

## Anchored in Excellence....

### Community Newsletter #10

October 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

**'I can' is 100 times  
more important than  
IQ.**

#### Reminders:

#### Consultation Meetings

**Values and Behaviour  
Wed October 14<sup>th</sup>**

#### P&C Meeting

**Wed October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**At this meeting community  
members will be able to join  
the P&C and nominate for  
positions.**

**A P&C executive will be voted  
in on the night so the school  
has a functioning parent  
body.**

**Those requiring further  
information in regard to  
positions are invited to  
contact me or look at the  
PandC Queensland website.  
More information is included  
on Page 3.**

#### Venue:

Murrumba Secondary College,  
Performing Arts Centre 6.30pm  
Please enter the college via Ogg  
Road.

*From Vicki Baker, the Principal*

Last night we held our first meeting to start the conversation about what our school Values will be. The conversation was deep as those present considered what is a quite a challenging task. We discussed what was more important, character or competence. Overwhelming parents said character which is why the Values we espouse as a community are so important.

A Google search on Values can identify more than 400, so narrowing this to a small number (between 3 and 7) that are reflective of our newly emerging community is a challenge.

If we decide on more than three it is highly recommended that an acronym is used so that they are easily remembered. All have been encouraged to think very carefully about this over the next week and share their thoughts at next week's meeting. Parents played with the words 'anchor' and enjoy.....

Some very clear thoughts emerged from conversations...the themes of confidence, resilience (effort, optimism, having a go, grit), responsibility (ownership, accountability), compassion (nurturing, kind) and fun were strong.

Those not able to attend are able to contribute to this conversation by emailing their responses to me by Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October. The 'big question' was.... **What is it that our children need, to be successful in tomorrow's world?**

I shared a short, thought provoking You Tube clip last night that you might also enjoy. **What is 21st century education? - YouTube**  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ax5cNlutAys](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ax5cNlutAys)

#### Updates:

Rachael Steinhardt our newly appointed BSM has now commenced working with me in Regional Office. She has created a new Griffin school Facebook Page and will be sharing information this way also. I'd encourage you to stay in touch. <https://www.facebook.com/New-Griffin-School-1231086186917458/timeline/>

Some disappointing news..... Despite the very best efforts of our uniform suppliers the tartan fabric that we were all so looking forward to seeing in our formal uniform has not been able to be manufactured to an expectation that is acceptable. I have gathered those who've been a significant part of the uniform process to assist me with decision making in regard to an alternate fabric. It has not been possible to consider this at our consultation meetings due to the timelines of obtaining fabric swatches and having to advise our uniform supplier so that manufacture can commence with uniforms delivered in a timely way. I will keep you all posted as decisions are made.

Well the lights did not go on last week, but perhaps tonight!!!!!! This week changes to the outside of the administration building and car park have been especially noticeable as the tarmac has been laid and the landscaping started. Some photos are in our Photo Gallery for you to enjoy.

Tenders for the Out of Hours School Care service are now being considered. A huge thank you to Wendy Howarth for offering to be our parent rep.

New school in Griffin

## *Anchored in Excellence*

**Food for thought:**

### **Curiosity and Powerful Learning**

***If they (children) are curious, open minded and have grit they are far more likely to achieve the career objectives they set themselves, than merely securing A's.***

**Adapted from *Educating Ruby***

### **Recently asked questions....**

**Q: When can I enrol my child?**

**A: This process should occur quite soon. You will be advised via email in regard to when packages will be available. Packages will be made available via the school's website as well as in printed form for those requesting them.**

**Please ensure in advance that you have a copy of your child's Birth Certificate ready. Enrolments cannot be processed without this.**

**Enrolment forms for those in catchment as well as out of catchment will be collected at the same time.**

**Out of catchment enrolments will be considered once 'in catchment' enrolments are more clearly determined and will be offered in order of receipt of enrolment forms. Please note that 'in catchment' enrolments will need to provide proof of residency at time of interview.**

***Below are some very interesting reads and Google searches that you might like to explore.***

- ***Educating Ruby: Claxton and Lucas***
- ***Sir Ken Robinson: Creativity (Youtube) TED Talk***
- ***Carol Dweck: Growth Mindset (Youtube)***
- ***Curiosity and Powerful Learning: McRel***

## *Photo Gallery*



Wendy Howarth and Rachael our newly appointed BSM met this week to consider the Tender applications for Before and After School Care.



*We have tarmac!*



*We have landscaping!*



*We have turf!!!!*

**From previous Community Newsletters.....**

**We need to think about an interim P&C.....**

Those present at the Community Forum in regard to the school's P&C, had the opportunity to hear information, ask questions and work together to consider what their aspirations are for our community and the attributes they would like those who nominate for positions on the executive to demonstrate.

**Feedback in regard to the community that we want to create included:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strong sense of belonging</li><li>• Good communication</li><li>• Being welcome</li><li>• Having parent meeting places</li><li>• Being respected and valued</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engaging: A happy, safe, inclusive, positive community</li><li>• Fellowship</li><li>• Unity</li><li>• FUN!!!!</li></ul>
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**Feedback re attributes for Executive Team included:**

<b>President and (vice)</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Good leadership skills</li><li>• Good communication skills</li><li>• Community oriented</li><li>• Approachable</li><li>• Listener</li><li>• Honest and open</li><li>• Passionate</li><li>• Motivated</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work in a team</li><li>• Good communication</li><li>• Approachable</li><li>• Reliable</li><li>• Organised</li><li>• Clear, concise, focussed</li><li>• Professional</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Respectful of public money</li><li>• Honest</li><li>• Understanding a budget/accounting procedures</li><li>• Attention to detail</li><li>• Listener</li><li>• Approachable</li><li>• Transparent</li><li>• <i>Can can't</i></li><li>• Ask for help</li><li>• Follow protocols</li></ul>

I do hope I gave you food for thought last week in regard to the vital role that P&C's play in shaping strong, cohesive school communities. Those successful in being elected to the executive positions will fulfil very important roles and become the public faces of our community. I hope there are many considering these positions. Now is not the time to be shy. If you'd like further information please feel free to contact me on 0409 461 023 or Robyn Kelso on 3352 3900. Nominations will be sought in late October with the view to having an Interim P&C established in the school by the end of October. Links to the following websites might be useful.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/parent-involvement-checklist>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/getting-parents-involved-schools>

<http://www.pbs.org/weta/twoschools/getinvolved/empowering/busy.htm>