

**KIAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

General Meeting

Monday May 16th, 2016

Meeting started: 7:10pm

Attendance

Jackie Sloan (President), Belinda Laird (Vice President), Ingrid Buchner (Vice President), Siobhan King (Secretary), Melinda Ellis, Michael Honeywood (Principal), Deyelle Freaney, Kaye Ellett, Lingyan Christie, Jennifer Buckley, Jessica Lee, Serena Farrah

Apologies

Angela Seddon, Jane Flint, Melinda Prior, Leonie Glaessner, Jo Eldridge

Business from Correspondence

- Copies of the P&C magazine are available in the P&C box (just ask at the office)

Minutes from last month's meeting

- Adopted

Business arising from previous meeting:

• Uniforms

- Should we consider phasing out yellow polo shirts and replacing with blue and yellow polo shirts?
- Yellow polo shirts are easily stained and current material can be hot and not very breathable in summer
- Samples of new shirts (mostly blue with smaller yellow panels, some with white piping) would hide stains more easily and some samples were of a cooler material. Some concerns raised: more expensive, would create a very blue uniform for girls when matched with blue pants, would lose the distinctive yellow shirts associated with Kiama PS
- Adopting a new shirt design would require a 70% consensus from parent body (display in the office for a period of time) but would also require a parent to champion the cause.
- Revisit again at a later date. Jackie to store shirt samples in Bombo room.

• Playground

- \$20000 confirmed from KPS to join with P&C funds. To avoid GST, P&C funds can be given to KPS and payments made by them.
- 2-3 quotes required for KPS to pay costs. Any suggestions for landscapers to seek additional quotes from can be emailed to Siobhan. Mr Honeywood has spoken to DEC Assets Management: we need to get approval from Department Project Manager. One quote can be gained from contracting company through Assets Management.
- Plan needs to be submitted to Project Manager (Siobhan to email to Mr Honeywood), 7-10% of project cost to cover fee of Project Manager which is paid for by P&C. This fee would apply to any kind of playground changes.
- Siobhan to organise 2-3 formal slide quotes but will have a look at the slide in the storage shed.
- Siobhan with Kaye, Fiona and Angela to liaise with Mr Honeywood in regards to quotes, orders and planned construction dates so Mr Hall and Mr Lewis are kept informed and can contribute to plans.
- Year 6 with Mrs Quill have opened up rainforest area above basketball court to add bushland to planned playground area.
- Mr Honeywood has visited Gerringong PS and the seating circle in their bushland space could be of interest in our rainforest area.

• Year Coordinators/Social Events

- Need recognised for 'year-group' social events for parents and children, particularly Kindergarten. Facebook page and e-news helps parents feel up to date with school business, but they can also be used to announce social events.
- Can request through Facebook page that a year-group catch up be advertised. P&C members can email office to advertise year group events/catchups through e-news.
- Newsletter can also be used to advertise a year-group get-together.
- Revisit this next year to ensure good support for new families.

• Treasurer Role

- Welcome to our new treasurers! Treasurer is Jessica Lee (nominated by Jackie, seconded by Belinda) and Assistant Treasurer is Lingyan Christie (nominated by Belinda, seconded by Kaye). Everyone is very glad to have you on board. A big thank you to Jo Eldridge for all the time and effort in treasuring up until now.
- Melinda and Jackie to update bank details and get necessary signatures.

- Update on installation of Buddy Bench

- Buddy Bench is installed and working well.

- Fundraising for 2016:

- *Term 2 - Mother's Day Stall: \$1136.79 profit with a big thanks to Lisa Wallace, Laurey Davidson and helpers. The hard work and time is really appreciated!*

- *Term 2- Kiama Voting Day Cake Stall: \$569.10 profit with a big thanks to Jackie, Dean, stall helpers and chefs.*

- Term 2- Friday 24th June: Movie Night. Deyelle to organise: check dates with Mr Corbyn in case of clash with sound system upgrade, source outdoor heaters for cold parents, choose G rated movie to appeal to younger students, get last year's sheet from Ingrid. Thank you Deyelle!

- Term 2- Saturday 2nd July: NSW Election Day Cake Stall. Jackie to organise: approval from AEC, advertise with parents, seek parent helpers for pricing, transporting, setting up and selling- Serena, Jenny Belinda and Deyelle to help. Thanks Jackie.

- Term 3- Friday 19th August: Olympathon. Not possible on Athletics Carnival- better to capitalise on Olympics. Melinda to organise: Mrs Quill and Ms Harrold to support organisation along with parents. Advertise during Term 2 to build excitement- day will involve opening and closing ceremonies, torch carrying, mini Olympics activities in Stages and houses and more. Children will be sponsored for events- this will be the year's big fundraiser so joining the organising team with Melinda would be much appreciated. 20-30 parents will also be needed to run events and support on the day. A big thank you to Melinda!

- Term 3- Saturday 17th September: Hypnotist Night. Belinda to organise: Steven Spellmaster in the pavilion (Jackie to check prices for other hypnotists). \$50pp, open to public sales, with raffle as well. 1.5 hours to allow for dancing time afterwards. Kaye, Jackie and Dana Edwards to support Belinda in organising.

- Term 3: Father's Day Stall (Lisa W). Thank you to Lisa for running these stalls. Jackie to email office ahead of time so parents given notice to help with wrapping.

- Term 4 -Kiama Toy World Toy Drive

- Term 4: Disco

- Term 4- Seaside BBQ: Monday 3rd October. Leonie Glassner organizing Parents required to fill timeslots for cooking and selling throughout the day. Angela to follow up on recruiting Dads. Helpers also required to buy sausages and drinks.

- Other suggestions welcome for 2017.

Principal's report

School closure dates - staff development days end of the year Mon/Tuesday 21st Dec will be completed over 4 evening sessions in the first two terms as this provides better time to plan, prepare and implement change. **CONSIDERING** also not having Staff Dev. Day start of term 3 (Monday 16 July) and shifting the day to last Friday 16th Dec as staff development day so school ends with no students on Friday. This is exactly the same amount of time (in fact evening sessions give us greater planning time) and the shift of the SDD means families would not need to cover student care the Monday start of term 3 but will need to cover it in lieu of for Friday 16th Dec.

Japanese Student visit term 3: families will be contacted by Bill Clarke re. hosting students over 4 nights Saturday- Wednesday 30 July - 2 August.

Play Equipment - plan needs to be approved by department Asset Management team - they want project manager - I'm seeking advice.

Canteen: going really well - good partnership. Ice cups are an issue.

Kitchen- show and tell new sink, all ready to go and Kitchen Kart lessons for all staff tonight also. Trying to get it incorporate into all lessons across the school. Room for parent involvement and to use garden produce in lessons.

P&C Fundraiser Idea of *Olympic type day for Athletics Carnival* term 3 during Olympics - Di Quill and Elise Harrold are happy to liaise.

LMBR- new whole school system being installed next term and there is a lot of training - may be some interruptions but hopefully all will be smooth. Mandatory training for SAM and Principal ongoing all term. This is all finance and resourcing system.

NAPLAN: concern community Facebook page misinformation. Staff including me do not use NAPLAN results to show off our school, All students receive letter saying they can opt out if parents have concerns. No staff member places stress on the students - they do practice techniques but this is not meant to push students but alleviate any pressure of the "unknown" come test day.

Thursday 4th August: Kiama Community Schools Education Week day in Hindmarsh Park. One hour of performances, then K-2/3-6 combined school activities in Hindmarsh Park/Black Beach.

Grand Tours: Captains to show prospective parents and students around the school over 3 days.

10 week 1 day/week enrichment class will be applied for next year.

Canteen report

The canteen is up and running and working really well with the job share agreement. Takings are slowly rising as we move in to the middle of the year.

Funding from Greening the Menu Grant run by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District has been secured. The canteen was able to bid for this as we have been attending the regular canteen network meetings over a number of years. The Canteen has \$500 to spend on necessary items that will make it easier to provide healthy food options for the children.

We have done a review of the Menu and are considering replacing Nachos on a Monday with a zucchini slice/muffin. As these will be egg based Dani will be checking with parents of students with anaphylaxis. We are aiming at Term three to implement.

Considering a review of prices. Frozen juices to be raised to \$1.00. This will fall in line with other schools pricing on similar items. Nudie Juices to \$1.80. Fresh fruit has been replaced with the frozen fruit and is more acceptable to the students. Frozen watermelon and pineapple slices have been selling exceptionally well. Good size and price point. Looking at trialing frozen orange quarters in summer. We will run fresh fruit in the summer when it is better priced.

Bunny bags and lunch packs are slow sellers with not much support from the students. Maybe change French onion dip to hummus. Maybe when we have the new vacuum pack machine we can keep the produce in optimal condition for longer, saving time and wastage.

Most days homemade Muffins, pikelets, frozen watermelon, pineapple slices, and spicy bread are offered to the students.

We would like your feedback on starting up and selling a munch and crunch pack with water for the beginning of the school day. Prices and items to be included yet to be set. In concept stage at the moment.

New ideas in the pipeline,- smoothies, fresh juices just need time to access information and coordinate.

Athletics Carnival is coming up. Can we have the canteen at the ground as per previous years? Lynne to liaise with Kieran.

More next report.

Regards

Lynne and Dani.

P&C Discussion of Canteen Report

- P&C pleased with new partnership, rise in takings and all the thought going into menu changes. Thank you Lynne and Dani!
- Some questions around the egg products, which Mr Honeywood will discuss
- P&C would prefer that children are encouraged to bring a drink bottle with water for Munch and Crunch to eliminate unnecessary packaging/plastic bottles. Not sure of the logistics of selling Munch and Crunch food before school, but happy for canteen to trial sale of fruit in the morning.
- Canteen at Athletics Carnival is excellent- P&C requests no soft drinks to be sold. The soup was popular last year.
- Suggestion that a 'Man-Teen' day be held to encourage dads to volunteer in the canteen for the day.
- Suggestion that Lynne and/or Dani may like to visit Gerringong PS to see how online ordering works and look at the new healthy menu.

New business

- Interrelate: 2 dates- 16th August or 23rd August for Years 4/5/6. Serena to follow up.

Meeting finished at 9:10pm.

Future meeting dates:

Term 2: 20 June

Term 3: 8 Aug

Term 3: 12 Sept

Term 4: 24 Oct

Term 4: Nov 28- End of year dinner: suggestions so far are wine and chocolate night at the Chocolate Shoppe or dinner at Little Blowhole Art Bar. Or both. Join the P&C to join the fun!