

Wahroonga Public School P&C Association General Meeting

Wednesday 27th March, 2019 in the Staff room

1. Acknowledgment of country, welcome all attendees and President's address

Present: HG, CT, WB, NS, MK, KC, LS, AH, TC, AA, CB, MF, JL, KT, HG, AM, EK, SG.

AM opened the meeting at 9.20am.

2. Apologies – VH, RL, CF, AS.

3. Previous Minutes

General Meeting held 18th February, 2019

Accepted as a true and accurate reflection. Proposed: LK Seconded: JL

4. President's report

None presented.

5. Principal's report

Report from CF, read out by CT: Sorry I cannot be at the meeting today. I have professional development I need to attend at the airport so there was no way that I could be in two places at one. I am very happy to announce that a new Principal for Wahroonga Public school has been appointed and will be announced in the newsletter on Friday. The new Principal will start the first day of Term 2. The new Principal is very experienced, warm and will be a great fit for our school. I am looking forward to working with the new Principal and all she has to our school.

I would like to thank all members of the P&C Committee who have supported me whilst I have been Reliving Principal during 2 terms last year and this term. Working with the members of the P&C has been one of my favourite parts of being Relieving Principal.

ETHICS COORDINATOR NEEDED

If anyone is interested in being an ethics Coordinator or being an Ethics teacher please contact Louise Ord.

WELLBEING

PARENT SEMINAR- DIGITAL WELLBEING EXPERT

The Parent Seminar by Dr Kirsty Goodwin was well attended (100 parents). It was on Raising Your Child in the Digital World. If you missed the seminar, you can get a copy of the eBook summary from the Week 7 newsletter (<https://mailchi.mp/det/j8p9lrzibe-1689969?e=6a4ef0f3dd>).

The key messages included:

- Install parental controls
- Have technology-free zones, eg the bedroom and dining table
- Encourage productive, interactive technology. For example, encourage your child to make a story out of the family's holiday snaps
- Don't allow children to have social media accounts until at least the age of 13. Even if the child is mature and responsible, parents often have no control over content they will see

If you were unable to attend the seminar, apply the discount code 'ryc20' to purchase a video of the seminar. In addition, Kristy held an extra parent webinar on Thursday night covering more sensitive material (please note this is unsuitable for young eyes). Kristy also has an online parent portal entitled 'Switched On'.

TERM 1 WEEK 9 – WELLBEING WEEK

Students will be participating in 'Wellbeing Week' during Week 9. There are wellbeing lessons for each day that focus on student wellbeing, the lessons will work towards several PDHPE (Personal development, Health and Physical Education) Outcomes. Some of the activities come from a program called MindUp, they may include Circle Story, activities they do with their buddies.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The executive team participated in professional development on giving and receiving feedback as we are continuing to develop a culture of continuous support and improvement.

Ian Jukes (21st century skills researcher) will present professional development for the teachers in the network of schools to develop strategies to improve students' critical thinking and collaboration skills. The process of implementing the new Science Syllabus and new Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Syllabus will begin in 2019.

ASSETS UPDATE

Sportsfield: The sportsfield has been finished and the children are enjoying.

Fences and Gates: Fences and gates are in use. We are investigating the cost of an intercom for during the school day for Gate B and the Water Street entry. We have children who have left the school without supervision and keeping the gate closed this is a safety requirement.

Pool pump room upgrade: Work started on the pump room last year and will be completed soon. It is being upgraded to be in line with Department of Health standards. The initial work will cost \$4250. New testing equipment was purchased at a cost approximately \$1000. There are no Department of Education funds allocated to pool maintenance. Please can the P&C consider paying for a new chemical monitoring system as the current system will need to be replaced in the next two years? It costs approximately \$7000. The overall system that monitors the heating and the equipment in the pool pump room will need upgrading eventually and could cost \$25 000.

The pool is heated by gas (approximately \$17 000 per year), the school should investigate solar heating for the pool in the future as it may be more cost effective over time. The gas heating could be used only as back up on a cloudy day.

Ku-ring-gai Grant: A quote came back for \$80 000 for the upgrade of the amphitheatre, we've since has another quote which will be approximately \$58 600 which will include replacing the wooden seats with aluminium seats which do not require maintenance. The grant will pay for \$40 000. The scope of works is being written and should be tendered soon. We will be able to write a completion report for Ku-ring-gai Council by 31st March.

K Block: A classroom in K block has been turned into a TLC room, where children have a number activities that help regulate their emotions with support from a Learning Support Teacher or Student Learning Support Officer.

F Block: The building will be levelled, then repaired and painted. The wire at the bottom of the building will be removed and it will be replaced with wooden slats.

Three buildings will have new roofing, a number of rooms will be re-carpeted and 5 will be painted and repaired.

Mini Mulch: As a part of (area near the tennis courts) to be redesigned to include a yarning circle, low ropes, nature play, construction and team building with natural materials and footpath to access. Artify and ERC will be involved. We might need a working bee to support the construction. The completion of the sportsfield will include levelling the ground in the mini mulch area and covering it in mulch.

WISH LIST FOR 2019

- \$30 000 to upgrade the home readers K-4 (\$10 per book)
- \$20 000 for a Student Learning Support officer
- \$35 000 Pool upgrade (We may be able to ask for a Kur-ring-gai Council grant) (CF spoke with Local MP Alister Henskens and he told her new grants were available. The pool is used by the community, not just the school.
- Shade sails over the Kindergarten playground
- Shade sails over the swimming pools.

6. Treasurer's report

Accounts are about to be sent of to the auditors for the year. LK presented report, noting that item 2.1 was a mistaken inclusion and should be removed. LK asked about the process for accessing community grants. LK thanked the P&C for their support while AB was sick, particularly noting the support of AS.

7. Uniform Shop Committee

Huge start to 2019. Shop donations flooding in, many good quality items will go into a 2nd hand sale at end of term 1 and beginning of term 2.

The original Fleece vests order sold out in 3 sizes (because of the size mismatch from that supplier) so they've been reordered and larger sizes included for the older stages.

Preliminary figures from POS show dramatic change to past years, shop turnover is currently up significantly from previous years, possibly due to changes in Kindy Orientation and early term 1 shop availability. Winter stock transition is underway, last few orders are underway, extended shelving will allow both seasons to be more accessible in this period than last year.

A million thanks to all the regular helpers and the committee for their support this year while I struggle with health and productivity. Your support and understanding means a lot.

8. Events and Fundraising Committee

The Social Committee had a morning coffee (21/2) and meeting in which ideas were shared. Tash offered to create a new Certificate of Appreciation. We briefly discussed the need for a way of sharing 'handovers' via Google Drive (?) Wendy B. mentioned happy to help set this up.

Breakfast BBQ > 15/02/19

Cost and profit > treasurer report. We ran out of sausages pretty quick, next term more sausages needed? (We have about 350 left over from the Election Day BBQ!) Great weather and excellent turnout. Thank you to all that helped cook, serve, etc.

Swim Carnival Canteen > 20/02/19

The day ran very well. Lollies were very popular with the students. We ran out of everything, (even the apples) except the sausages! Karien purchased more lollies mid-morning as we ran out of sweet treats.

Thank you volunteers! Cost and profit > treasurer report.

Cookbook

On sale since the 3rd of December. 301 books have been sold (21/03/19) at \$35 each > \$10535 + sponsorship money was \$5625 = \$16160,-

The total cost for the 1000 cookbooks was \$ 14940,05 Currently we still have about 690 books to sell, however sales are very slow. If each book was sold for only \$10 that would be a profit of \$6900 (about the same as the disco and election day stalls combined). Aim: to sell all books by the end of 2019. How: lower the price to \$ 19,95 for now and advertise (open for discussion).

Spring Fair 07/09/2019

A call for volunteers, sponsors etc. has gone out in the P&C news article in last week's newsletter.

School disco 22/03/2019

The school disco was again very much enjoyed by the students, thank you Christina for organising this event. Thank you also to all volunteers involved! Profit: Approximately \$4500

Election Day BBQ and cake stall 23/03/2019

It was very heart -warming to see so many families had baked for the cake stall. Set up went smooth. and we were 'open' for business before 8am when the first voters came through. We sold till 2pm and everything was packed up by 3pm. We sold between 150 and 180 cakes, and about 500 sausage sandwiches. Cost: \$800 and profit: \$3200 A fantastic day thanks to the help of many volunteers, thank you also to everyone that baked.

Film night Term 2

Check with school, set date, choose movie (PG) etc. Discussion around Halloween?

Fun run

Set a date? If held 1st day of Term 4, fundraising could interfere with the Spring Fair? If towards the end of Term 4, prizes will not arrive by the end of the year. Better in Term 1 in 2020? KT met with representative of the competing company and they offer a 'better' deal, more profit (as less charges etc.), 'free' powder + more and genuine powder from India. With option of sunglasses. headbands but no inflatable tunnel. (they are looking to invest in one, we could also hire an inflatable with many saved from not going with the previous company we used.

Optional: donate prizes to a Christmas appeal? Some parents complained there was too much focus on the material side.

Halloween event > Thursday 31/10/2019

Volunteers to organise event? Ideas welcome, many families meet at Bush school gates to start trick or treating in the neighboring streets. In 2017 (16?) we held a Halloween event which used the school office corridors as 'scary' tunnel, possibility for a similar set up? Run a BBQ between 4 and 6pm? Decorate picnic tables with fake web and black balloons?

Suggestions for 2019:

Term 2, 2019

- Film night > Natasha Shaw to organise.
- Term 2 BBQ > Friday 10/05 Organising volunteer?
- Mother's Day stall > Halle organising presents, stalls and communications

Term 3, 2019

- Athletics carnival canteen 31/07 > Hamish/ Vanessa have shopping list last year? Looking for organising volunteer!
- Term 3 BBQ — Friday 02/08?
- Father's Day Stall 29/08? Halle to organise?
- Spring Fair! 07/09 Belinda and Allison: Spring Fair Coordinators
- (World Teacher's Day 5/10 (during school holidays) — bring in baked goodies last day of Term 3?)

Term 4, 2019

- Fun run? (Term 1 2020?)
- Halloween event? Looking for organising volunteers!
- Term 4 BBQ
- Tea towels December > sell as Christmas presents? Should we get these done earlier
- and sell at spring fair with cookbooks and cupcake stall, then also at Christmas.

9. Correspondence

Nil

10. General matters

N/A

***Meeting closed at 10:16am
Next meeting: Monday 13th May 7:30pm***