**School Council Annual General Meeting**

**31 May 2023**

**Neutral Bay Public School, 2P Classroom**

**Present:**

(Parent representatives) Christine Comerford, Rachel Thompson, Deepti Paton, Fumi Rice

(Community Representatives) Jillian Skinner, Jess Keen

(School Staff) Victor Tan, Kate McIness, Poppy Moir

Minutes : Deepti Paton, Fumi Rice

**Meeting opened by Kate McIness at 8:06am**

* Acknowledgement of Country

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

* Meeting minutes were PROPOSED by Rachel Thompson and accepted by Christine Comerford

**Annual School Report**

Victor Tan presented the Annual School Report.

**National Reconciliation Week**

This week is National Reconciliation Week. The week is an opportunity for all Australians to

learn about our shared histories, and actively be a voice for reconciliation throughout our

day-to-day lives. On Tuesday, as part of recognising National Reconciliation Week, Susan Moylan-

Coombs addressed staff and students at a whole school assembly. Susan is a respected elder

of the Gaimaragal Group. We were honoured that she was able to share her history and

stories with us.

**School Plan - Initiative D**

This initiative is about inclusion. This initiative covers the school’s planning for

implementation of the High Potential and Gifted Education policy. Genevieve Carnegie and

Kyle Sheather spoke about how the school is using professional learning to implement this

policy in classrooms and for a diverse range of students in both mainstream and OC classes.

**Canberra Excursion**

Year 6 students along with the dream team of Ms Chandra, Ms Mondal, Mr Foley, Mr Stone,

Mr Sheather and Mr Kessler had a successful excursion to Canberra last week. This

excursion ties in closely with learning in science, geography and history units with visits to

Questacon, Parliament House, the Australian Mint and the War Memorial.

**Public Speaking at North Sydney Council**

On Friday, Lucas 5H and Ayla 4H spoke at the North Sydney Council Citizenship Ceremony as

the Neutral Bay Public School representatives for our school. A letter to the school from the

Mayor of North Sydney, Zoe Baker, read ‘It was an absolute delight to have Ayla and Lucas,

who addressed and welcomed our new citizens with eloquent, warm and engaging

speeches.’ The letter also continued ‘This public speaking initiative could not have happened

without the dedication and professionalism of Ms Tatiana Barone-Kriznar’.

**Changes to our playground**

We have been working to improve our playground in preparation for the building upgrade.

Here are some of the changes we have made:

● a reduction in the number of large ball games taking place on the grass area for

safety

● professional soccer coaches giving skills to students to encourage team play and

passing the ball below the knee. The professional coaches are present two lunch

times a week for Years 1-6.

● visiting Forsyth Park during the week to give children access to green space.

**Any Other Business**

Transport plan (traffic sign) update

School Building Construction update

Meeting adjourned at 8:45am.