Term 2. There will be an exit survey distributed this year to get feedback about the interviews.

vi. Swimming Carnival (Yr6, Rm17): In response to a concern that the swimming carnival being a whole day meant parents had to take the whole day off work, the swimming carnival was moved to an afternoon. It was an oversight to make it the day before Parent Teacher Interviews but we used the opportunity to offer interviews that afternoon, after the carnival. Gavin encourages parents to express concerns early, as it means, like with the above scenario, solutions can often be found in advance.

vii. Student Council (Yr6, Rm17): The structure of leadership has been changed this year to give students a stronger voice. Year 4 and 5 students are also included. It is a bigger council but there are less faction captains, as there will not be vice-captains this year. Badges are still being finished and parents will be alerted about assembly presentations. The Year 6 students were selected through a speech and vote. The younger students did a speech and class vote. The Year 4s and 5s may be rotated throughout the year. The students have so far done a bike survey on Ride to School Day.

viii. Reading Eggs (PP3): The accounts have not been reactivated for PP children. The kids had them last year so have gotten used to using it and benefit from it. The PP accounts will be reactivated but, in future, Kindy students will not be getting access to Reading Eggs. Parent – Child interaction during the reading process is more valuable. The school was hoping to wait until after the **K-1 Reading Workshop, which will occur on Thursday, April 27th from 6-7 p.m.** Suggestion: It would be useful for the Reading Eggs payment to be included with the book list or payable via the website.

ix. Woodlandian tokens (Yr2, Rm2): A great idea! They are working as a fantastic motivator for our children, as well as their siblings in other year levels.

x. Accolade for Mrs Weimann (PP3): Mrs Weimann is a fantastic presence at Woodlands. A relief teacher extraordinaire, she knows most of the children in the school, and they are always very happy to see her. We appreciate teachers trying to get the same relief teacher when they are away, as it provides a great deal of consistency and familiarity.

xi. TDS (Yr5/6, Rm18): A bit of clarification was requested regarding what being a TDS (Teacher Development School) means. Gavin explained that Woodlands supports other schools and provides professional learning. Staff from other schools comes to Woodlands or staff goes out to them. It is often conducted after school hours but occasionally happens during. This service attracts valuable and much needed extra funding for our school. It also fosters strong relationships with other educational organizations and we are often the first to receive new curricular resources. Additionally, the fact that we are a strong TDS school means we attract excellent quality educators, who are keen for this opportunity. Gavin stressed that he keeps a careful eye on the number of absences due to TDS reasons. He points out that he is often saying no to the schools that call to ask for someone. Also, it is possible that teacher absences that are unrelated to TDS, and are due to illness or other professional learning endeavors, are being attributed to TDS.

xii. Bag Hooks for PP2: PP2 are not able to hang their bags on the hooks, as they are too close together for all the bags to fit. The school will look at getting another row of hooks for them.