



PFA Meeting - AGM

Monday 4th March 2024
7.00pm, Building A

Present

Andrew McNeil (Principal), Mohammad Soheili (President), Johan Cameron (Treasurer), Angela Booth, Martina Johnson, Amanda Yap, Caly Kan, Phuong Nguyen, Neil Barker (Secretary), Stuart Summerville

Apologies

Ashley Tolliday (Vice President), Connie Lee, James Chan, May-Na Bee, Gerti Rauscher-Moar

Previous Minutes

Accepted Johan, seconded Angela

Principal's Report

Numbers and staff

Almost 1200 students this year. New teacher appointments due to growth plus 6 retirements, focus on English and Maths. Two new Leader positions this year – Curriculum, and Engagement, plus a new mental health position. Places for 80 international students which brings in extra income.

2023 results

The 2023 ATAR results were excellent with 26% >90 with an average of near 80. The government median score was 32 (all subjects), compare to all Vic schools average of 30. This year it's 'Focus on 40' so aiming for 33 or more. Results for girls were better than boys and that includes maths and science. A wide mix of pathways after Y12, popular areas pre-medicine, global studies, art. Y7 and Y9 Naplan results were excellent.

Culture

Under the government scoring system Koonung is considered a "Renew" school (high achiever but static). Top tier is "Transform" (high achiever with growth) and bottom is "Stretch" (low achiever, static). Areas Koonung did well at were reading, numeracy, engagement, senior secondary. Areas needing work this year are participation, student attitude, school climate. Attitude is 49% average, close to the state average but will be a focus in 2024. Staff Opinion is now greatly above the state average. The parent survey showed two main areas needing work: environment of school, school motivation and support of students

IT

ICT upgrade all done, a few teething problems due to Education Department not passing on all information required but now fixed and all running faster. Everyone is on Microsoft 365 with Teams so great accessibility with everything in the one place. Slightly less info on Compass now.

Capital works

A-block extension/completion will double its size with 9 extra classrooms. Won't be linked to the theatre/basketball building by a skyway over the roadway now.

Other improvements will be more greenery, a front deck entrance to A-block, probable asphaltting of the car park. There are 22 ramps in the school and none are compliant for disability. Uniform shop will be relocated to A-block for better controllable accessibility. New toilets have been completed.

The capital works plans will be copied to Martina for info for fundraising activities in 2024.

Uniform

The blazer is liked by Y7, Y11, and Y12 but not so much by Y8, Y9, Y10. The spray jacket is fairly universally disliked, not warm, not waterproof. Both are bespoke and Koonung is liable for stock and materials, approx \$100K.

A new Soft Shell jacket is being designed - waterproof, warm, and importantly not bespoke. Designs and price to come but may well be cheaper than the spray jacket, and may form an option as part of the academic uniform.

60th Anniversary

Allira Howe is lead on this. Will be on the same day as Koonung Day. The school will have a budget and the PFA can tap into this.

Review

2024 is a review year for the school (it's a 4 year cycle) and key stakeholders will form part of it

School Council report

Key items not covered by the Principal's report:

Reports by the Y12 student leaders

Ski camp

Student leadership

Artist in Schools – grant application, eg. new garden

60th anniversary discussions

Treasurer's report

This is attached.

Stacy Kerr is still to clarify a couple of items

There were two main ledger accounts in 2023 – the PFA account and the Oval Transformation account.

The second hand book stall was slightly up last year but in future there will be fewer text books so will probably slowly decrease.

The second hand uniform shop is going well with an increase last year, however some funds are yet to be sent to parents.

The oval work came in at slightly below budget, \$19K

Uniform shop

May-Na reported a steady start to the year with a few busy days. Friday hours: students 1.15 to 2.00pm and parents 2.00pm to 3.15pm

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Mohammad Soheili (president) and Ashley Tolliday (Vice President) both indicated they were standing down this year. A big thank-you to both for their 2023 involvement

Johan Cameron (current Treasurer) and Neil Barker (current Secretary) indicated they were both happy to continue in 2024. Unanimously accepted.

We will park elections for all unfilled positions until the next meeting as no nominations have been received. This will include nominations for the two volunteer positions - WhatsApp coordinator (vacant), and Event coordinator (vacant)

Next meeting

We will initiate the Webex stream process for the next meeting to enable parent access from home. Need to publicise it prior and send the link out closer to the date

Close

8.10pm

Next meetings (7.00pm unless advised otherwise)

T1

March 25th

T2

April 22nd & June 3rd

T3

August 5th & September 2nd

T4

October 7th & November 25th

Next events

Working Bee Sun 17th March from 9.30am

Mother's Day breakfast 10th May

Father's Day breakfast 30th Aug

Koonung Day and 60th year anniversary 20th Sep

Y12 last day 16th Oct

World Teachers Day thank-you morning tea 25th Oct

Second hand book sale 5th & 7th Dec

Y7 Orientation morning tea 7th Dec

Fundraising: Uniform shop, plus others tbc
(calendar attached)