BECOMING INVOLVED

School Activities
Parents can be involved in a range of school activities such as assisting in the classroom, helping with excursions and camps, or offering their expertise to help organise extracurricular activities such as sports day or after school activities. So far this year we are also looking for volunteers in the library, to cut up fruit in the mornings before school begins for the Early years classes and to run before school sports activities.

Running before school activities, please see Miss Kate Nolan, Year 3-4 Class Teacher Room 7.
Supporting in the library, please see Veena Weiss, SSO in the library.
To be part of our new healthy eating initiative, please see your class teacher and they will redirect you to the old canteen building and one of our parents Mrs Emma Bácskai. If you are interested in volunteering please speak with Jane in the front office as you will be required to obtain a Child Related Employment Screening, training and induction.

Governing Council
We have a very inclusive Governing Council that plays a more formal role in setting the future direction of the school and supporting the school to be a great place. Parents are represented on every Governing Council and are elected at the annual General Meeting.

2015 Governing Council Meetings, AGM and invitation
Our Governing Council consists of up to 15 parent/community members elected at the AGM in February, one staff representative and the principal. The Governing Council meets in weeks 2 and 7 of each term on a Wednesday night. Although in term 1 we meet in week 4 to undertake our AGM. Which is then followed up by a quick general meeting. It takes responsibility for projects such as:

1. Development and approval of the school budget and improvement plan
2. Setting and collecting of school fees
3. Monitoring expenditure during the year
4. Development and maintenance of the school grounds
5. Management of the Out Of School Hours Care (OSHC) programmes and staffing
6. Uniform and policies relating to the operation of the school
7. Organising school and community events

In addition the Governing Council has an important role in keeping the Principal and staff advised of parent feedback, setting policy on any non curriculum issues that may arise, being a source of new ideas for the school and encouraging parents to be actively involved in their children’s education.

The Governing Council also has a number of sub committees which we will be needing your help.
In 2015 they are the following:
1. Finance
2. OSHC
3. School improvement and student learning outcomes
4. Ground and facilities
5. Community participation/Fundraising
6. Sports

Parents can join subcommittees without being Governing Council members and they meet twice termly or as needed. Your representation on these committees is most welcome and highly encouraged. Any parent interested in joining Governing Council or one of its sub committees can speak with any staff member or current GC parent member for further information.

The current members are:
1. Jason Buckler
2. Nev vandenBrink
3. Emma Bácskai
4. Claire Hutchesson
5. Louise O’Brien
6. Janet Thompson
7. Kelly Law
8. Cameron Bracken

Please also remember that unless notified otherwise, all Governing Council meetings are open and observers are more than welcome to attend.

Meetings commence at 7.00 pm with a 9.00 pm close – or earlier when possible and are undertaken in the staffroom.