



Services & Sub-Committee Reports

P&C Meeting 15 March 2021

Uniform

Website

New Square online store was launched on Thursday 25 February and has been an easier than anticipated transition. We have had 72 sales through the store and so far so good, with no problems encountered.



Locally Made Winter Uniform

We have now placed our winter orders with our preferred suppliers. The great news is they are making a number of our garment ranges here in Brookvale rather than overseas so it should be a much more reliable service than waiting for overseas shipments to arrive. Plus it's good to be able to support local businesses.

New Opening Hours for Uniform Store

Now that Covid restrictions have been relaxed our store opening hours have been amended again. We can now open Tuesday 8.00am-9.15am and Thursday 3.15pm-4.30pm with no appointment required. Visitors will still need to scan in at the gate using the QR code and fill in the External Visitors form once in the uniform shop.

Logo Embroidery Option

We have been offered the chance to have our logo embroidered onto polos rather than using transfers which should prolong the life of the polos and also look smarter. I'm waiting for a sample before we make a decision.

Melissa Dalton – Uniform Store Manager

Canteen

Cashless System Alternative to Flexischools

Currently looking at a new cashless payment system. There are too many issues and not enough support from Flexischools. The team have narrowed it down to 2 options and are currently working through a comparison report and will conduct some user testing before making a decision. Targeting a date of mid Term 2 for the implementation of the new system.



Volunteers

Initially canteen volunteers had increased with the signup app as it made it easier for parents to volunteer. We are providing more information and continue to push the link in the newsletter.

Non-Payment of lunches

IOU repayments have increased due to emailing and re-emailing. Hoping this will continue.

Vegie Week 15 –19 March

We will offer more fruit and veggie options for this week.

Big Veggie Crunch on 18 March, we are attempting to get all students in NSW eating crunch and sip at the same time.

New Menu Items

Looking to add some new items to the winter menu in Term 2.

Mel West & Mel Dalton – Canteen Managers

Band Program

Four-Band Program

We are feeling very confident about our decision to move to a four-band program this year. Apart from Training Band, the bands are slightly smaller than in the past. This allows our Directors to have the opportunity to help each individual student develop.

As Sarah and Charlie reflect on each student in the Concert, Senior and Performance Bands, they are seeing that the many hours of consideration and discussion about the placement of each child is paying off. This model really does give them the chance to explore their own potential. Sarah and Charlie are finding this very exciting and gratifying to watch.

Thank you to Avalon Public School for supporting us as we develop and grow our wonderful band program.

Band Camp

We are full steam ahead with our planning for our biggest event of the year – Band Camp. We would like to thank the P&C for helping us out whilst we navigate the tricky T&C changes the Sports Recreational Centre has implemented since COVID. We will explore new venue options for 2022.

Performances

We are delighted to hear concerts will soon return and eagerly await updates from the school as they come in! We are ready to perform!

Thank You!

Lastly, big thanks to Sandra who has stepped in whilst our treasurer takes some time out. We really appreciate all the work you have put in with invoicing and everything that goes with it!

Amy Young & Liv Smith – Band Presidents



Strings Program

Strings have been achieving great results thus far! With only commencing week 3 of this term, the ensemble has a wide repertoire already! I'm so proud of the violin and cello students who are eager to perform ASAP!

I've asked the executive committee if they could please provide a CD player to be kept at the school in the hall storage room for rehearsal purposes.

There's a shortfall of a hundred dollars or so and we would like to ask permission if the P&C will fund this for the school string group please?

I would like to make a suggestion (which I have already done with Sam Bateson) that the KAWAI upright piano in the hall is tuned and pedals fixed as it's a high quality instrument and not only could the string group use it as accompaniment, but also when school assemblies resume, the piano can be used for the school song and national anthem to accompany the school students singing.

Another suggestion is replacing the current school bell with some inspiring pop music to get students and teachers alike in a fun mood to enter the classrooms to start learning and also a nice way to end the school day!

Emma Wake – Strings Director



Out of Hours School Care (OOSH)

- This term we have been very busy at OOSH with child numbers high for each session
- Our new look website www.avalonoosh.com.au, has now been launched and it looks great. A big thank you to Don MacIntosh for all his work on it
- We said goodbye to both Dylan Devine and Lily Fayle, wishing them both congratulations and all the best for their futures
- Our Kindy children have settled in extremely well - no tears so far
- We still have vacancies for every morning and Monday and Friday afternoons
- Our Vacation care program is now finalised and up on the website and bookings are being taken

Karen Gill – Manager OOSH



Garden Club

We have had a great turn up of mums recently to help out - thanks Jess, Verity, Alice and my usual cohorts Sue and Amber. Weeding, mulching, turning compost, painting, the Bellevue Avenue Garden is coming along.

Subpods have arrived, we are hoping to have these in place in the next two weeks. We are also still awaiting the arrival of propagation benches for the Bellevue Avenue Garden.

Wood has finally been ordered for the construction of the feature picket fence in the Bellevue Avenue Garden as well, Phil Perks has kindly offered to take that challenge on. Thanks Andy Rankin for lending him to us.

Garden Club has continued to work with classes to place mulch in The Awesome Outdoor Classroom area. The garden is currently resting in preparation for planting out hopefully before term finishes. Work will continue on the area as needed and we're ambitiously aiming to have it completed by the end of second term. The official completion date is October but we're pushing ahead so that it will be open in time for classes to be planting out by the third term in spring. Wicking Beds are yet to be ordered and put in place, Phil Perks has edged the area for us - the bones of it is all in place.

Garden Club, in consultation with The School, P&C and OOSH, are trialing some large planter boxes above the basketball courts in the primary playground. They have been placed to stop the potential of students climbing and falling down below. They will be planted up with trailing plants, creating a green wall effect. If successful we will consider using more of them around the top of the basketball area where there is currently orange safety netting in place.

Garden Club, along with P&C, have also been in talks with Kimbriki about acquiring some more Wicking beds for OOSH to be able to use. Steph Stoddard and I had a great adventure day to the Eco house and we also picked up an unusual array of plants for the school while we were there - Yacon, Shiso and Sugar Cane just to name a few.

A date has been set for a working bee. Andy Rankin has given us the nod and it has been set for Saturday 5 June in Term 2. This date also happens to be World Environment Day, serendipitous timing.

I'm sure there's more but that's it for now, keep on growing!

Fiona Tobin – Garden Club

Fundraising/Events

An incredible amount of work has been going on behind the scenes to plan and prepare for events this year.



Mother's Day Stall

A small group have been working on choosing and sourcing 1500 gifts. The focus is very much on supporting local businesses and being sustainable and the range of gifts on offer is exceptional. More details to follow on the amazing businesses and local residents who are partnering with us!

Looking to recruit Dads to help on the stalls during the school day on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 May.

Help needed to wrap items leading up to the stall days.

Art on the Green

Proposed Date of early May at the golf course and taking advantage of the new council-funded art workspace onsite.

Art workshop for Avalon School kids (& parents). Children guided through the painting of their own piece of art which they get to take home.

Partnering with Pinot & Picasso in Newport and will also have a classic cake and baked goods stall and Café by Sea kindly operating the coffee cart.

In discussions with a local business to sponsor the event.

Avalon on the Green 2021

Avalon Golf Course has confirmed that they are very happy to host again. Submission in to council for licence to run event.

Mel Moss has agreed to be event co-ordinator again which is fantastic along with Raelee Hill and Beck Hammond from the 2019 organising committee and Mel has already recruited new volunteers for key positions this year.

Looking for sponsors for the event as well as businesses who would like to donate items for the silent auction.

Dance

- Dance groups have been formed and parent payments are being received
- A new dance convenor will need to be appointed for 2021. Once the groups have formed, we are hoping a parent from the group will volunteer

