

## May School Council Meeting Report

The latest School Council meeting was held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. The following points were raised and discussed during the meeting, and I would like to outline them for the wider school community.

- *Aberfeldie Primary Green Travel Plan.* Angela Simons (parent) along with Abbey Wright (5/6 teacher) have been responsible for the development and implementation of this. While it is still in the final planning stages, they have done a significant amount of work during the end of 2018 and throughout this year to date. This has included: seeking parent, student and outside input to gather data about the travel methods of our families and the factors influencing our travel decisions; organising and promoting the Ride2School day in March; and liaising with Moonee Valley Council around designated safe routes to the school. Angela updated School Council about this process and identified a range of identified targeted steps currently being undertaken to accomplish these.
- *Principal's Report.* Heather updated School Council regarding the building works around the school. The building project is nearing completion with final works hopefully being completed over the June/July school holidays.
- *APS subcommittees.* Four subcommittees were formed at this meeting and convenors were appointed for each subcommittee. **Subcommittees are open for all interested families to be involved**, so if you would like to join one (excluding Finance) please send an email to [aberfeldie.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:aberfeldie.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) and attention it to the convenor. They will then be in touch with information and the next meeting date. The subcommittees formed were:
  - Finance – John Kapiris (Treasurer and convenor)
  - Fundraising – Michelle Dervin (convenor)
  - Buildings and Grounds – Heather Golder (convenor)
  - Policy, Planning, & Review – (Yvette Wazny (convenor)
- *Positive Recognition.* In her Principal's Report, Heather acknowledged the hard work of the staff Professional Learning Community (PLC) leaders Tayissa Coppinger (Prep), Danielle Soccio (Grade 1/2), and Emma Sprakel (Grade 3/4), with support from Shaun Bishop. The PLC leaders have introduced this approach with their teams, with the aim of working collaboratively at a school level to improve student outcomes. The School Council also felt positive recognition should be given to: Louisa Howe for her co-ordination of the Mother's Day stall, and Colleen Birtwhistle for the gifts she made; Katie Harrison for her co-ordination and promotion of the upcoming Trivia Night; Angela Simons and Abby Wright for their ongoing work on the APS Green Travel Plan; and Camilla Briggs for the initiative of the Wednesday morning running club. Everyone's efforts, commitment and hard work is appreciated and valued.
- *Next Meeting.* The next School Council meeting will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June. One of the agenda items will be to discuss the allocation of the 2018 Fundraising funds to school projects or equipment.

Please feel free to contact Heather, myself or any of our School Councillors to discuss concerns or to request items be placed on the agenda for our next meeting. Further information regarding the School Council members and scope and responsibility of School Council can be found at <http://www.aberfeldieps.vic.edu.au/community.php?id=17>.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy month,

Bec Sobell  
APS School Council President