SEASPRAY PRIMARY SCHOOL
JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY

Rationale:
Our school is a partnership between teachers, parents, students and the community. Student input into formal decision-making is integral to our mutual success. A formal and structured Junior School Council will provide a forum for students to express their views, and to have them heard.

Aims:
To provide a formal and recognised process to effectively and fairly gather and express students’ opinions, suggestions and recommendations regarding school direction and day-to-day decision making.

Implementation:
- Each year, the staff will conduct elections for a Junior School Council (JSC) known as Ministerial leaders. Prime minister, Health and Safety, Sport, Sustainability and Grounds.
- Elected members will receive badges, will be recognised in the newsletter, and will receive directions as to their role and basic meeting procedures and protocols.
- The grade six JSC representatives will chair all JSC meetings.
- The JSC will meet monthly prior to School Council, or as required.
- JSC issues will be placed on the School Council agenda, and members will be invited to participate in School Council meetings as JSC representatives.
- JSC will distribute newsletters and awards at assemblies.
- JSC will coordinate the annual student opinion survey distribution and aggregation.
- The opinions expressed by JSC will be carefully considered by the School Council and the principal, and will receive appropriate feedback.
- JSC will have available, a regular section in the newsletter to report to the community.
- The day-to-day coordination of JSC will be managed by the grade six JSC members in partnership with an assigned leader.

Evaluation:
This policy was originally formed, and will be reviewed in consultation with all members of the JSC and School Council as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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References: