

Principal's Report

P&C Meeting - August 27th 2018



PB4L:

Deputy Principals Higgins and Jobe will be delivering a presentation prior to our meeting as per request from the P&C. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them both, as well as to thank the staff on the PB4L team, for their commitment to this integral part of our school operations and culture.

Selective Stream:

I have been in discussion with Director Educational Leadership Jenene McGrath to plan for a selective stream workshop. The aim of the workshop is to create a forum for evaluation of our selective stream so that we can gauge what is working well, what isn't and how we need to proceed with the latter. We will be inviting selective stream students, parents and teachers to take part in the workshop. Further details are to follow.

P&C Grant Funding:

In my last report I outlined the major projects that the \$15,000 P&C could be used. In the meantime, it has been suggested to me that the funds be put towards the installation of an electronic school sign. I will be able to discuss quotes and options during the course of our meeting.

Toilets and bubblers:

As per my last report, I am awaiting costs for the replacement of bubblers around the school. Should any further information come to me prior to our meeting I will be able to provide an up-date.

LED Lighting Installation:

The installation of our LED lighting is nearing completing and I hope to see the project over by the end of this term. The electrical contractors have been working very hard to accommodate the school by coming in on weekends and working during evening hours. Once fully completed, this project will mean that KHS is making a considerably smaller carbon footprint on the planet.

Captains and Vice Captains Elections:

The campaign process for hopeful candidates is to take place in Week 8 and culminate in an announcement on Friday of the same week. I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude for the outstanding stewardship of our outgoing captains and vice captains and to wish the very best for all hopeful candidates.

Open Day:

This has been a matter for discussion in previous meetings and Deputy Principal Jobe will be discussing this in further detail.

Choice Theory & Reality Therapy:

This was mentioned in my last report as an investment in staff training. I am very happy to share that we have had our first two days of four in training with Judy Hatswell, who is currently working with 14 staff members. The key focus of Judy's work with us is in the areas of student welfare, behaviour management and whole school approaches to enabling students to be responsible for their behaviour. Judy has been using and teaching Choice Theory and Reality Therapy since 1980 as is highly acclaimed in her field.

Koorungal High School Scholarship at Charles Sturt University:

I have signed an agreement with Charles Sturt University to fund a scholarship open to KHS graduates embarking on their first year of full-time study at Charles Sturt University. This is part of an initiative to demonstrate the school's support for students transitioning out of the school to university and, specifically, those who wish to remain in Wagga or chose a regional campus for their tertiary study. The value of the scholarship is \$3,000 and the criteria will take into account academic growth, commitment to school values, community involvement and tenure at the school. It is possible for the scholarship to be funded in a number of ways including donations (private and corporate), fund raising, school funds and pledges and well may be something that the P&C would like to consider. Recent studies demonstrate that two-thirds of university students are living below the poverty line and that financial stress is increasing. Financial assistance given through scholarships helps to cover necessary costs associated with university study, such as accommodation, living costs, text books and computers.

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Drive:

I'd like to convey sincere admiration to the President, Danette Gale, and also to other P&C members for the management of the 2018 fundraiser. There will be further information from Danette at our meeting, no doubt, but these efforts are greatly appreciated across the school community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N Meader', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Norman Meader
Principal
Koorungal High School

26th August 2018