

	<p>Carlton Gardens Primary School Junior School Council Policy</p>	<p>Authorisation October 2018 Review 2021</p>
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Purpose:

Students have a positive contribution to make within the decision-making processes of the school. When students are actively involved in these processes, they have an enhanced sense of commitment to the school and its programs. The Junior School Council aims to:

- Provide students with a sense of pride and achievement.
- Develop caring and responsible attitudes within the children.
- Provide an avenue for the development of ‘student voice’ within the school.
- Raise student awareness of local and global issues and associated support options.
- Provide a mechanism, which opens two-way communication between school management and students.
- Introduces students to the procedures involved in the democratic process of decision-making.

Aim:

To give students at Carlton Gardens PS the opportunity to make decisions about their school.

Implementation:

- At the beginning of each school year, two representatives from each Grade 1 – 6 class will be elected by class members to be the Junior School Council representatives for that Room.
- Junior School Council members will meet weekly.
- A designated teacher(s) will coordinate the Junior School Council.
- Junior School Council will operate on the premise that the students will be involved in discussion and decision making.
- Each grade will be provided with a JSC Class Book, so that all students in the grade can reflect on what is going well, areas for improvement, questions and ideas for improvement at CGPS which will be voiced by their class representatives at meetings.
- Each Junior School Council member will be provided with a badge to identify them as JSC representatives. (the cost of replacement badges will be met by the students who lose them and is subject to availability)
- Junior School Council representatives will report back to their own grades on the content of meetings as soon as possible after each meeting.
- The Principal Class members and staff will be encouraged to attend meetings.
- A Junior School Council report / recommendation may be tabled at a School Council meeting.
- School Council will cover operational costs of the Junior School Council including badges and end of year celebrations.
- Copies of Meeting Minutes will be provided for all classes (Including Prep) and staff members on Google Drive and a copy will be sent to the principal for inclusion in the school council pack.
- Classes will be encouraged to meet and discuss issues that their Junior School Council Representatives will take to Junior School Council meetings prior to reps attending weekly meetings.

- As well as giving students a “voice” JSC will also nominate and organize fundraising for their chosen causes.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle.