

25th July 2016

Cranbourne East Secondary College School Council Report

Dear Families,

School Council was held on Monday 25th July at 7pm, please find below a report of some of the items discussed at that meeting.

We welcomed Assistant Principal Craig Allender and student voice representatives Joel Varghese and Jasmin Nicoziani to the meeting.

We firstly heard from Joel Varghese who spoke to us regarding the Multi-Cultural Day to be held on November 22nd. Firstly I would like to say that this young man spoke so eloquently regarding his thoughts on Multi-Culturalism within the school and within the world, some of our current world leaders could learn something from him. Joel spoke about the activities that are being planned for this day including students being able to wear their traditional/cultural dress, having a variety of different foods available, having a stage for traditional and cultural music and dance, a free language workshop and promoting anti-racism and anti-violence with badges.

Joel touched on his experience with the Breakfast Club and recognised the 'Great Leadership' from Ms McGuire with this program. Ms McGuire is also organising for the student helpers of the Breakfast club to complete their Food Handlers Certificate.

Jasmine also spoke to us regarding her ideas for Multi-cultural Day. Jasmine mentioned that she had recently started at the school after coming over from Perth and she was impressed with the level of multi-culturalism that we had with the school – much more than her previous school. Jasmine's ideas for the day included surveying all the students to find out how many different nationalities we have in the school, decorating the home room classes with flags that the students can make representing their nationalities and also having some drama improvisation sessions representing different cultures. This day is still in the planning phase, however it sounds like it will be a highlight of the school calendar.

Next we heard from Mr Allender regarding the different avenues the school is currently perusing in an effort to increase communication to parents. The new school website is up and running and provides up to date and relevant information regarding the school. Pages regarding the curriculum, Compass, upcoming events at the school and also the extra curriculum activities/clubs that the school provides, including the Homework Club, Breakfast Club, Diversity Club, Maths Club and many more.

Mr Allender explained that there are also video tutorials on the website to help parents with logging on to Compass. Compass is a great source of information regarding your child/ren's learning. The site has the student's timetable, homework tasks, school reports and ongoing subject update reports. Excursions and camp payments can be made through the site along with permission slips for activities. You can also approve absences for your child via Compass. If you have misplaced your log in details please contact the office.

Five new Facebook pages have also been added for the school – A general information page, Careers page, Literacy and Numeracy pages and also a Sports page. These pages are a great source of information and updates.

Mrs Strickland updated school council on some new staffing appointments. We would like to welcome them all to the school.

- Simon Richards – Year 7 & 8 Assistant Principal
- Annie Eastwood – Year 9 & 10 / Student Engagement and Wellbeing Assistant Principal
- Ann Gauld, and Phillip Hay – English
- Nancy Huez – joining the Careers team

Mrs Strickland noted that there was a fantastic turn out of parents and students to the year 10 to year 11 information night and that term 3 is a term for planning for 2017 for staff and students.

Parent Opinion surveys have been sent out, the recipients of these are randomly selected via computer, if you have received a survey please make sure you return it to the school by the required date.

School council reviewed the Homework Policy and this will be available on the school website shortly. We also approved the purchase of new lockers which will be for the Year 10 students.

Expression of interest forms regarding a Debutant Ball for year 11 students will be going out very soon. Despite some rumours floating around, please note that this is an event that the school council and the social activities sub-committee is very keen to have go ahead.

The school council would like to thank the Social sub-committee and all involved in organising the Year 10 Formal. The night was a hit with students and staff with approximately 100 students getting dressed up and dancing the night away.

Just a reminder that Parent, Teacher, Student interviews are on Thursday 28th, with students not attending school on this day, however they are required at the interviews. Interviews can be booked via Compass.

There is a Free Dress day on Friday; a gold coin donation is required with all proceeds going towards the Breakfast Club.

I would like to thank Craig Allender, Joel Varghese and Jasmin Nicoziani for their attendance at the meeting and for their reports. The school council will meet again on Monday 22nd August, if you have any issues that you wish the school council to discuss please feel free to email me directly on griffiths.rebecca.e@edumail.vic.gov.au or via the school email, ATT: School Council.

Thank you

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