MEETING DATE: Monday 13 October 2014

TIME: 6.30pm


1. Apologies: Kym Bush, Anthony Stevenson

2. Acknowledgement of Country

3. Approval of minutes – Cathy moved that the minutes be accepted, Janene seconded.

4. Executive Reports

President’s Report
N/A

Summary of Financial Reports

Bank Balances
We had $64,787.15 as of 30/09/014 in the Queanbeyan Public School’s Parents & Citizens Association’s bank accounts.

Which means year to date the P&C had made a profit of over $19,000 while putting over $3,000 worth of resources back into the school (such as the new BBQ, Ecomist, ambulance cover and the printing of the new book “Our Diggers”)

Income
We banked over $4,000 for the father’s day stall and $270 from book sales (“Our Diggers” and “If these stones could speak”).

Expenses
We paid $228 for Ecomist for the school and paid $401.93 in Father’s Day Stall expenses.

2014 Budget
We are still proposing that the P&C will still end 2014 with over $30,000 in our accounts.
Naidoc celebrations were very special this year giving us an opportunity to enjoy Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures and communities. Each class created a collaborative artwork capturing a response to Country. Mrs Sterland led an all day printing workshop in the multi-purpose room. Students saw their artwork come to life and were amazed. Five beautiful panels were produced. Miss Raymond invited her dad to school on Tuesday to help her deliver a talk about the Tiwi Islands. Adrian Brown - Ngunnawal; Linda Anderson - Yuin; Lewis Coe - Wiradjuri; Miss Raymond + Ian - Tiwi Islands; Ms Whitehead - Ganggalida (Gulf of Carpentaria); Annette Christou - Mbabaram (Atherton Tablelands) and Uncle Benny - Torres Strait Islands all gave talks.

Bush Tucker day with Johnny cakes and kangaroo sausages were delicious! Scott Russell had a busy day in our BTG (backyard). The garden is looking more alive now thanks to Scott’s good work and good ideas. The Aboriginal and TSI student choir (prepared by Mrs Sawyer) performed at the whole school assembly and Mrs Southwell created a movie capturing the week’s events that helped everyone feel part of the journey.

The girls’ basketball team was narrowly defeated in extra time in the quarter final. Eight teams competed in the state finals held in Bathurst. 5th place was a fine achievement. Well done and thank you to Miss Nikoloska who managed the team and parents with expert knowledge who supported and coached.

The Questacon2U show supported St3 students in their study of Matter they were engaged in during T3. It was well received with high participation and positive feedback from students and staff.

Yr5 students enjoyed a T20 Milo cricket day at Wright Park. Mrs Jolliffe reported that students’ skills and knowledge increased quickly during the day. It was a high energy day with maximum participation. Yr6 started their three day Personal Development Sex Education program on the same day and Yr6 Peer Mediators were thanked for their service to the school with a BBQ luncheon.

Salaka Drumming visited us in the last week of T3 and filled the school with joyful music. Students watched, listened, sang, danced, clapped rhythms and played the djembes. It was a very engaging, informative and entertaining experience.

St1 classes undertook an excursion to the Train museum in Kingston and a train ride to Queanbeyan. Some classes had just completed a study of Transport and some beginning it this term so it was timely.

SASS and SLSO staff were recognised and thanked for their contributions to the school’s successes. Administration and Support staff designed their own party – morning tea; listen to school choirs (senior, intermediate, vocal ensembles) perform and take a walking tour of the school grounds together.

Special Education students attended a live performance of Pete the Sheep at The Q. This immersion experience was used as a springboard for future in class literacy studies.

St1 students experienced a Back in Time day. Staff, dressed in costumes hired from Qbn Theatre Group conducted rotational lessons. Students marched to music and sang God Save the Queen. Debbie and Phil Chalker, also in costume shared their horse, Copper, and demonstrated whip cracking.

The Intermediate choir and ten Senior choir students traveled to Sydney to sing in the Primary Proms concert series at the Town Hall. Students sang 11 songs as part of a massed choir. The vocal ensemble sang and danced a medley from the musical, Singing In The Rain. The concert was very successful, concluding with a standing ovation from the audience. Staff, Mrs Sawyer and Mr Cox together with parent helpers, Lisa and Emma ensured students were safe and their needs were met overnight.
The Deputy Principal merit selection process was finalised at the end of term 3. Tim McIntosh was the successful candidate. He is currently an AP teaching at Narrabri PS and will start at QPS in 2015. Thank you to Safranz Haroon for his contributions to the panel as the parent representative.

The Tournament of Minds Territory final was held at ANU on the first Sunday of the holidays. Our Social Science team of 7 students and their parents were very excited and committed to the day. Unfortunately the team was pipped by the Canberra Grammar team. There was a sense of disappointment as the students knew they had done a good job in the group thinking process. St3 teacher, Emma Boughton provided the supervision and leadership on the day.

Term 4 started together, staff and students on Tuesday after the Monday public holiday. St3 students started their new look sport program for the next six weeks, choosing either mPower Dome for a range of sporting experiences or tabloid organisation and leadership for stage 1 classes. Yr4 classes attended the Qbn Enviro Expo held at the showground to learn more about sustainable practices. This annual event embraces our Splash Patrol actions and Thrash the Trash Thursday ideas.

A P&C member is needed as representative on a selection panel for school recruitment. Cynthia will run training for interested parents. Janene indicated she is interested in participating.

6. Fundraising

**Term 4 Disco**
The disco will take place on 31 October 2014. Dagmar is organising the event with help from Isabel and Cathy. We decide to run a sausage sizzle, invite a coffee van and sell glow sticks, bracelets, wristbands and flashing rings.

5.30 – 6.15 – Kindy & Year 1
6.30 – 7.15 – Year 2&3
7.30 – 8.15 – Year 4,5&6

Dagmar to organise volunteers, write text for Isa News and order glow sticks.

The themes will be 'Dress to Impress’, Tie-Dye and Halloween. Isa News and flyer to explain that disco is a social event for QPS students only and parents are to wait outside. It’s very difficult to supervise pick-up when parents are inside the hall.

**Babies & Kids market**
Leanne is unable to run the markets on 1 November 2014. She has handed over to Claire Steele. The SACC team is also unable to participate in the event on 1 November. We decide the event should be moved to March next year, possibly 14 March. State election to take place on 28 March 2015.

7. Follow-ups

**Playground 1 upgrade**
The budget for the project is $100,000 ($50,000 from NSW government, $20,000 from the School, $30,000 from the P&C).

A parent has contacted Kym H. requesting for the playground’s surface to be a hard surface. Two quotes were obtained for re-surfacing the area with asphalt/concrete.

We agree that we would like to seek quotes from designers for the space before starting any work. The brief to the designer should include the request for hard surfaces. We discuss ideas around creating different zones.
on the playground that offer activities to the children, noting the space is used as a thoroughfare and poses challenges such as the tree roots and drainage.

Kathy B. agrees to seek quotes from possible designers. Discussion to be continued at the next meeting. Kym H. to check by when the NSW Government money needs to be committed by.

**Birthday celebration 15/16 November**
Planning has begun for the School’s birthday celebrations on 15/16 November. There will be an open day on the Saturday and an evening event on Friday. Plans to be finalised, to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Other business

**Rollathon**
We agree that there was not enough time to collect donations for this year’s Rollathon. The note needs to go out to parents a few weeks prior to the event.

NEXT MEETING: 10 November 2014 at 6.30pm

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