MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: MONDAY 14 October, 2013
TIME: 7PM
VENUE: STAFF ROOM, QPS

Present: Kym Bush, Janene Tanzey, Cathy Duke, Isabel Thornton, Dagmar Davies, Leanne Catanzariti, Kym Hawes, Cynthia Dolan, Annabel Schweiger

1. **Apologies:** Anthony Stevenson

2. **Acknowledgment of Country**

3. **Approval of Minutes** – Kym B moved that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted, Cathy seconded. Dagmar to send minutes to Marlene for uploading to website.

4. **Executive Reports**

a) President’s Report
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b) Treasurer Report

c) Principal’s Report

Welcome back to start term 4. Janene organised a QPS stall for the Queanbeyan 175 years celebrations held during the holidays. From all accounts it was a success with a lot of interest expressed in our 2014 celebration. The city council thanked the school community for their contribution to the event.

Staffing: Elisa Trevarthen commenced maternity leave in the last few weeks of term 3 (James Daniel was born 1 Oct). It has been a smooth transition for students in 4TN. Kristina Nikoloska has been teaching the class one day a week all year. Angela Kouparsitas has returned from maternity leave 2 days a week to take RFF classes and 5/6C on a Wednesday.

Lyn Turner retired towards the end of last term after being the school’s teacher librarian for many years. Lyn and Margo Bills (retired during 2012) continue to volunteer their time to the school. Two new staff members have been appointed by staffing to start next year: a graduate teacher from UTS, Alana Raymond and a transfer from Rye Park PS, Frances Dashwood.

Friday of week 9, students in the St3 dance group performed ‘Celebrations’ at the K/st1 and st2 assemblies. The performances included ribbon dancing, the tango, skipping routines and a finale to the music of
Flashdance. The st3 students enjoyed the opportunity to ‘show off’ their talents and the K,st1,st2 students appreciated their performances.

St3 students enjoyed an afternoon of *Jump Rope for Heart* on the last Wednesday of term 3. This event was organised by Sue Menz who had used some of the routines in the dance performance for the festival. Students had fun on the day practicing their skipping skills as they moved round the different stations.

School holiday projects: all carpets were steam cleaned; lights in stairwell of 2 storey building were repositioned; trees and tree stumps mulched; pathway to playground 2 replaced and drainage improved; cracked floor tiles in KA removed and replaced with new floor covering; Inclusive playground space construction work.

Amy Minchin is continuing in her role of teaching dance to our Aboriginal students. She started with the older students in term 3 and will move onto the younger students this term.

NAPLAN Parent letters have arrived at school and will be distributed to students on Tuesday 15 October. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have any questions or concerns. The Learning and Support teacher will follow up by testing students with results in the lower three bands to identify areas needing support. Parents of these students will be contacted to discuss future learning plans. The school will examine the data to determine future directions.

Our Bluearth program has continued this year with Bluearth coach Liz Grellman. This is our 4th year but we only accessed it in the second half of the year. QPS is now in a phase of maintaining the program, of introducing new staff to Bluearth thinking. Erin (RFF in 4TN, 5/6B, 5/6H, 5/6T), Barbara (1M), Emma (5/6E) and Toska (3CK) are the staff and students currently benefitting from the coaching. There is a staff meeting planned for week 4 this term when Liz will deliver to all staff to build on their understandings. Previous Bluearth coaches Ross, Chris and Julia have helped the school to build a foundation. Funding each year has come from different sources such as Premier’s Sporting Challenge grants and Local Clubs grants.

The Intermediate Choir performed at the Uniting Church Spring Fair last Saturday morning. Mrs Sawyer reported that the students did a lovely job including singing ‘Happy Birthday’ to the City of Queanbeyan to open the fair.

5. **Fundraising**

a) Queanbeyan Baby&Kids Market and Expo 26 October 2013:

- 18 businesses and 16 individuals have booked stalls
- 7 community stalls were booked
- Peter Hendy has confirmed he will be attending
- DJ Mel will be playing music

b) School Fete 2014 Saturday 29 March 2014:

- Kym B is obtaining quotes for aerial photography of the school and put forward a proposal for P&C to cover the costs
- Kym B is looking for Indigenous contacts to organise ‘Welcome to country’ as well as other Indigenous elements for the fete
- John Cope to do tours and sell his book
- It would be too expensive to have a rose propagated for us, Mr Gascoigne to contact rose wholesaler, old fashioned one, order bulk, package up nicely
- Should we not do the bulb fundraiser next year but focus on rose instead – to raise at next meeting

6. **Other Business:**
• Qbn bday celebration – QPS stall: 72 sheets we’re given out to people who attended the school or have relatives who have; Qbn museum suggests to dedicate a room to the school

• Cathy and Leanne will say a few words on P&C at the parents session (as part of the orientation of new kindy kids)

• Next year: concentrate on x amount of fund raisers, make choices according to events that are easy to run and meaningful, let’s not overload parents with calls for volunteers

• School signage: Kym H suggests for P&C members to look at the Bacchus Marsh primary school’s website. The school has lovely signage depicting the buildings of the school. Should we do something similar for our school? Shall we keep the existing sign at the front? Who looks at it? (It’s time consuming to change the letters.) To be discussed at the next meeting.

• Lockable signs for entries – to be discussed at next meeting

• White and grey socks are ok for boys, grey is preferred. Kym H to clarify in Isa News

• Blueearth info evening to increase understanding – to be discussed at next meeting

• We discussed whether P&C should fund sports activities – discussion to be continued at next meeting

7. Next meeting: 11 November 2013

8. Meeting Close: 9.15pm