



# Adelaide North Special School

## Governing Council



*'providing a voice for students, families, and the wider school community, that maximises learning outcomes'.*

Newsletter

Term 2 - 2019

## Welcome

Welcome again to the ANSS Governing Council Newsletter!

Term 1 saw the ANSS Governing Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 5th March. We would love to see more representatives of our school community attending the AGM and getting involved with our school. Even if you are not planning to join the Governing Council, the AGM offers an opportunity to hear about the school's progress over the past year as well as plans for the upcoming year. Your attendance is a great way of showing support to those who put in a huge amount of time and effort at our school.

Governing Council elections were also held in Term 1 and I am happy to announce that your 2019 Governing Council is:

Governing Council Chair - Michael Loeser  
Principal - Byron Stuit  
Vice Chair - Tori Brookes  
Secretary - Kimberley Robinson  
Treasurer - Tori Brookes  
Teacher representative - rotating throughout year

Councillors:  
Brooke Paton  
Jo Miller  
Lisa Smith

As always, we will continue to represent the rights and needs of our school community in school decisions. If you have an issue or idea that affects the school, let us know so that we can discuss it at a meeting. We need all your ideas so that we can continue to pursue the best outcomes for our students and families.

## Newsletter Content

What would you like to see in this newsletter? Apart from giving the Governing Council Team a chance to communicate, we hope to include general content that benefits, or is of interest to, our school community.

Perhaps you have or know of:

- Something that the school or a school student has done that you think is awesome! Let us know so we can spread the word and celebrate positive achievements.
- A community event or service that may be of interest to our school community. Let's include it in a Community Notices section.
- Anything else?

## We Need You

The Governing Council has ideas for improving the school environment for our students and their families. However, we simply don't have the numbers to bring many ideas to fruition.

Helping the school doesn't need to be limited to joining the Governing Council! There are many ways to make a contribution to our school. Please take a look at the attached questionnaire and let us know if there are ways that you might be able to help out; maybe by joining a sub-committee, or maybe you have, or know someone who has, contacts that could help out the school in other ways. An example could be that you have a particular skill/hobby that you would be willing to share with the school, or, maybe you are or know a Butcher and could get us a good deal on some snags to support a working bee! The possibilities are endless.

A current need is school seating. The school is looking at using some funds from previous fundraising efforts to purchase seats for the school grounds. Let us know if you have any contacts that may be able to get us a good deal on seats!

## Did You Know

At our last meeting we heard from Kylie Scott about the large administrative overhead the school incurs when a therapist comes onto school grounds to provide therapy. Most of this is due to Education

Department policies and procedures that the school must adhere to. Time spent organising therapists is time not spent on school outcomes. Additionally, it is often a challenge to minimise disruption to teaching and other students. Currently there are approximately 120 therapy sessions per week at ANSS. Whilst recent changes to providing therapy at school have assisted, more improvement is needed to find a happy medium that allows therapists on school grounds, whilst minimising school overheads and disruption to other students.

### **Contacting the Governing Council**

Do you have something for the newsletter? Something you would like raised at Governing Council?

Speak to any of our members or drop a note at the front office and ask for it to be placed in our pigeon hole.

Alternatively, drop us a line at:

[ANSSGoverningCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ANSSGoverningCouncil@gmail.com)

Thanks for listening,  
Michael Loeser  
Chair of ANSS Governing Council

### **Community Notices**

#### **Parent Group.**

Did you know there is a parent group, facilitated through Northern Carers, that regularly meets during school terms? The group usually meets on a Thursday morning at school – grab a flyer from the Front Office for more information.

#### **Inclusive Education Expo**

@ Education Development Centre (Hindmarsh).

8 - 10 July – details at

<http://web.seru.sa.edu.au/professional-learning/inclusive-education-expo/>

## **Volunteer Questionnaire**

We need your help! Please complete and return to Front Office.

Name: .....

E-mail address: .....

Phone Number:.....

I would like to help out at Adelaide North Special School. I am interested in joining the following sub-committee/s:

**Grounds sub-committee**

Focussing on improving the grounds/gardens at ANSS.

**Fundraising sub-committee**

Focussing on raising funds for the school.

**Special Events sub-committee**

Focussing on organising/catering events at the school.

**Newsletter sub-committee**

Focussing on gathering information for the Governing Council newsletter

**Canteen sub-committee**

Focussing on utilising the school kitchen facilities more. Maybe on-site lunch orders? Maybe a parent café facility?

**Yearbook sub-committee**

Focussing on helping to create and deliver an ANSS Yearbook.

I can offer, or can facilitate, products or services that may help out ANSS students or their families. I am happy for the Governing Council to keep me in mind when organising events for the school community.

Details of service:

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