



**KIAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

**General Meeting**

**Monday March 24, 2014**

<b>Attendance</b>	Amanda Koorey (President), Belinda Murphy (Vice President), Campbell McConachie (Treasurer), Melinda Ellis (Secretary), Michelle Springett, Kaye Middleton, Esther Burton (Canteen President), Ingrid Buchner, Serena Farrah, Belinda Laird, Angela Seddon, Jacqui Sloane, Dianne Quill (on behalf of Principal).
<b>Apologies</b>	Michael Honeywood (Principal), Leanne Millard, Danielle Munro, Isha Knill, Jane Flint, Deb Willick.
<b>New members registering</b>	Returning 2013 members: Belinda Laird New members: Jacqui Sloane, Angela Seddon.
<b>Business from Correspondence</b>	Nil.
<b>Business from previous general meeting</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ipads bought for Mrs Carneys room.</li> <li>2. Miss Friedmann wedding gift bought will be presented this week.</li> <li>3. Defibrillator bought and placed in Sick bay. Publicity on newspaper to inform community it is available.</li> <li>4. Coffee machine bought for canteen.</li> <li>5. Pizza equipment bought – approx. \$700.</li> <li>6. Grants: Gareth Ward has been contacted to request communication in the future on any appropriate grants.</li> <li>7. Food policy – available on website now. Action: Michael to communicate with parents of children with egg allergies about the new chooks in the living classroom.</li> <li>8. Interrelate – Booked for Term 3. Course focuses on puberty for Year 5&amp;6 puberty and where did I come from for year 4 &amp; 5.</li> <li>9. Enlighten education: Course booked for June 22. Aimed at Yr 5/6 girls and focuses on body image, relaxation skills, friendship skills, and organisational skills. Minimum 45 girls needed. Open to other local primary schools if minimum bookings not reached.</li> </ol>

	<p>Cost to be paid is \$45 per child. Child only attends. \$550 deposit required \$125 fee for running on a Sunday. P&amp;C voted and agreed to organise, publicise and assist by paying for deposit and to fund fee for course to be held on a Sunday.</p> <p>10. Uniform: Committee has met.</p> <p>New uniform suggestion: main change is Unisex polo short that is two tone. Further suggestions to come.</p> <p>Still considering polo shirt material that best suits summer heat.</p> <p>Girl's culottes and school dress to remain. Black school shoes and white socks remain. School bag remains optional. New hat that has just been introduced to remain.</p>
<p><b>New business:</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Living classroom: Stuart Hall presented an update on the living classroom. Program has been opened up and all children from Year K-6 now attend and learn about the environment and science through both practical and informative discussion. Greater numbers attending the garden has put pressure on the equipment and replacement equipment and maintenance. An itemised request for funding was submitted for consideration at next meeting.</li> <li>2. BYOD- The BYO technology policy was provided by Di Quill and discussed. Current use of technology in the classroom for Stage 3 is being limited by not all students having access to technology. Students are becoming comfortable with incorporating technology in all aspects of learning in the classroom. Voted to commence trial.</li> <li>3. Grandparent's day: Overall day was excellent with many grandparents attending and concept well accepted. Discussion about improvements for next year included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the need to ensure children were available on the classroom and their work available for display;</li> <li>• the need to change normal program to incorporate the grandparents program eg sports programs;</li> <li>• suggestion of a concert by the children;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the need for all teachers to be aware grandparents would want to attend the classrooms;</li> <li>• adequate time for grandparent's to attend multiple classrooms for multiple grandchildren</li> <li>• multiple tea/coffee stations to prevent queues.</li> </ul> <p>4. L3: Concern not all Kindergarten teachers are trained in L3. What is the plan to ensure children have the same access to learning literacy with this method? Action: Michael to respond.</p> <p>5. Kids crossing at Bong Bong Street – Parents are responsible for their children walking to and from school. Concern children are crossing near buses to head up Collins street. Action: Melinda to request for parents to advise children on safe crossing in newsletter.</p> <p>6. Free bus travel – Kiama is a problematic area for walking/riding to school due to hills. Many children live too close to school to receive free bus travel yet walking/riding is difficult and across busy traffic area. Increasing number of appeals required to access free travel. Action: Serena to write a standard appeal letter to make available for parents to assist with appeals process.</p> <p>7. Mothers Day stall – Melinda contact Lisa Wallace and Kelly Nichol to seek interest in running this year.</p> <p>8. Staff Development Day – Acknowledged that request from school for P&amp;C to cater for staff development day was a good concept that would have been a good fundraising idea. Not enough support from people to attend on a holiday to prepare and make pizzas due to family commitments. Agreed to provide cakes and slices for the day.</p> <p>9. Relay for life – Concept of running a KPS team is fully supported by the P&amp;C, however this must be coordinated and driven by the SRC for them to learn from the initiative. SRC need to collate teams before P&amp;C can get involved. Action: Amanda to provide SRC with this feedback.</p> <p>10. Kiss &amp; Drop Zone – still not being used safely despite information in newsletter and facebook site. Agreed to</p>
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	run an awareness week next week with a flyer. Action: Amanda to collate a roster and Dean to produce a flyer.
<b>Principals report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided in AGM.</li> <li>• Action: Dates for parent forums required.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurers report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided in AGM.</li> </ul>
<b>Canteen</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canteen: Resourcing of roster has become a major problem, especially on Fridays. A request for parents to assist is required. Action: Esther to organise a letter with Lynne to go to all parents requesting help and asking them to nominate when they can help.</li> <li>• Previous Sushi day was popular. Request for another one to be run. Action: Esther to discuss with Lynne.</li> </ul>
<b>Fundraising:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entertainment book – not sending home again as too much difficulty getting returned. Approximately \$1000 received from fundraising with book.</li> <li>• Lions raffle has been distributed.</li> <li>• Easter egg raffle will be held in next 2 weeks. Easter eggs needed.</li> <li>• Maximising your fundraising</li> </ul>
<b>Future meeting dates:</b>	2014 Term 2 19 May 23 June  Term 3 11 August 15 September  Term 4 October 27 December 1 - End of year dinner

