

## **P&C Meeting – 16.09.20 - Principal's Report**

### **1. Covid – 19 updates for schools:**

- No new changes to previous advice, at this stage;
- There have been suggestions that NSW Health are making changes to the current Covid guidelines, expected around beg. October;
- DoE are not aware of what impact this will be and the impact that this will have on schools & school operations – pending.
- Hand sanitiser automated units have been installed in all classrooms & main school areas including foyer, assembly & music halls, preschool & team Kids. Hand sanitiser contains 75% alcohol & is TGA tested against Covid.

### **2. Preschool – ACEQUA (Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority) Assessment:**

- Kegworth Preschool has received notification of our scheduled assessment & rating against the National Quality standards;
- Authorised service officer will visit the service & review appropriate Preschool documentation at some time in Term 4, 2020;
- School will receive confirmed dates with 5 days notice of visit;
- Previous assessment was in November 2016.

### **3. Social Media – KPS parent webinar:**

- Increasing concerns regarding social media, including inappropriate content that has been recently streamed;
- eSafety is offering a range of webinars online for parents to support their kids.
- Webinar – “Helping Kids Thrive Online” – looks at how to support your child with on & offline friendships, harmful content, contact with online strangers and what to do if your feeling unsafe.
- eSafety offering for groups with 50+ participants – school will be organising for KPS parents to join.
- More information to come.

### **4. Situational Analysis – “Family - School Partnerships” assessment tool:**

- School is currently undertaking a review of “Family-School Partnerships’ framework as part of our situational analysis with regards to the relationship that the school has with its community.
- The school will be using this assessment tool to identify areas of strength and / or development against the 7 x key dimensions for planning partnerships – communication, connecting learning at home and at school, building community & identity, recognising the role of the family, consulting on decision making, collaborating beyond the school and participation
- Teaching staff and school leadership team focus groups have already completed their sections.
- Parent focus group (volunteers) needed to provide input from parent community  
Ideally, one parent representative per year group would be ideal (ie: 9 x parents – P - 6) to complete “Family - School Partnerships” assessment tool, under each of the category headings.
- Information collected remains anonymous and will be combined with other focus group submissions to provide an overall determination of where the school is currently at and where to next.

### **5. Student Behaviour Strategy – draft:**

- Recommendations have been outlined to manage and support the behaviours of students and to combat the high rates of suspensions in schools.

- Finding and recommendations have come from a number of independent reviews including 2017 NSW Ombudsmen inquiry into behaviour management in schools / 2017 NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into students with a disability or special needs In NSW schools.
- KPS Leadership team will be reviewing the draft policy and submitting feedback by the end of term.
- Strategy is expected to be finalised in October 2020 with full implementation scheduled to commence on Day – T1, 2021.

**6. Class Structure 2021:**

- School currently has received 55 x Kindergarten applications for 2021.
- Letters of offer have been posted for all in-area enrolments – waiting to receive acceptance responses for these;
- Out of area enrolment applications (x 11) are currently being reviewed and considered;
- Current K – 5 parents/caregivers have been asked to respond to e-form for “Student Preparation 2021” by Wednesday 16 September.
- Once all information has been received, school can begin working on draft 2021 draft class structure.

**7. Traffic Management – Kegworth St**

- Issues regarding double parking, u turns into school driveway and stopping to drop off students at driveway (rather than parking) have been on a rise during past weeks – especially on wet weather days.
- Have been in touch with Inner West Council - road safety officer from council to discuss concerns & organise rangers to monitor situation

**8. Upcoming events:**

- a. ‘Steptember – K – 6 Step a thon’ – students to come as their favourite sportsperson – Thursday 24 Sept (week 10) – gold coins donation on the day. Students (year groupings) will be participating in a ‘step circuit” to complete during the day at school. All proceeds go to support people living with cerebral palsy.
- b. Year 2 – Picnic & Play Lunch Day – Tuesday 22 September 2020 – Lambert Park