Maroubra Bay Primary P&C: May 2015 minutes

### Meeting date and time
- Wednesday, May 6, 2015
- 6:35pm – 8:30pm

### Location
- Library

### Minutes

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
   - Present: Kathy Sydenham, Daniele Del Monaco (chair), Stefanie Berglin, Kat Konig, Karen Clouston, Giulia Tronci, Paula Morris, Natasha Cromer, Nathalie Altamirandra, Damian Murphy, Yasmin Schubach, Tertia Purves-Tyson, David Fitzpatrick, Belinda Rayment, Damian Murphy
   - Apologies: Kirsten Black

2. **Confirmation of previous minutes**
   - Approved: Paula
   - Second: Karen

3. **Actions from previous minutes (see Action spread sheet)**

4. **Principal Report**
   - NAPLAN coming up for year 3 & 5 from 12th-15th May.
   - Staffing news: Mrs Thompson is pregnant so from Monday, Mr M Guinness will take over class full time.
   - Stage 3 camping trip on 7-9 of September.
   - No soap provided in main toilet block as it ends up on the floor. Kathy will request soap and hand tissues for classrooms (no antibacterial) to take with them on toilet breaks.
   - Wet weather procedure: 3 bells at 8.30am = wet weather, go to classrooms.
     - Early school bus arrives 8:20am and those kids go to the hall. Classes buddy up during lunch and recess so teachers can have a break. That’s 40 kids so a suitable DVD is ok. Allows for downtime for kids as well.
     - Ms Hozier is now at MBPS permanently as she has been transferred.
   - Book fair coming up next week.
   - During the storm Junior Non-fiction section of library was damaged. All books will be replaced and reimbursed by insurance however this can take a long time.
   - P&C discussed different options including the P&C giving money to school to purchase books now. There were suggestions to ask parents to donate ‘pre-
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<td>- Most topics will be covered in individual reports below.</td>
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<td>- Movie Night: Numbers are lower than previous years so far. Some negative feedback about not wanting to come, title, or the weather (cold). As main objective is for it to be a social event, the feedback of not wanting to come is very disappointing for organisers. Cost of tickets didn’t seem to be a problem. Event will go ahead. All expenses will be covered.</td>
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<td>See attached report (get email from Tertia). 2014 audit is being finalized. Tertia is checking if P&amp;C require 2013 to be audited. We have ~ $6000 to spend. Daniele requested that Tertia look into the whether we need to apply to the ATO for cash donations to be taxable deductible for the donors. <strong>Actions</strong>   - Tertia to check when insurance is due and pay.  - Tertia to look into the whether we need to apply to the ATO for cash donations to be taxable deductible for the donors.</td>
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<td>- Movie night going ahead: good weather expected. Could move date to later in the year when warmer but organisers prefer to go ahead as planned for this year. Currently planned to hold on basketball courts. Could be hosted under COLA (would make event more intimate if we don’t get bigger numbers) or even inside of hall. P&amp;C prefers COLA or basketball court. Temperature can be taken into consideration when deciding next time. So far only 108 kids paid. Last year 213 paid and 215 kids paid for disco. Thus far $1200 profit including money raised from business sponsors. Biggest expense: pop up cinema, but covered by sponsors. Greener Grocer is donating most of the ingredients for the Burritos and Nachos, ~$500 worth.</td>
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- Cake Stall coordinator needed. Karen Clouston volunteered.
  - Entertainment Book fundraiser launch postponed to next week given date change for movie night. Daniele will coordinate this.
  - Kirsten suggested Fundraising Coordinator role to be replaced by several smaller coordinator roles, including Major Event Coordinator, Advertising and Sponsorship, Cake Stalls, Raffle and Volunteers. Kirsten volunteered to write role descriptions for each of the smaller coordinator roles.
**Action:** Kirsten to write suggested role descriptions for each of the smaller coordinator roles as a first step.

8. **Environment Update**

Playground: a lot of upfront questions: liability, funding from department...
All issues towards being solved.
Four companies in SYD that retrofit. There are companies that sign off on the safety of their work so no issue with liability & insurance.
No funds from department.
3-4 different quotes coming in next couple of weeks. $4000 - $30,000 proposed range.

9. **Other updates**

**Uniforms**
- Prices haven’t been increased for 6 years. Supplier costs have gone up and need to raise some prices (e.g. cargo pants and waterproof jacket).
P&C agreed to increase fees slightly, with Tertia and Giulia to meet to work out price increases.
  - Stocktake has been put into excel spreadsheet now. Tertia next step is to work out actual profit from uniform sales for 2014.
  - New baseball jacket proposed for year 6 only. It was well liked and accepted on the basis that it is available for all students. It was agreed the new baseball jacket should be slightly more expensive than the current jacket, so they still get purchased. The P&C agreed for the baseball jacket to be $35.
  - Karen asked if there was any interest to open the uniform shop up to possibly once a term so you could try on items. Karen volunteered to help. P&C thought this would be helpful to parents.
**Actions:**
- Tertia & Giulia to meet up to work out price increases for uniforms and update price list.
- Tertia to work out actual profit from uniform sales for 2014.
- Baseball jacket to be available to offered to all students for this winter for $35.
- Karen and Guilia to discuss/schedule uniform shop.

**Garden**

‘Garden Bee’ may be needed to help clean up after storms but no information or on when.

**Canteen**

Stephanie will present next time.

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### 10. **New orders of business**

#### Homework Policy

- Kathy ad handed out the school’s current homework policy. Any specific questions regarding individual’s or teachers should go to her.

- Daniele handed out the Department of Education’s “Homework: A Parents guide” (attached to the minutes). She explained that the reason the homework policy is on the P&C agenda is that Department of Education it to be developed in consultation with staff, parents and caregivers in school community. She also briefly mentioned some of key points from the Department’s guide which are:
  - There is no set homework policy for each school
  - Setting homework is not compulsory
  - There is no clear research that supports “the more homework, the better”

Given the recent issue raised with the homework being provided, Daniele asked for P&C members to provide her with any comments, concerns or questions about the school’s current homework policy so she can be collate for a general P&C view/perspective on the current homework policy.

**Actions:**

- Daniele to circulate copies of Department’s Guide for Parents on Homework.
- P&C members to review the documents and also the school’s current homework policy.
- P&C members to provide any comments, concerns or questions about the school’s current homework policy to Daniele so they can be collated for a general P&C view/perspective on the current homework policy.

**Note:** Any specific questions about the homework policy regarding an individual or what specific teachers are providing should go to her.

**PSSA sport – role of teachers at games and policy on cheering**

**Next meeting**

**Status of Artist in Residence MBPS**

No funding for one. Rose is now permanent as GA three days a week.
Action: Remove “Artist in residence” from web site.

Bendigo Bank Sponsorship

Daniele’s sponsorship application to Bendigo Bank was successful and they have confirmed to give us $2000. Daniele had to nominate how the money would be used and at the time of the application, the playground repair/upgrade was most important. In exchange for the $2000, we will promote Bendigo Bank as our major sponsors at the Movie Night and Walkathon. They can also provide their branded canopies for our use at events so effectively they will also be sponsoring our athletics carnival, this year. They have also offered a promotion that benefits both Bendigo Bank and us - If you get a home loan or switch your home loan to Bendigo Bank and mention MBPS as making the recommendation then Bendigo Bank will give $400 to the P&C for each loan they get and anyone who gets a credit card with Bendigo Bank and mention MBPS as making the recommendation, Bendigo Bank will give the P&C $50 per credit card.

Council Grants/Discretionary Funds

Discussed this may be a source we have not tapped into enough previously. It was successful with bikes (Council meeting approved $3000 for this. Nothing in writing yet). May be good to try and get some funding for the playground. P&C decided to wait until the quotes came in and then discuss course of action.

Cold & Flu/Wet weather plan/Wet weather activities

Covered in Principal report

Content for P&C Communication (Webpage on School Website)

Discussed how P&C webpage looked a bit ordinary and lacked much information. **Action:** Karen to propose how P&C webpage could be improved and what areas it should cover.

School band/Orchestra/Ensembles

Most schools in the Eastern Suburbs have school bands. Still want Rock Bands so this is not intended to replace Rock Bands. P&C is interested for something to be introduced into MBPS, although initial research on costs show that it costs around $45-$50 per child per week for instrument hire, weekly instrument lesson (semi-private), attend band practice and that this may be too high to get enough participation. Initial research on costs show that it costs around $45-$50 per child per week for instrument hire, weekly instrument lesson (semi-private), and attend band practice (costs include paying for band conductor). Suggested it would need 2 dedicated P&C volunteers to work on the instrument loans.

**Action:** Natasha to research options for paying for it and models in other schools in/outside Eastern Suburbs with similar socio-economic profiles.
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