

Caulfield South Primary School

SCHOOL NEWS

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Principal's Report – Rohan Cooper

As my second week in the school concludes, I thought it pertinent to share some initial observations with our community. I cannot thank our students, staff and families enough for their warm welcome into our school and I am already feeling very 'at home' in the grounds of Caulfield South Primary School.

Teaching and Learning

I am committed to being a positive presence in 'every classroom, every week' and I am impressed with the instruction I am seeing on a daily basis, with some particular highlights being:

- A focus on the 'little learners love literacy' program, led by our Literacy Learning Specialist, Bronwyn Fensham, being rolled-out in our junior classrooms.
- A deep focus on improving mathematical instructional practices, being led by our Numeracy Learning Specialist Stephanie Sim, alongside Year 6 teacher David Mackay.
- A focus on positive, student-led action within our units of inquiry, led by our PYP Leading Teacher, Luisa Scarmozzino.

Student Wellbeing

Our Art teacher, Labreni Pappas, presented a student wellbeing update to staff earlier this week. This included:

- A refresher on the delivery of the 'Respectful Relationships' program.
- A review of using the 'circles' approach to discussing wellbeing in the classroom.
- A reminder of the steps in the 'restorative practices' approach.

I addressed our year 3-6 students at assembly regarding their behaviour in the yard, particularly focusing on some recent rough play on the oval. This has been supported by clear messaging from our teachers to their classes, as well as via active teacher supervision in the yard. We are also addressing our positive behaviour recognition and negative behaviour re-direction systems in the classroom. Stay tuned for more on this, including details on 'behaviour reflection sheets' that will be introduced to strengthen the home-school partnership in addressing student behaviour.

Community

Thank you to the families who joined Georgia and I at the two recent 'Meet the Principal' sessions. A third session will run next Wednesday (24th May) in the school hall from 6:15pm until 6:45pm. This has been an informal opportunity for Georgia and I to get to know our school community better, an opportunity that both of us have appreciated and enjoyed.

I have also met many of you at drop-off and pick-up times at our two main entrances. Again, thank you for your warm welcome into the school. The interactions have been positive, without exception, with a particular trend of students loving their time at our school and feeling supported by our great teaching teams and support staff.

Thanks for your ongoing support and keep doing your best.

Rohan Cooper

Principal

School Council President Report - Danny Benjamin

Happy Friday everyone,

With autumn well and truly here and winter on the way we are halfway through second term. The school continues to take great strides forward with our new principal Rohan Cooper grabbing the reigns. I hope you have taken the opportunity to meet with Rohan in the 'meet the principal' forums or just had a quick chat in the school yard before or after school.

This month there has been a really strong sense of community spirit with the mothers day breakfast and luncheon. I am pleased to hear from many of the mothers that both was a great success despite some sore heads the following day. A big thank you to Jessica Tuszynski, Nadine Barkay and Adele Karmy from the parents' association (PA) for organising these events. It cannot be overstated how important the PA is to our school community and the work they do is critically important to supporting the school practically and building community connections.

The first school council meeting with Rohan as principal met this week. Much of the meeting was administrative although we did have the opportunity to hear Rohan's first impressions and reflections which I can say have been overwhelmingly positive. You may be aware that school council have several subcommittees to guide key areas of thinking and activity for the school. The committees and their membership are provided below for information and if you think you can support these committees in some way, please reach out to one of the members:

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| IT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Mark Lazarus · Luisa Scarmozzino · Nat Ferguson |
| Finance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Michael Ostroburski · Nat Ferguson · Judith Cohen |
| Facilities and Grounds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Don Buchanan · Charles Ngu |
| Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gary Sacks · Georgia Despotellis |
| Community Engagement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Louise Kuramoto · Steph Sim |
| Major Project Working Group (school hall) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Danny Benjamin · Michael Ostroburski · Georgia Despotellis · Louise Kuramoto · Charles Ngu |

Finally, I just wanted to mention that Sara Wyse has decided to step aside from school council. Sara has been a passionate contributor and her perspective of how best to support for the

school has always been welcome. From all of school council we would like to thank Sara for involvement over several years.

As always if anyone would like to talk please reach out to me – 0414 834 645.

Danny Benjamin

School Council President

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