

# Wahroonga Public School P&C Association General Meeting

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2018 in the Staff room

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

Present: HG, LS, HB, JG, AS, KT, AM, HG, CF, RL, SG, VH, JL. RL opened the meeting at 7.35pm.

## 2. Apologies – LK.

## 3. Previous Minutes

General Meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Accepted as a true and accurate reflection. Proposed: AS Seconded: KT

## 4. President's report

No Audit report as yet, moving slowly. Approval documentation for the tender is with the Department of Education, again another slow process. WWCC: Procedure needs to be documented, RL to finish.

## 5. Principal's report

CLASSES 2019: Many parent requests for 2019 classes have been received. They are requests and all requests will be considered, however, some requests may not be able to be accommodated and I ask for the P&C to support the school in this area.

2019 SCHOOL PLAN: In 2018 the school has focused on grammar, punctuation and fractions, we have had Jenny Williams (educational consultant) deliver professional development on grammar and punctuation. These areas will continue to be developed in 2019 with professional development on fractions by Anita Chin (Mathematics consultant). An instructional leader will be used to further develop teachers' skills in reading (shared, guided and independent reading practices) and mathematics, this has been highly successful in 2018. Students will continue to develop and reflect on goals in these focus areas.

The 2019 new focus will be on wellbeing and reading. The school would like to purchase new home reading books looking at a range of books including literature which is high interest for boys. Kindergarten and Stage 1 books have not added new books added to the Home Reading Scheme for the last 20 years. There are no Home readers for Stage 2 or Stage 3. Class libraries need to evaluating and updating. The school would like to ask the P&C to donate money to provide books for home reading K-4. Surveys are currently being conducted with parents, students and staff. The parent survey is in the newsletter (Week 7 and 8) and has been sent out via schoolstream. I encourage all parents to have a say, your opinion is valued.

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.

In 2019 the school will also be focusing on well being. The well being focus has started during Term 4, students are doing regular anti-bullying lessons in Years 4-6. Year 4-6 Parents are also receiving anti-bullying information during Term 4. We are seeking a number of professional develop-

ment courses to support the well being of staff and students. A well being toolkit will be provided for each class. New furniture will be purchased for Year 3 classrooms to facilitate flexible learning spaces. We are planning to organise parent information sessions for reading, anti-bullying and a session with Dr Kirsty Goodwin who is a digital health and wellbeing expert ( possible March 12 – to be confirmed).

**ASSETS UPDATE Sportsfield:** The temporary fence will go up this Friday and work will start next week for the sportsfield. It is a 6 week project and it should be finished during the first week of school Term 1 2019 if there is no rain to interrupt the work. The contractors have agreed not to start heavy machinery work until after K-2 Celebration and the 3-6 Presentation Day, which are our major presentation days.

**Fences and Gates:** Fences and gates will be put up around the school to increase safety for the students. The work should be completed during the Summer holidays if all materials are available.

**Pool pump room upgrade:** Work started on last week and will continue on the pool pump room. It is being upgraded so that it is in line with Department of Health standards. The initial work will cost \$4250 and the new testing equipment will cost approximately \$1000. In the future the chemical monitoring system will need to be upgraded during the next two years. It will cost approximately \$7000. The overall system that monitors the heating and all equipment in the pool will need upgrading eventually and could cost \$25 000.

**Ku-ring-gai Grant:** The besa blocks under the wooden seating are not stable. The old besa blocks and wooden seating will be removed and new aluminium seating will be installed. We are waiting on 3 quotes for this process.

**K Block:** The wire at the bottom of the building was removed and replaced with wooden slats.

**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.

**Mini Mulch:** (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.

**Kindergarten playground step:** I am investigating how we can make the Kindergarten step that runs the length of the Kindergarten playground safer. Children do trip on the step and get hurt whilst playing.

**PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE:** The Wahroonga Public School students have excelled in the creative arts. It has been a wonderful year.

**Band:** Band has had a very successful year performing in Ryde East Eisteddfod, Concert and Stage Band came first. Intermediate Band came first. 3 day Band Camp in May. Beginner Band and Stage Band played in the Sydney Eisteddfod. Concert Band played in the NSW Festival of Arts at the Opera House. All 5 Bands played at the NSW Band Festival and the all got a Gold Award. The School Play culminating in a concert and a band tour to Gunnedah for concert band. I thank Kate Spencer, supporting parents and teachers for their commitment. Barrie Gott will continue conducting Concert Band. Camilla Bellstedt will continue to conduct Junior Band and Tim Ferrier will conduct Beginner Band. There are 70 students who are participating in this band. The conductor for Intermediate Band will be announced. There are 180 students involved in the band program which is more students than in 2017 and 70 students in the Recorder Group.

**Dance:** Our Intermediate and Senior Dance Groups performed in the Sydney North Dance Festival, the Performance Assembly and the Last Laugh Concerts.

Choir: Senior Choir have performed at school events during the year and in the Primary Proms Festival of Choral Music and Primary Proms 2019 and School Spectacular. They will also perform at Presentation Day next week.

Concert: Wayne Edwards, Heidi Piper and Sarah Voysey coordinated, "The Last Laugh" which was a showstopper. Every student in the school participated.

## **6. Treasurer's report**

Report Presented. PnC/Social profit for September was a gain of \$21,745, mostly attributed to the Colour Fun Run sponsorship. Details available in Treasurers Report.

## **7. Uniform Shop Committee**

New shop stock layout finally completed thanks to Volunteers that spent 2 full days working with me before the Kindy Orientation days. Second Hand item sales since Term 2 are almost \$2500, which is only 10-15% less than the approximate refurbishment cost.

Approximate total expenditure on equipment for shop fitout this year, including printer, POS, receipt printer, router Tablets, vacuum, shelving etc, has been approximately \$2800, along with some other furniture donations and freecycling.

POS statistics show some trends and opportunities for new procedures already after 1 ½ Terms. Management Spreadsheets overhauled to support new reporting features. All paperwork up to date and now sent to bookkeeper. Year to date figure within 2% of last year even though Term 4 sales quantities are half of last year's quantities and even though last year's figures include December 2016.

Kindy Orientation days completed with many thanks to all the amazing volunteers. The new Vests arrived in time. In the Kindy size range, 14 vests have been sold vs 4 Fleece and 16 Bombers. 55 Backpacks sold in that period roughly indicate the same number of kindy families, so ¼ of parents bought new vests and just over ¼ bought Bomber Jackets.

55 Backpacks is of half the number of last year's Term 4 sales, which seems to support the decision to make arrangements to open 11am 24th January 2019 for sales before the Kindy Play in the Park event and for the shop to open all three of the 2019 Kindy Best Start days (Wednesday 30th January - Friday 1st February). This also takes advantage of the existing Best Start appointment structure and will stagger incoming sales over 3 full days. This will in turn benefit the rest of the school when the shop is open almost the entire first week of the new school year.

JL nominated as new Uniform Shop Convenor, replacing NH. Motion to thank NH for all her hard work and efforts with the Uniform Shop over the years.

## **8. Events and Fundraising Committee**

Cookbook: The cookbooks are due to arrive on 03/12, the books will cost \$35, -

We will sell through flexischools, the uniform store, pop-up stand in the mulch and at celebration day & through Terry White Chemart in Hornsby.

Sponsors to receive a free copy and certificate of appreciation.

\* Volunteers needed!

Tea towels: Thank you for a yes vote to have a budget approved, unfortunately the artwork was received too late and the Social Committee ran out of steam, perhaps we can do this for 2019 as a Christmas present fundraiser?

The Colour Fun Run Prizes: The presents have been dispatched on Wednesday 28/11, we will distribute the presents during week 8. Some items were not in stock and will follow soon. \*Volunteers needed!

The 75th yearbook: A project for 2019? If not going ahead we need to advise sponsors.

Sponsors: Turramurra Learn to Swim \$125, Dance Max \$250, Hornby Dental \$250, Wahroonga Netball \$500.

## Social Committee Calendar

### Term 4, 2018

- Spring Fair 2019 > find a coordinator, book rides!
- Cookbook sale starts 3rd of December

### Term 1, 2019

- Tea n' tissues – Monday 04/02 9:15-10:30
- Term 1 BBQ – Friday 15/02
- School disco – March (date to be confirmed)
- Barefoot bowls – April (date to be confirmed)

### Term 2, 2019

- Movie night?

### Term 2 BBQ – Friday 10/05

- Mother's Day stall

### Term 3, 2019

- Athletics carnival canteen 31/07
- Term 3 BBQ – Friday 02/08?
- Father's Day Stall 29/08
- Spring Fair! 07/09

### Term 4, 2019

- Fun run? (first day of Term 4?)
- Halloween event? Movie night?
- Term 4 BBQ
- Tea towels December > sell as Christmas presents?

**9. Environmental report**

No report.

**10. Correspondence**

Nil

**13. General matters**

Nil

*Meeting closed at 8:50pm*  
*Next meeting: TBC (week 3, Term 1 2019)*