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**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday 27 October 2021 8.00am via**  
**Zoom**

Present:

Christine Comerford, Alice Lai, Judy Goodsell, Victor Tan, Rachel Thompson, Jen Carew, Kate MacInnes, Helen Wilson, Jess Keen, Poppy Moir

Apologies: Sharmila Soorian, Jillian Skinner

Minutes: Alice Lai

Meeting opened by Christine Comerford at 8.08 am

- Acknowledgement of Country

Previous minutes

- Both minutes from September 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 and August 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting were approved by the Council and will be uploaded to the NBPS website.

End of term School Council representatives – Community and Staff representatives

- Past P&C President – Sharmila Soorian – The Council would like to thank Sharmila for her steady influence on the school community over the years and her genuine commitment to all the students, staff, parents and community members of NBPS. She has been an integral part of volunteering and fundraising for a long time and represents a wonderful role model for our parent community. We would like to wish her and her family a bright and happy future.
- Jen Carew – The Council would like to thank Jen Carew for her committed service and contribution to the NBPS School Council over the past 3 years.

Principal's report

**Return to school**

- Discussed students returning to face-to-face learning. Thank you to the school community for their support during the staged return and abiding by the stay-at-home orders during the lockdown period and to the team who put together the high quality online learning program. Special acknowledge to Ms Genevieve Carnegie for leading and overseeing this.

**Bikes and Scooter**

- The school ask that students do not ride scooters or bikes to school due to lack of parking facilities and already congested paths around the school.
- Facilities for bikes and scooters will be considered in the upcoming new build.

**Student Awards**

We are very proud of the following student awards:

- Kingsley H who won the Mosman Library's 2021 Children's Book Week Award (age group 6-9yrs old) for writing a very inspiring poem.
- Tournament of Minds – One team won the virtual Regional Finals and represented Northern Sydney Region in the NSW State finals. An outstanding achievement in the Language and Literature section.
- Operation Art - 3 of the 4 entries submitted have been selected as winners. Two will take part in the touring

exhibition and will later become part of the Children's hospital at Westmead's permanent collection. The other one will be given to the Office of the Children's Guardian to be exhibited in their offices and later donated to regional hospitals. Congratulations to Emmeline G, Amelia G and Tara C.

## **NAPLAN**

2021 NAPLAN results were discussed and the key highlights are as follows:

- 2021 results showed an upward trajectory in the school's top two bands and student growth in most areas.
- Writing results were generally pleasing in both top two bands and growth.
- Reading results were outstanding and in some cases the best results since 2010.
- Grammar and Punctuation will be included in the 2022 strategies and school plan.
- While numeracy showed an upward trend in growth and top two bands, the school is planning to enhance this through high impact professional learning eg. Primary Maths Specialist Initiative (PMSI), working mathematically, problem solving and showing your working

### Other business

- **School building upgrade** –School Infrastructure NSW are putting together a team for the design phase. The school has nominated Liz Henry (President of P&C Association) and Christine Comerford (School Council President) as members of the Project Reference Group.
- **Transport - Flashing lights** – No further update.

### Upcoming meetings for 2022

- Term 1 – February 2022

Council meeting closed at **8.53am**.