

Minutes for School Council Meeting

Tuesday, 3 April 2020 at 2pm

Attending: Karen Sinclair (Principal), Lynda Wieden, Robyn Webster (President), Jess Smith (Secretary), Sally Baker, James Dolton, Genevieve Andersen.

Robyn Webster opened the meeting.

1. Reports

- **Principal's report**

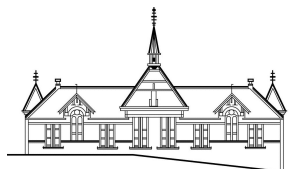
In the past School Council Meeting we had discussed the possibility of an economic downturn increasing school numbers. With COVID-19 having a high impact on the workforce, Karen Sinclair has requested the Department explore the placement of a demountable near the rainforest as a matter of priority to be prepared for 2021.

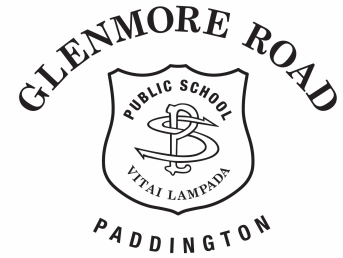
To contain the spread of COVID-19, on Monday 24 March, the NSW Government encouraged families to keep their children home, so we are currently in early week 2 of the Learning from Home schooling model. Karen is very thankful to the whole school community for adjusting. Currently we have 10% of students learning at school and 90% undertaking home learning.

In week 9 there was a need for quick delivery of home learning materials, in week 10 the School is in the process of fine tuning and improving Learning from Home material, systems and online platforms to access learning resources. The staff and Executive team have collaborated very well and continue to explore ways to increase communication with students and parents.

In week 11 the School is aiming to consolidate communication strategies with parents. Staff are becoming more aware of how to use different online platforms. All K-2 classes are using the Seesaw App. 3-6 classes are trialling lessons over platforms including zoom and google classroom to work out what works best for both students and teachers.

The priority of the school is keeping students engaged with learning, and supporting the entire school community with the Learning from Home model. Staff support and





development is also a key focus at this time, including how to make best use of technology and other ways to continue the student learning program.

A parent survey will be designed to gain family and carer feedback on how they are experiencing supporting their children with the Learning from Home program. The survey responses will provide practical information and insights to assist the school with support for students, parents and carers.

As a result of COVID-19 delivery timelines will need to be adjusted for the three-way conferences and term reports.

The Council thanked Karen for her leadership in these unprecedented times of COVID-19.

Karen also reported that the Annual report is nearing completion and will welcome proof reading and feedback from the Council to finalise.

- **P&C Report**

Sally reported that P&C meetings are currently unable to be held due to the current COVID-19 social distancing protocol. While a zoom meeting was proposed, the P&C Federation has determined that this would not be suitable without a change in the constitution which requires Ministerial input.

2. Business Arising

- **Acceptance of minutes from 11 March 2020**

Linda Wieden proposed we accept the minutes from the 11th of March, Genevieve Andersen seconded the receiving of the minutes.

3. Other business

All other business is on hold while we respond to COVID19. In future we hope to look at the 2020 School Council planning, objectives and priorities.

The next meeting was set for Friday 8th of May at 2pm.

