

School Board Report Term 1

Friday 1 March 2024

Welcome Blake and Penny: Blake Jaenke and Penny Seet are our newest Board members. Each gave a brief introduction by way of their personal circumstances. Penny has two children currently at the school with a third in Kindy next year. Penny is a Dr in charge of two emergency vet hospitals. Blake has two children at the school and has a Chartered Accountant practice. He is also the P&C Treasurer.

Both were warmly welcomed by Board members and are extremely enthusiastic about their new role.

Board Business: The Board discussed the Board Terms of Reference, Code of Conduct and Professional Learning requirements to be undertaken as a Board member.

School Structure: There are no composite classes at Carine PS this year and numbers are at good class sizes, within recommended guidelines, except Year 3s who are slightly higher. The school numbers are currently at 572 but this most probably will increase as the year goes on. There are 52 Kindies, slightly less than last year which is evident of shrinking numbers in the area. Students are taken from in boundary but where there are year groups needing growth, out of boundary students are considered.

Sample Work- Year One: The Board was shown some sample work from Year 1, Room 3 where students were motivated to write a narrative of what happened when aliens visited Earth in the very hot sun. The message of SEEK, SLIP, SLOP, SLAP and SLIDE was promoted in this activity. Board members were impressed by the amazing language used by the students and the punctuation contained within the body of the story.

Bob Ford Tribute: Bob Ford was a teacher at Carine PS for over 30 years and staff members were saddened by his passing. The contribution he made to the school during that time was considerable and varied and as such, both the staff and P&C are requesting acknowledgement of Bob's time at the school through a memorial. Ideas suggested were, naming the oval after him, a football trophy for the best player at the Lightning Carnival and a bench outside the Year 6 rooms. The trophy idea seemed popular and this will be discussed further with both the P&C and staff, before a final decision is made.