

## PRG Meeting Tuesday 9 February 2021

### PRAYER

**Apologies:** Terry, Justine, Scott

Present: Sinead, Sam, Cynthia, Belinda, Jo, Zoe, Steph, Fran, Nic

1. **Financial Report** - presented and accepted. Take photos of Kindy furniture and sports equipment to put on the app to show the parents how the fundraising levy has been spent
2. **CSP** - meetings via Zoom, may invite Terry to be our school rep as he can't make PRG meetings during the day. Next CSP meeting on 22 February @ 7.00pm via Zoom.
3. **Road safety:**
  - a. **Veron Rd Crossing** incident - dangerous area, risky situation, crossing is misleading for children who are coming to school, flashing lights will alert people that there is a crossing. School contacted authorities a couple of years ago to request zebra crossings but it was deemed it wasn't warranted. Brisbane Waters High has the same type of crossing as us and have larger student numbers. Council, Transport NSW and the RMS have all been contacted by the school with a description of the incident and a request to improve the crossing. We are also in contact with WHS at the CSO. See \*\*\* at end of summary.
  - b. **Drive through last Friday** - 3 cars left the queue, driving up the wrong side of the road and turning right across the roundabout to park at the ELC. Cynthia/Zoe to speak to the ELC Director so she is aware and can instruct parents on the correct protocol.
  - c. **Hold children's hands** when walking into and from the school as small children can't be seen. Nic to put in her weekly parent communication.
4. Revisiting opening up **SJB families** to support local **SJB family businesses**. For families only - Kay Elle for advice; ask Justine to be admin for the page.
5. **Buddy bench** - a second buddy bench has been ordered, one for both the inside and outside playgrounds. It has been well received by teachers and children. Nic to share the BB guidelines with parents so they can talk about it with their children.
6. **Kinder issues**
  - a. How long will the 2.30pm end of day go for? Parents frustrated that older siblings are missing out on learning. Nic advised that this was done to help the new kinder children adjust to drive-through, a totally new process for them, so they could "learn the ropes" without 500 other children there.
  - b. If a Kindy child needs to go to after school care, catch the bus or is going back gate they are sitting on the concrete at drive-through until 3.00pm and therefore sitting for a long time. More children are now catching the bus and walking. Nic will look into this - Done, teacher now supervising children not going through drive-through, in a kinder classroom.
  - c. Nic advised that from Monday, 15th Feb all children will finish at 3pm, so no-one will be waiting for long periods. Hopefully by then the kinder children will be able to cope with the rest of the school moving to their home-time area.
7. Scott asked when the rest of **parents (Yrs 3 - 6) will be allowed on site**. Nic advised that SJB is given advice from Catholic Schools Broken Bay who takes their COVID advice from the CSNSW who interprets the Ed. department's NSW government regulations. In short, it is not the school's decision.
8. **School events for Term 1** -
  - a. **Swimming Carnival** - Nic to ask Therese if she is doing the food for the volunteers at the carnival. Mel O'Donovan, Scott Mackison and Therese to organise morning tea and lunch in consultation with nic.
  - b. **Easter Egg raffle**. Sinead will touch base with Nic in early March with a flyer.
  - c. No other events can be planned at this stage due to COVID rules.

9. **Talent show** - suggestion as a fundraiser. Can't take time away from the curriculum, which is already packed and teachers are time-poor. We have our end of year concert that fosters the performing arts. Revisit the idea towards the end of the year.
10. **Meeting times** Nic suggested a day meeting for the beginning of the term and then a night zoom meeting at the end of each term, alternating face to face meetings with zoom meetings to accommodate all members. Zoom meeting set for Thursday 18 March at 7pm.

\*\*\* Response from CC council received 11/2/2021

*The current School crossing in Veron Road associated with St John the Baptists school is up to standard for a school crossing.*

*School crossings do not include marked zebra crossings, however can be assessed for one.*

*This will be dependent on ped numbers using this crossing, not only during school time but outside school hours also, as this will become a full time crossing and not one that is only operational during school hours.*

*Speeding vehicles and vehicles failing to stop should be reported to the NSW Police Assistance Line (PAL) as Council is unable to enforce speed limits.*

*As is the crossing is treated as a marked foot crossing during school hours and the addition of a marked foot zebra crossing will only make a difference outside of school hours.*