Ferntree Gully North Primary School council

School councils play a key role in Victorian government schools. Participating as a school council member is a rewarding and challenging experience. The school council supports the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students.

Functions of a school council
The functions of a school council are outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 and include:

- establishing the broad direction and vision of the school within the school’s community
- participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
- approving the annual budget and monitoring expenditure
- developing, reviewing and updating school policies
- raising funds for school-related purposes
- maintaining the school’s grounds and facilities
- entering into contracts (such as for cleaning or construction work)
- reporting annually to the school community and to the Department
- creating interest in the school in the wider community
- informing itself of and taking into account the views of the community
- regulating and facilitating the after hours use of school premises and grounds
- operating a children’s service at the school or other premises controlled by the Minister.’

Role of our school council

- The role of our School Council is to assist in the governance of the school. Our School Council has
- three subcommittees. This is a very brief overview of what they do.
- • Finance - The Finance Committee present the recommended budget to School Council for approval
- and adoption. They also regularly monitor and report to council on progress against the
- budget.
- • Education and Planning - The Education and Planning Committee maintain educational policies
- such as camps, excursions and student welfare.
- • Buildings and Grounds - Buildings and Grounds organise working bees and maintain the schools
- appearance.
- For information on School Councils and subcommittees go to education.vic.gov.au.

If you would like to attend it is a good idea to contact Principal, Sue Dean, and let her know you are coming. Occasionally there are times when meetings are closed. Our meetings are held on the third
Wednesday of the month at 7.30 in the staffroom. At 6.30 both the Education Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee meet in preparation for Council. School Council governance information is available on this link.


These are public documents and provide a range of information regarding council. If you have any questions you are welcome to give me a call or catch up with me at school.

In addition our School Council has taken up the option of having a Community Liaison member. Ours is Marita Knutsen (parent of Charlie). If you don’t already know Marita but would like her to contact you just let the office know the right contact number and we will get her to give you a call. You can also contact Marita on the Tiqbiz app. Go to contact submit your message and in the drop down box go to ‘Who is the message for?’ select Community liaison officer

Sue Dean

Principal FGNPS