



KIAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

Monday, May 19, 2014

Attendance	Amanda Koorey (President), Belinda Murphy (Vice President), Campbell McConachie (Treasurer), Melinda Ellis (Secretary), Ingrid Buchner, Serena Farrah, Belinda Laird, Jacqui Sloane, Michael Honeywood (Principal), Leanne Millard, Jane Flint, Serena Farrah. Jenny Miles.
Apologies	Danielle Munro, Isha Knill, Michelle Springett, Esther Burton,
New members registering	
Business from Correspondence	Thankyou from Alan Friedmann for gift. Thankyou from Stuart Hall for garden funding Thankyou from Mrs Lee for Lego
Business from previous general meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food policy communication on website 2. Interrelate being held Tues August 5 and Butterfly Effect program being held on 27 July. Flyer being produced to explain the differences between both. 3. Uniform – still waiting for samples. No further communication. 4. Garden - via email agreed to fund \$2500. Thanks received from Stuart Hall. Garden fete to be held 12-2pm 27th June. There is a need to develop a pet policy given the number of animals now housed. 5. BYO devices- meeting to be held for parents on June 5. 10 new ipads funded for Year 6. 6. L3 – 2 teachers trained and 2 teachers being trained. 7. Pick up/ Drop Off – has improved greatly since blitz by P&C. Worked well having patrol rather than P&C. Waiting area to be painted to keep children away from the cars pulling up. Concern over parents crossing road to their cars with children in places with limited visibility such as behind buses. 8. Bus travel – proforma for out of area children. Serena to action. 9. Mothers day stall – thankyou to Lisa Wallace for organising.

	<p>10. Relay for Life – SRC decided too late for this year but we will consider for next year.</p> <p>11. Easter egg raffle was excellent. Lots of winners.</p> <p>12. Lego purchased for Mrs Lee- very well received.</p> <p>13. Leftover drinks from Familynight being sold to netball club to avoid drinks expiring.</p>
New business:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parent forum – 33 people – not as well attended as previous year. Next one in term 4. Consider different methods of receiving parent’s questions to encourage parent participation. 2. NSW P&C has been dissolved. Whilst this group provides overall advice through publishing regulations, offering advice and providing our insurance, our P&C is under the KPS constitution and the dissolution of this group has no impact on us. 3. Parent online payments are being considered. Can only be paid with credit. Overwhelming support for this. 4. Buddy bench – Suggestion - allocated seat in the stage 1 playground for kids to go to if they can’t find a friend. Educate stage 1 kids to look out for kids on the buddy bench and include them. Also roster a buddy to look out for these kids. 5. CSIRO Science show – funded by P&C and held today. Excellent – interesting and exciting for kids.
Principals report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Lisa and team for Mothers Day stall which was excellent and so successful they had to do a runner to the shops. Also big well done for the Easter Raffle which was a massive success. • CSIRO : Thank you for wonderful show that was as entertaining as it was educational. • L3 – two teacher fully trained and 2 are in training. Concern was if we could access training but that is sorted now and it is happening. Year 1 next year unsure at present. • Forum feedback – thank you to everyone who attended . I think it was worthwhile but a greater mass would be appreciated and allow for more communication to grow. Idea to have a disco in term 4 and then have parent session with food attached. All the issues raised have been discussed and actions are in place to review and consider each including Homework policy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen – next step now winter is here is for a design to be affected. Idea to remove half seating and have set area for cooking. • Pet Policy – considering the garden recent extensions in size and in animal uptake need for awareness of students with phobias and allergies to guinea pigs, rabbits, chickens and goats. • BYOD – meeting 5th June for Year 6 parents – concern we need to have a roll out of the devices and test the waters. Policy and information is now ready to go out. • Grounds: recent changes to back area clearing due to black berry infestation and neighbour concerns. New area to be planted out and mulched. • Parent on Line Payments: EFTPOS is on its way out and we are replacing with online payment system It means no EFTPOS as we can't have both but still can use counter for cash and cheques. The idea is parents can pay online from home using either Visa or MasterCard credit or debit cards (not BPay). • School E news : purchasing text sms system to email newsletter out automatically and anonymously plus texts reminders for events etc • Old music Room finally completed upgrades now needs clearing out of old stock and items. Rooms purpose? Science room is one suggestion as music will stay in the hall. Feedback given from some P&C members that old music room be considered as an art room. • Ethics start soon. Letter home to non-scripture this week asking for parents to sign. Only information is online. Three tutors at present possible 4 and they are ready to start. • Kiama Community of Schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet as one for staff development on new curriculum ○ Education week celebration in the Park Thursday 31 July ○ Enrichment classes • Beautification of Quad A (Infants) like to paint it and brighten it up if considered a priority for P&C as it may require a day of action. • State P&C issues: media reports outlined a dispute between two factions at state level some of whom had no children at schools. Now at state level have to have children attend public school. Sixteen new sectors created and they will elect new committee and president.
Treasurers report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx \$25000 available
Canteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canteen: Serena drafted a letter to go to all parents requesting help and asking them to nominate when they can help. • Previous Sushi day was popular. Request for another one to be run and a fried rice day. Action: Esther to discuss

	<p>with Lynne.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee machine – is this working well?
Fundraising:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment book – available for purchasing from office • Lions raffle – tickets have been sold. Raised approximately \$4000. We will receive 80% and Lions will receive 20%. • Coffee Appreciation Night – on sale now. 50% made from the evenings funds.
Future meeting dates:	<p>2014</p> <p>Term 2 23 June</p> <p>Term 3 11 August 15 September</p> <p>Term 4 October 27 December 1 - End of year dinner</p>

