MEETING DATE: Monday 11 August 2014
TIME: 6.30pm


1. Apologies: Annabel Schweiger

2. Acknowledgement of Country

3. Approval of minutes – Kym Bush requested 3 changes to the minutes which Dagmar noted. Isabel moved that the minutes be accepted, Kym B. seconded.

4. Executive Reports

President’s Report
Nominations are open for the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW 2014 election of Councillors and Delegates. The election will take place on 20 November. Kym B is nominating herself as Delegate.

Treasurer’s Report
Summary of Financial Reports

Bank Balances
We had $64,781.44 as of 31/07/14 in the Queanbeyan Public School’s Parents & Citizens Association’s bank accounts.

Which means year to date the P&C had made a profit just under $20 thousand.

Income
Bank Interest
We earnt $104.60 in interest this month.

Expenses
P&C Affiliation and Insurance
We paid $923 in insurance and affiliation costs this month. We have bought a standard insurance package, and paid for affiliation with the P&C Federation which includes public liability up to $30,000,000.
Details of the insurance policy wording and guidelines can be found on the P&C Federation Website.
I did compare our current insurance with a package from the Healthy Kids Association. They were very similar however we remain with our current provider as we retain our affiliation and membership of the P&C Federation.

2014 Budget
We are still proposing that the P&C will still end 2014 with over $30,000 in our accounts.

Principal’s Report

The School Athletics Carnival was finally held on Monday week 2 having been postponed twice due to wet weather. St3 organised a rolling carnival of track events only starting with 12/13 year olds. The field events were finalised at school in term 2 sport. The District Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday week 2 so it was a quick turn around for the school team. There were many fine student achievements resulting in regional athletics representation at the AIS Friday week 6.

The school rugby league team played Flinders PS in the 5th round of the FSSA competition. It was a very close match, 18-14 after a road trip of a few hours. The students competed in the Sullivan Shield finals in week 3 with mixed results. It has been a long season for the team. Thank you to parent, Chris Newman for his time and commitment. He worked closely with Peter Cox to support and encourage the students.

Primary Ethics classes commenced this term for stage1 students. This class is held in scripture time on Tuesday and is delivered by a trained volunteer. Supported Learning students and staff went via school bus to Canberra Theatre to watch a performance of Wombat Stew. It was a great adventure and with follow up learning planned, students were able to continue enjoying the experience. Wombat Stew was then used as a literacy focus.

Education Week 2014 ‘Lighting the way to a better future’ started Tuesday week 3 and continued until Tuesday week 4 with many opportunities for parents to visit the school. The St3 Science Fair was a great success. All students enjoyed the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge and engage their audiences. Supported Learning staff hosted a family BBQ to introduce new staff to parents. St1 TEN games were played in classrooms after lunch to highlight the importance of developing early numeracy strategies and to demonstrate mathematical thinking skills in a cooperative classroom. John Cope also conducted a school tour with a history talk for families new to the school. St2 invited parents to join them in sport time on Friday morning and finished off the session with Crunch ‘n’ Sip.

The Queanbeyan School Education Area Arts Festival held at the Canberra Theatre was finalised during Education Week with technical and dress rehearsals to put the icing on the cake ready for the two evening performances. Both dance groups were fantastic and the students really enjoyed themselves.

Tree Day was moved into Education Week. A new project was commenced to improve the entrance off Thorpe Avenue. Mrs Jones worked with St3 students, Duncan our General Assistant and grandparent, Jennie Breen. An area of raised garden beds has created a focus and improved the pathways.

On the following Monday 4 August we launched the book ‘Our Diggers’ at a whole school assembly. John Cope researched and wrote the book about students who attended QPS and who went on to serve in the First World War. The Intermediate Choir sang the song ‘From Today’. Two students, Rory and Will, dressed in military uniform by Debbie and Phil Chalker, supported John’s story telling. The assembly was concluded with ‘Ringing the Bells’ for peace. After lunch in the Friendship Garden parents, students and community members
gathered to lay pavers and listen to stories of past QPS students such as Eva Brown who attended when the school first opened.

Tuesday, in the school library a TEN evening was held for parents. The ‘building capacity’ event was hosted by Jill Hadobas with the support of many staff. Parents developed their understandings and experienced early numeracy strategies by playing the games. Many parents attended the event.

A NED show was held after lunch Tuesday for the whole school. The messages of Never Give Up, Encourage Others and Do Your Best were communicated through storytelling and yo-yo tricks. It was a first time visit by NED, a risk to take. There was no cost for the show but a follow up sale of yo-yos was a requirement. Thank you to parent, Renata Hush and office staff for supporting sales before school, at recess and lunch for a week. Playground 3 was used by students K-6 for yo-yo practice during the week.

Come to Dinner in its third year is hosted by the Catholic University to support Indigenous students to ‘dream big’ and make connections with tertiary institutions for future studies. St3 students, their parents and families and staff were invited to engage in the event and enjoy the evening. The Senior Choir members were magnificent in their performance at the Festival of Choral Music held at Opera House. QPS student, Emily Hazilias, opened the Endeavour Concert when she sang the solo in the song Non Nobis Domine from Henry the Fifth. Many parents, siblings and family members enjoyed the evening and I have received several messages of congratulations from the school community and from Ian Jefferson one of the conductors. Congratulations to Cornelia Sawyer for preparing the students. There were many after school practice sessions together with choir time to reach the very high standard.

5. Fundraising

Father’s Day Stall
A big order has been placed for Father's Day. There was not much stock left from last year.
Dagmar to send out call for volunteers email on 25 August.

Term 4 Disco

We are proposing to hold the disco on 7 November 2014 should a volunteer take responsibility for the event. Kym B will check availability of DJ Mel. Then Dagmar will send an email in search for a volunteer to coordinate the event.

6. Follow-ups

Defibrillator

Kym B. sought legal advice from our insurance company: if defibrillator is not appropriately maintained, school and office bearers will be open to litigation.

Taking into account the school’s proximity to hospital and ambulance station, and after weighing up potential benefits and risks of this commitment, members unanimously decide against the purchase of a defibrillator.

Drop-off zone signage

Kym Bush reported she has received quotes on signage from the business that did our QPS Art Show Banner.
- $55 for Corflute signs
- $75 for a metal yellow sign (900 x 600cm)

Some concerns voiced about the size of the signs and the actual effectiveness in changing behaviour.

Decision to revisit this issue after the Council have done their trial of a drop zone on the street behind the school.

7. Other business

“Our Diggers”

John Cope’s book “Our Diggers” was successfully launched at a special assembly to reflect on 100 years since the beginning of World War 1. Mrs Hawes approached the P&C about covering some of the costs of the printing of this book. The P&C voted and will be paying the printing costs of $1,360, on the understanding that the books will be sold for $15 with the funds coming back to the P&C. We are following the precedent set by John Cope’s previous book.

Safety Audit of Trees

After a departmental audit of trees in the school, seven trees have been earmarked to be felled. Mrs Hawes (like the P&C) is saddened by the prospect of losing the three large gum trees near the front office and will explore if there are any viable alternatives.

Acknowledgement of the Original Custodians of this Land

A member of the AECG asked if the P&C include an acknowledgement in their meetings. She was assured that the Queanbeyan Public School P&C start every meeting with an acknowledgement. Mrs Hawes suggested that what other P&Cs in the area do could be explored through the AECG network.

The NED Show
- Never Give Up
- Encourage Others
- Do your best

This show was recommended by a teacher who had seen it performed for another school. Mrs Hawes allowed it to come to QPS, as it’s message tied in with the school’s core values. It was a free program however it offers for sale yo-yos to cover costs. Yo-yos were only to be played in the playground in front of the canteen and just for this week.

Concerns were raised about the selling of yo-yos, the price of the yo-yos and the whole programs integrity and commercial slant.

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