

BSPS SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

The School Council (SC) met last Tuesday night. We were presented with the key findings and recommendations from our school's Priority Review Report, which was conducted by Anita Forsyth and Zenda Clark (Monash University).

We were delighted to learn that our recent NAPLAN data shows particularly strong growth in numeracy and writing. However, other areas like grammar and punctuation need closer attention.

In terms of student engagement, the reviewers found that the mean improved between 2014 and 2016 for connectedness to peers, student motivation and school connectedness factors. However, the mean for the social skills factor declined. Further work around building interpersonal skills and meaningful connections with peers is a focus area.

Overall, parent feedback was positive. Some of the highlights were teacher enthusiasm and academic emphasis. The reviewers noted that an area of need was student assessment and parent understanding of how this assessment data is used.

The school only received 29 completed parent surveys in response to the most recent parent opinion survey. Over the course of the review, the reviewers conducted parent focus groups and phone interviews which enabled them to obtain further data.

The findings from the Student Attitudes to School Survey showed more positive results for Year 4 students compared to Years 5 and 6 but were generally low across all surveyed areas. The reviewers conducted focus groups with all Gr 3-6 students and found these results to be much more favourable than the results in the surveys. We discussed the possibility that the online format of the testing could be a contributing factor to the low results.

The BSPS Leadership team, together with SC, will now start work on the next School Strategic Plan, mindful of the need to focus on the areas already outlined by Trevor (many of which are already being implemented).

Gabrielle

ART RECYCLING CLUB: MONDAY LUNCHTIMES

This week we met for our first Recycling Art Club.

We built a rocket ship out of all the lost property containers (and a few jumpers) that we could find today, although we expect there are quite a few more out on the yard.

Please remember to write your name on your containers/lunchboxes so they can be returned to you, or else they may end up being used for recycled art projects, or sent up in a rocket ship like this to Mars!

We are also collecting the following items (recycled or being thrown out) if you come across them at home:

- Thread, wool, string
- Wire
- Small fabric offcuts
- Cotton reels
- Buttons and plastic bottle tops
- Match boxes

These can be left in the entrance to the STEM learning area if you can't locate Elke in the morning.

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