Queanbeyan Public School
Parents and Citizens Association

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MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Monday 10 March 2014
TIME: 7.00pm


1. Apologies: Frances Sharp

2. Acknowledgement of Country

3. Approval of minutes – Annabel moved that the minutes be accepted, Anthony seconded.

4. Executive Reports

Principal’s Report
The School Swimming Carnival held Tuesday 4 February was a successful event. It was organised by Virginia Rosser and was well supported by staff across the school. Students Year 2 to Year 6 and staff had an enjoyable day with competition as the core business.

The District Swimming Carnival held Friday 21 February at the AIS was also a success – organised by QPS staff and led by Michelle Hill. 35 students represented the school. They achieved positive personal results with 11 students progressing to the Regional Swimming Carnival to be held Friday 7 March at Dapto. Michelle Hill will manage the Queanbeyan District team.

Stage 1 and Supported Learning swim school commenced 24 February. It is a two week program with 10 lessons. The students enjoy the learning experience. They are able to have different and interesting interactions with other students in their classes.

The school is supporting a Saturday Community Language program in Portuguese. The tutor (one of our parents) is delivering the program to a small group of children in 2R classroom.

An outdoor school assembly was held on 13 February to acknowledge the 6th anniversary of The Apology to the Stolen Generations. Year 6 students both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal led the assembly. The 3 flags were raised and the words of The Apology were reflected upon. Ms Whitehead spoke about remembering the past and looking forward to the future together.

Getting To Know Your Child parent meetings have been held across the school to build partnerships that will continue to evolve and support the students’
learning. It is also an opportunity to communicate to parents class and stage expectations to achieve success.

Best Start assessment for Kindergarten students was conducted during the first 3 days of this term. The data collected is entered into software that produces reports to help teachers in their planning of teaching and learning programs. It also produces reports for parents to give explicit information on where their child is placed to start their schooling.

Two informal BBQs were held to welcome parents to the new school year at QPS. Firstly, a special education event, and hosted by school staff, was held in the enclosed play area at the Town Park. The second event was held on playground 2 adjacent to the fixed equipment to enable students to play while parents met other parents and teaching staff.

Blueearth workshops have commenced this term with 5 classes and stage 3 sport groups accessing the program. 5/6S – Frances Sharp, 1A – Alanna Raymond, 3-6N – Leila Dunne, K-3C – Jess Cheel, 2MR – Helen McIntyre and stage 3 – Wendy Jolliffe. While students are accessing the program and developing their skills, teachers are engaged in a professional learning opportunity.

Parent, Chris Newman, a qualified and practicing Fire Fighter, presented information and a demonstration to staff on fire safety methods that was both instructional and entertaining. Staff now have a thorough understanding of the different types of extinguishers, their intended purpose, what they contain and how to operate them.

Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival was held on Sunday 23 February and QPS participated with an Aboriginal dance performance. The younger students Year 1 to Year 4 gathered at the park with their families. They looked fantastic in their performance T-shirts, black pants and ochre designs on their faces. The dance started with traditional movements then changed to modern dance.

QPS held National School Clean up Australia Day on Friday 28 February. ‘Splash’ our school mascot was introduced to Kindergarten students at their assembly. Splash encouraged students to be responsible for their rubbish and food packaging so it doesn’t wash or blow into the Queanbeyan River. Classes and stages adopted an area of the school to clean up on the day.

- Kym H. presents proposed changes to school song – consensus is that alterations are positive and sensible
- 150th birthday merchandise for sale at the front office: mug, key ring, pen, platypus
- Some parents are interested in purchasing a T-shirt, which are organised by a staff member (cost: $25)
- Parents are invited to join a ‘Kids Matter’ workshop (professional learning around kids’ mental health

**Treasurer’s Report**

Bank Balances
We had $44,154:91 as of 28/02/14 in the Queanbeyan Public School’s Parents & Citizens Association’s bank accounts.

Which means for February 2014 the P&C had made a loss of $950.81.

Event Profits
Membership and Interest
We banked $14 membership monies and received $76:63 in interest in February.

Fete
We banked $30 for the fete.
Expenses
The P&C purchased a new BBQ for $259 this month as the other was unsafe and not practical for the numbers we need to cater for at events. Thankyou Anthony Stevenson, for researching and purchasing on the P&C’s behalf. This expenditure was approved at January’s meeting of the P&C.

Event Expenses
Mother’s Day Stall
$43.84 of money was reimbursed to Elizabeth Gallagher for purchases for last year’s stall. This expenditure formed part of our approved budget for this event last year.

Fete
Expenses for the upcoming fete equaled $768.60 and forms part of the agreed budget for this event. This was made of a deposit to the Gecko Gang and postage for the fete.

2014 Budget
Based on estimate of $10,000 coming in from the Fete and spending $20,000 on the playground update it is proposed that the P&C will still end 2014 with close to $30,000 in our accounts.

5. Fundraising

Disco 14 March 2014

- Dagmar to send out call for volunteers. We need people to man the doors and to sell the glow sticks. Cathy will be the contact for volunteers.

- K & Year 1: 5:30-6.15pm, theme: fantasy; Year 2,3 and 4: 6.30-7.15pm, theme: movie or book character; Year 5&6: 7.30-8.15pm, theme: the 80s

School Fete 29 March 2014

- Kym B. presents a progress report.

- All P&C members are asked to email Kym B. about how they can help on the day.

- Annabel presents suggestion to have ‘pigeon toss’ at the fete, which is received positively. Kym B. to discuss logistics with Annabel.

- In case of wet weather – cancellation of the fete will be announced through radio, Isa news list and possibly the school's website (contact Natalie with a heads up).

- The idea of a P&C Facebook page is being discussed. People comment that it takes a lot of time to manage such a page and we decide we leave it for the time being.

6. Follow-ups

- Aerial photography: will not be progressed
7. Other business

- Mother’s and Father’s Day Stall handover: Leanne is happy to take over the running of those stalls together with Erica. Kym H. will organise a handover meeting.

- Photographic exhibition on history of the school will open on Friday 21 March 2014; John Cope will give a talk and re-launch his book; tea, coffee and biscuits will be served from 6.30-8.00; Janene and Isabel can help out on the night.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

NEXT MEETING: 24 March 2014 at 7pm (special fete meeting) & 7 April 2014 at 6.30pm (general meeting)

**ACTION ITEMS**

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