MEETING OPENED: 7.35pm

Present: As noted
Absent: As noted

PRESENT

Lesley S Marlene W
Deborah R Marion D
Clare K Nina M
Greg C Lisa S
Chantel L Thea G
Yasmin A Shani G
Megan N Prama M
Danielle D Mick W
Cathy L

APOLOGIES

Raeleigh S
Michelle S
Alice M
Jen R
Wendy R
Georgia P

Minutes from previous meeting:

MATTERS ARISING

BUNNINGS RYDALMERE: Clare K
Date fixed for Bunnings bbq fundraiser: Sunday 14th September 2014.
Request for Market Day Flyers to be ready for that date.

WEST RYDE STREET PARADE:

$300 prize money for Melrose Park PS. Big thank you to all families who took part and represented our school.

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE:

Prizes for this year are shaping up nicely due to great work from Danielle D. Raffle to be held this Friday.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: Nina M
Notifications to be sent out on 21st May. Nina M informed that rep prefers actual books to be sent out rather than rely on online bookings. Clare K confirmed that it is a lot of work to distribute, chase up then collect money when books are sent to each student.
for the return we gain. It was suggested Kindy and K1 only receive books, and other classes to be informed via notes/Newsletter and an example book to be kept in the office for display. Each family who wants a book can then be given the book when they’ve paid for it. This will mean a lot less chasing up and save a lot of time.

**CANCER COUNCIL MORNING TEA:**

*Deb R*

**Date:** 30th May 2014

Flyer to be put out. Cakes to be donated.

**STUDENT INSURANCE:**

*Deb R*

Student insurance has been paid via P&C insurers March Pty Ltd. Deb R has the certificate for limited cover for students when on external excursions. Deb R will put a note out with information for parents so they understand the cover extended to students when off school grounds on school business.

**MARKET DAY:**

**Date:** 25th October 2014

**Electronic Signage:** Chantel L confirmed cheapest quote $75 per day, next cheapest over $100 per day. Idea is to approach Putt Putt for site use if we hire electronic signage. Mick W has prior knowledge and doubts about reliability of cheap quote company, and has contacts with competitors. He will contact them and liaise with Chantel L.

**Banners:** Wind damaged sign is in for repair to Pete T. New banners to include wording “Fete & Market Day” and not just Market Day.

**Animals:** School parent has agreed to sponsor animal rides this year through company sponsorship.

Suggested pricing: $5 pony ride  
$3 animal petting  
$7 for two items

**Reptile Display & Aussie Animals:** Greg C has 2 contacts who show reptiles/animals. Suggested he get pricing and availability for reptiles show first as we will probably already have the petting zoo for domestic animals alongside the ponies. Maybe having 2 reptile “shows” at set times, then petting/photo opportunity in between. To house in the Weather Shed. He has his own banners and display
attractions. Deb R concerned about up front outlay and how much return it will bring. Use this year as a trial period for profitability.

COMMUNITY GRANTS: Clare K

Covered walkway from bottom demountable to the library should be completed before end of year.

School trying for an NRMA community grant to cover costs of loud speaker system throughout playground. School fails WHS standards for emergency notifications over the whole school area. If grant application unsuccessful, school may have to approach P&C for a donation for this purpose.

Grant for paving around the flagpole secured through State MP John Alexander for ANZAC Commemorations.

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

As attached. Clare K

Welcome to new families present.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Current Balance: $16,086.32 Lisa S

Term 1 profits:
Uniform shop: $ 4,372.64
Bowling Night: $ 588
Cookie Dough: $ 1,118
Coffee/Books: $ 150
Easter Raffle: $ 1,196.20
Sausage Sizzle: $ 1,979.95

SAUSAGE SIZZLE:

Suggested staff complete separate staff order forms and pay in advance as well as students. Clare K happy to implement this change to staff sausage sizzle arrangements.
OOSH AGM:
Tuesday 20th May @ 4pm with Becklyn Management company. Additional parents welcome to attend and become involved with the parent sub-committee.

COFFEE REPORT: Marion D

$135 profit made on Art Show, which was donated directly back to the school. Great effort from Marion and Avril and thanks to all parents who donated cakes.

SCHOOL BANKING T1 PROFIT: Cathy L

$309.51

With 11 new accounts set up.

Students who attend OOSH on Wednesday mornings are notoriously bad at remembering to do their school banking. It was suggested a “school banking drop box” be installed so that parents can put their children’s banking books in the drop box when they deliver their children in the morning. Cathy L or Marion D can collect these and process them first, returning them to Lauren before 8.40am so they can be given to the children before they leave OOSH. This idea was universally supported.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

CANTEEN PROFITABILITY: Clare K

Any funds currently raised through the Coffee Shop are P&C funds and therefore do not count as profitability for the Canteen building itself. Clare K to discuss with Marion D any way that the current usage of Canteen building can be utilised for auditing purposes proving it is a useful and profitable facility.

HOUSE T-SHIRTS:

New parents have complained that notification of sports houses and therefore colour of t-shirts is too short notice in time for cross country carnival this Wednesday. Clare K agreed in future this information can be given to parents in Term 1.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:

To be held in week 5 of Term 3. Model of rotation used last year received good feedback from parents and students of all ages. Teething problems with timing meant that students of zone age had to continue qualification items back at school. It was noted that younger students need only one turn at each rotation to speed things up.
Clare K confirmed students from Marsden High School will be in attendance to assist at our Athletics Carnival. Marlene suggested Meadowbank TAFE sports course students may be available to assist in future if approached. Clare K to look into this as another resource.

BAND:

Marlene W enquired about the possibility of having a school band. Clare K confirmed this is a desirable addition to our school curriculum, but has encountered difficulties ensuring we run with the right model for our size of school using at out-of-school-hours approach to practice. It was confirmed a sub-committee of the P&C could help with this process. Alice M and Tony H keen to get a sustainable programme up and running. Marlene W and Clare K to discuss new ideas.

NOTES:

Shani G highlighted the problem with individual notes being sent out with very short turnaround times, even though all authority slips can be obtained from the website sometimes parents don’t even know a note has been sent out if their child has mislaid it. It was suggested that “Notes Day” be the same as Newsletter day. Clare K welcomed this feedback from parents.

SKOOLBAG APP:

Shani G also told us about an app which was successfully trialled at the school she works which is used to streamline the flow of information from school to school community.

Whilst Push notification programmes can be very useful and easy to use, Clare K confirmed the Department of Education pushes the use of FaceBook for this purpose. Tech savvy students with mischief in mind can misuse phone apps. FB is free and much harder to hack into. Further investigation is required regarding technical controls and safety of security. MPPS currently use the P&C FB page.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.25pm

NEXT P&C MEETING: Monday 2nd June @ 7.30pm