

Theodore Primary School Board Minutes 31 August 2021 – Online via Zoom

Attendance: Debbie Martens, Charisse Enrique, Sue Farrelly, Alison Yialeloglou, Katya Drake, Gavin Haywood & Rose Rodriguez (Minutes)

Apologies: Nathan Pepper

Conflict of Interest: Nil

Student Ministers: Nil

Minutes of Previous Meeting: 29 July 2021
Passed: Sue Farrelly **Second:** Katya Drake

Business Arising:

Sustainability Thermal Comfort project

Theodore Primary School and the Directorate have approval to move forward with joint project. Areas of the school to be upgraded with Thermal control are the School Hall, Library and Yackatoon Unit. Theodore Primary School will fund the project from the Feed- in Tariff with a maximum cost of \$15,000 to THDP and the Directorate paying the balance. The appointed Project coordinator will be responsible for the oversight and completion of the project.

Upgrade Senior Boys & Girls toilets and Chipala staff toilet

The Directorate has approved the toilet upgrades and the appointed project coordinator will be responsible for the oversight and completion of the project. This project to be undertaken and completed during the 6 weeks school holidays at the end of the year.

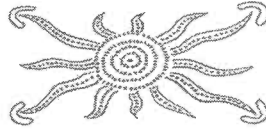
Finance

<i>School Board Finance End of July 2021</i>	<i>Contributions & Donations</i>	<i>Grants</i>
Operating results \$159,621	Voluntary as of 30 Aug 21 \$5463	National Aust Bank \$10,000
Liabilities \$7,065	Donations as of 30 Aug 21 \$5000	Iconic Trails bike project
Reserves \$100,000	Bikes purchase -\$2537	Active Travel Grant \$1,500
Accumulated funds \$133,490	P&C Donation \$3000	Promote & support active Travel
Bank balance of End May \$400,176	Student reading resources	Fresh taste \$500
Library Trust \$1,273		Kitchen Garden
		Aust Sports Commission \$5,000
		Sporting Grant
		Keep Australia Beautiful \$240
		Kitchen Garden

The success of the Grants will be communicated to the school community through the Newsletter and Facebook.

Passed: Alison Yialeloglou **Second:** Sue Farrelly





Principal's report

Lockdown Update

As I am writing this report, the information from our Chief Minister and the ACT Education Directorate is that there will be an announcement on Tuesday 31st about whether the lockdown in ACT will be extended or not. It seems likely that we will continue with some form of remote learning until the end of term 3.

Remote Learning

Our teachers are reporting significantly better engagement from the students in remote learning this time as compared to remote learning in 2019. They have large numbers of students checking in each day and the majority of students are completing the learning tasks set for them by their teachers. Students are expected to check in each day by either attending a Google Meet (Years 3-6) or completing a check-in task on SeeSaw each day (Pre- Year 2). By checking in this way teachers can mark the roll to indicate that students are in attendance with flexible learning. We are still seeing a small number of children of essential workers attend school. They are being supervised to engage in the remote learning tasks and Google Meets set up by their class teachers.

We have a daily roster of staff who are able and feel comfortable to come into school with on-call staff if our student numbers grow. This roster includes at least 1 executive teacher, 2 teachers, an LSA or Youth Worker most days, Rose and/or Laurie and then either Nathan or I.

Teachers are also following up with the families of students who are not completing work online or are failing to engage at all. We are offering many forms of support, including the provision of devices, free internet, hard copy packs of work, small group or family Google Meets and also the opportunity for these students to attend school, either full or part days so that they are able to access help at school. Aimee, our Family and Community Engagement Coordinator has contacted a number of our vulnerable students and their families to provide targeted support.

Assessment and Reporting

This time, with remote learning teachers are expected to assess and report on student learning with A-E reporting at the end of the year. Last time during remote learning teachers were able to provide a 'STATUS' grade for subject areas that they were not confident in reporting on due to lack of student learning evidence. This year teachers will be expected to report on all curriculum areas using A- E grades. If we are back at school next term, it will be easy to do this. However, if remote learning continues into term 4 there will be a layer of complexity that goes along with A-E reporting. It also adds a level of responsibility to students at home and also families to ensure that students complete tasks, including assessment tasks appropriately.

School Events

Unfortunately, it is unlikely that many of our whole school and community events will go ahead this year. This includes P & C events such as the Colour Fun Run, disco or the Preschool Fair. It is also unlikely that camps or inter school sports events will go ahead. We will wait on confirmation but we are not getting our hopes up at this stage. As a school we have learnt how to be creative in the virtual space and we will again look at ways to celebrate our students and our school in different but exciting ways.

School Climate and Satisfaction Survey Postponed

We have been informed that the school climate and satisfaction surveys have been postponed to term 4 due to lockdown. As a school we value the information this survey provides and look forward to collecting it next term to assist in informing us of future directions.

Debbie Martens
Principal



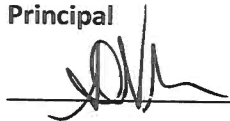


General Business

- Welcome **Gavin Haywood** to Theodore PS school board
- Yr 6 Ministers researched and placed an order for two soccer goals which have been purchased and will be ready for use by students in term 4.
- P&C Fundraising Committee to discuss organising Colour Run and Disco for term 4
- The School Board members acknowledge the efforts of Executive, teachers & LSA's during students' online learning. Students have a key sense of adapting to the change and the continual communication during lockdown.

Meeting closed 4.35pm

Principal **Debbie Martens**



Board Chair **Alison Yialelglou**



Date 6/12/2021

Date 3RD DECEMBER 2021.



