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"THINK OF OTHERS"

Procedures for the election of Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects

1. In mid Term 4, Year 5 students are informed of the annual election for student representatives for the following year. Teachers speak to the students about the voting procedure (outlined below), the desirable qualities and skills needed to fulfill the role and the responsibility of using their right to vote. Notes to parents of Year 5 students are sent home to inform them of the election process.
2. Following this, Year 5 students, are nominated by their peers for election. They are reminded of the importance that nominations should be for students whom they feel will fulfill the role for the benefit of all students. Year 5 students who have demonstrated a responsible attitude towards the school and their learning will be eligible to nominate themselves. Students who had 3 or more welfare entries within the last 12 months will not be eligible.
3. Once students have accepted their nominations they will have a formal interview with the principal. During this time they will need to answer the questions and provide evidence of how they will contribute to the role and what leadership skills they have to offer. This stage then determines which students' are eligible to stand for the election.
4. Nominated students can make a maximum of 5 x A4 campaign posters. Posters can be displayed around the school one week before the election speeches. Other forms of persuasion such as gift giving or making misleading promises are not permitted.
5. Next, candidates will deliver a two-minute speech to voting students and teachers. The order of the speeches and the names on the ballot paper are ordered alphabetically. Voting takes place after **all** speeches are heard. Other arrangements can be made for any students who know in advance that they will be absent on the day. Classroom teachers assist here by marking off names and ensuring votes are made and boxed correctly.
6. Votes are counted and collated using a preferential system: * 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th preferences are added. The top 2 girls and top 2 boys are selected for the role as captain and vice captain. The top 3 and 4 girls and the top 3 and 4 boys will be selected as school prefects.
7. New captains, vice captains and student prefects are inducted at the Presentation Assembly.