School Council Report - February 2014

The Council had its first meeting for 2014 on Monday 24 February and here is a brief overview of the key issues that are likely to be of interest to the wider school community:

- All schools including MPWPS are becoming more involved in the VRQA Registration Requirements for Victorian Government Schools and over the coming month we will be finding out further details about this and what needs to be done on behalf of our school.

- A summary of the key findings from the school uniform focus groups from December 2013 were given to School Council to read and more will be discussed about this at Education meetings in the near future and communicated to the school community.

- On the first curriculum day of the year (28 January) the staff were involved in a number of professional development activities including:
  
  - A Phonological Awareness session run by Nadia Cocomazzo.
  - A Whole Body Listening session run by Connie Malatsis.
  - A Literacy Review of Achievements by the team over the past few years run by Amy Dinsdale.
  - A numeracy review of the work over the past few years and what the focuses are for 2014. This was run by Michael Minas and Vicky McCormack.

- On the second curriculum day of the year (11 March) the team will be undertaking further professional development around the Whole School Spelling Scope and Sequence program with Dianne Snowball.

- Terri Campbell will be continuing to work with staff this term on The 6 Traits of Writing with a focus in the Grade 5/6 area. Terri will also be running an information evening for parents on Thursday 20 March from 7-8.30pm.

- School Council briefly discussed how the 2014 Annual Implementation Plan is currently being put together and will be discussed further at the first Education meeting next Monday 3 March.

- All class rooms are currently working on developing a document which outlines the Rights and Responsibilities for the individual classrooms.

- The Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy will be shared with the community this term and Council will be seeking comment and feedback as part of the consultation process.

- The new financial year in terms of the MPWPS budget started for the school in January 2014 and runs through until December 2014.

- School Council approved the School Council Induction Program for future school councillors and this will assist in a smoother process for new councillors.

- School Council nominations have been conducted and the number of nominations equalled the number of places that needed to be filled. Therefore there will be no need to hold an election. More details about the successful candidates will be outlined soon as well as details of those who will be finishing their term at the end of March 2014.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 24 March.

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