

P&C MEETING – 18.11.20 - PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

1. HEART FELT THANKS...

On behalf of the students and staff, I would like to sincerely thank our Kegworth parent community and in particular our outgoing P&C for the ongoing support throughout this year, as we navigated through the foreign and everchanging landscape of Covid and learning.

No one could have predicted that the fresh start of a new decade would end up with the year that we have experienced.

Words cannot express how grateful we are, for everyone’s cooperation, understanding, resilience, flexibility, general good humour and endless amounts of coffee cards, edible delights and messages of support and hope, that undeniably made a huge and positive impact on our staff and helped us all get through what would certainly have been one of our toughest learning years yet!

We can share with our parent community, the frustrations of learning from home, juggling your own job commitments with the learning commitments of your children, the staggered days of returning to school, the cancellation of many student & school activities and the limitation of school access and personal contact, which is a huge part of our beautiful Kegworth culture and community. And ... yet we have all survived!

Thank you again for all of your support of our students, staff and school in 2020. And whilst we may still be unsure as to what the next year will bring, we know that the partnership between our school and our parent community will continue to be a strong as it is today and together we can weather anything that is thrown at us. Here’s hoping for a calmer 2021

2. Classes 2021

- 14 x class structure:
 - 3 x Kinder
 - 4 x Year 1/2 (multi-age)
 - 2 x Year 3
 - 1 x 3/4 (multi-age)
 - 1 x Year 4
 - 3 x Years 5 / 6 (multi-age)
- Staff changes:
 - Courtney Levine – new permanent teacher, expected to start at Kegworth beginning of 2021.
 - Kristy Williams - leaving Kegworth to take up a permanent appointment at an independent school.
 - Anticipating that all other current temporary staff positions will also be retained – TBA
 - No decision made as to what classes / stages teachers will be on as yet – work in progress.

3. Student Reports

- Teachers are completing Semester 2 – K – 6 Student reports.
- Emailed out to parents on Wednesday 10 December

4. Skoolbag – school communication

- ongoing issues with Skoolbag functionality since upgrade last week, beyond school’s control
- currently looking at other communications options for 2021 - that incorporate not only communication, eforms & newsletter but also support interview booking systems as well – one stop shop!

5. K – 6 Student Workbooks for 2021

- Parents & carers will be able to order & pay online for their child’s 2021 workbook requirements.
- Cut off date for online ordering will be middle of January 2021.
- All prepaid workbooks will be then be delivered in time for the start of school year.
- All information will be forwarded to families before the end of the school year.

6. **Properties:**

A. Assembly Hall – Sound System Upgrade

- Works confirmed to start Monday 30 November – Friday 4 December

B. Programmed Works – external repair & painting.

- Frontage of school to be painted & repaired – no firm date yet advised.
- Meeting held with AMU officer this week to get traction on this – hopeful for a positive answer and start of works, in next few weeks.

C. Junior Playground Softfall

- Repair work has been completed over past months to repair damaged sections of softfall to prevent trip hazards.
- Original softfall dates back to 2006 – now beyond repair, needs to be removed and replaced.
- School & AMU are working on quotes for replacement soft fall and / or artificial turf – more information – TBA

7. **P&C Requested funds for 2021** – see page 3 – to be discussed

8. **General – items raised:**

A. Athletics Carnival – winning house

- House points are as follows: Blue = 125 / Green = 124 / Red = 127 / Yellow = 112

B. PBL – House Party

- Breakdown K – 6 students in each house are: Blue = 83 / Green = 86 / Red = 81 / Yellow = 81
- Each year Kindergarten students (who are not siblings) are allocated to houses to even up numbers, as much as is possible.
- PBL house points are provided by each class weekly, to go to an overall house point score for the term. House that achieves the highest score collectively, wins the house party for that term.
- PBL school team are reviewing school processes for tokens & data re: class & house scores in preparation for 2021.

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P & C REQUESTED FUNDS FOR 2021

1. Specialist Visual Arts Specialist Teacher Program – 1 x day per week = \$ 23 000:00 per year.

- Remainder of funds will be requested from 2020 – Visual Arts levy per student of \$55 / year and contribution of school supported funds (\$55 x 300 students = \$16 500)

• P & C requested funds to continue to support this initiative in 2021 = \$ 5000:00

2. Digital Technology

- Interactive Whiteboards x 3 (12 x IWBs have been replaced via school funds in 2020)

• P & C requested funds to support this initiative in 2021 = \$ 12 000:00

3. Maintenance of 6 x air conditioning units (twice per year) = \$ 840:00 (approx.)

Total: \$ 17 840 (approx.)