

School Board Report

Term 4 Friday 4 December 2020

Finance Update: The Voluntary Contributions for this year are down in comparison to previous years. This is partly due to the DoE ruling that no reminders should be sent out to families this year, being as it has been a difficult year for many of our families. The current school numbers for 2021 are 604 students, however this is changing daily. During the December holidays, a small nature play area will be developed in the Kindy which will make a lovely addition for students to explore in the New Year. MCS Debbie Humphrey was thanked on behalf of the Board, for the outstanding job she does for the school, especially at this time of the year when staffing and planning need extra attention.

Focus 2021: As part of the Department of Education's strategic direction, the Focus 2021 document outlines focus areas for public schools where "Every student, every class, every day" matters. Discussion points around Focus 2021 included;

- Supporting learners to make the best start with high quality, evidence based learning opportunities provided in the early years.
- Provision of education programs during potential disruption to face to face learning should be adhered to. Schools will be supported in using online learning, should this need arise.
- Creating learning environments that promote resilience, optimism, confidence and self-efficacy.
- Building the capacity of Principals, teachers and allied professionals.
- Support for schools' autonomy within the public school system to improve the quality of teaching and leadership, all focussed to improve student learning.
- Developing partnerships with families and agencies to support student engagement. This encompasses a strong Aboriginal focus, acknowledging family and culture to engage and support Aboriginal students.

NAPLAN Assessments were unable to be undertaken this year due to Covid-19, however the school received a letter of commendation from the Minister of Education, congratulating the school for a strong performance in the 2019 NAPLAN assessments.

Student Wellbeing has been a focus this year and it was very encouraging to listen to the Year 5 students deliver their student Councillor speeches this week, focussing on supporting each other and showing the values of a Carine Kid.

CSHS Links and Network: The Board was provided with an overview of the CSHS facilities upgrades and new initiatives undertaken by the school. There were many highlights to be celebrated both as a whole school and for individual students.

Reflections on Achievements 2020: Despite the Covid limitations, the school continued to do things for the benefit of students. Some of these areas included;

- Students / Curriculum: Students achieved outstanding results in teaching and learning opportunities, both in the core subjects as well as the Arts.
- CSHS Band: The band entertained students to encourage the continuation of music in the high school.
- P&C Events: These initiatives have been a great success, especially the online raffle which raised more than expected. The school acknowledges the hard work and organisation by parents involved.
- Assemblies: The school has run assemblies on a Webex basis for the whole school and Merit Certificates have continued to be awarded to deserving students.
- Athletics Carnivals: Carine PS was responsible for running the CDSSA Athletics Carnivals for 2020 and due to the outstanding organisation by CPS school staff, students from the district enjoyed participating.

Board members were taken to view the upgrades in Block B and the wall mural in the Undercover Assembly area. These improvements have enhanced the school grounds and environment and are being enjoyed by all.

The Board Chair thanked Board members for their support over the past year and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.