MEETING OPENED: 7.42pm

Present: As noted
Absent: As noted

PRESENT
Nicole B
Claire K
Lesley S
Cathy L
Nina M
Deborah R
Kerrie O
Michelle S
Raeleigh S
Allison B
Sheridan C

APOLOGIES
Marina P

Minutes from previous meeting:
Noted: Allison B
Seconded: Nina M

MATTERS ARISING
School vouchers: Claire K

Coles items arrived including:
- Netballs
- Soccer arches
- Tennis racquets
- Skipping ropes

Field station stands pending. Claire K to follow up.

MPPS re-registered for Woolworths new Earn & Learn Programme and My Sticker Card from 9th May. Information will be outlined in next Newsletter. Docket system to be replaced by stickers.
It was suggested claim boxes again be sited at Ermington and West Ryde Woolworths branches. Deborah R (Ermington) and Lesley S (W.Ryde) to request such at both branches.

**Table Tennis Tables:**

Four table tennis tables delivered plus a robotic ping pong ball thrower sponsored by Table Tennis Australia and Hyundai and supported by Bennelong MP Mr Alexander.

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**Recipe Book:** Sheridan C

Nicole B and Sheridan C have been putting together the 100 recipes with the aim of having the Recipe Book along with children’s pictures scanned in to be spiral bound and ready for Market Day. 3 volunteer typists will format and type up recipes. Each page to have all children’s first names as a footer.

Ideas for book title may be decided by competition with Zoo Pass as prize.

**Wharf Road Boarding House:**

No further news at present.

**Garden:** Nicole B

Rose bushes (some planted at school inception) currently bordering the front entrance footpath need repositioning. Idea of replanting as a memorial garden has much support. Secretary to write to:

- Better Homes & Gardens (Costa)
- Ryde TAFE
- Gardening Australia (Graham Ross)

to request possible assistance for this gardening project.

**C Block:**

Craig O’Shea (Assets Department Manager) has confirmed approval for works to proceed, but this has not yet been signed off pending latest problems discovered with the roof.

**Canteen/Uniform Shop:**

Canteen demountable has been repositioned, new steps installed and footpath laid. The interior is being painted by parent volunteer Charlie F. When complete, the uniform shop can also be relocated.
CORRESPONDENCE

More letters coming in with items for use in fundraising, including:

• Bridge Climb
• Cricket NSW - signed shirt
• Bunnings – outdoor patio heater

Patio heater worth $130+ and can be saved for big prize on Bingo Night or Market Day.

• Letter sent to Lucy Amirchian at Bunnings further to verbal offer of additional assistance, informing them of requirement to fit out Canteen demountable with any amount of shelving or equipment. No response to date.

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

See attached Report: Clare K

TREASURERS REPORT:

See attached Report.

Balance at end April $13,506.26 in account. Deborah R

GENERAL BUSINESS

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

• Lauren Abraham started as OOSH Co-ordinator from 30/4/2012.
• Payments coming in well.
• Duke of Edinburgh students from Ryde College coming in once per week to show children a range of sporting skills.
• Applied for Active Kids/Active Communities programme. Zumba, etc.
• 29 children signed in last week.
• Overwhelmingly positive support received so far.

BANNER:

It is felt there is a need for advertisement of Before and After School Care at MPPS at same time as Enrolment Awareness in the local community before end of Term 2.
Research is being done to price product. Nicole B, Claire K and Lesley S to brainstorm design and get quotes.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:**

Athletics Carnival date amendment to Term 3 due to mix up with venue booking. Now to be held on 23/7.

**MOTHERS DAY STALL:**

Friday 11th May. Prizes will be listed in the Newsletter. All tickets and money to be returned to school by Wednesday 9th May. Volunteers for wrapping required from 9am on this coming Friday.

**FUNDRAISING IDEAS:**

- Student artwork silent auction
- Musical/play/other performing arts

Nina M put forward above fundraising ideas. Michelle S shared her experience of such in her own workplace and confirmed costs are prohibitive for these activities as a source of fundraising. Claire K added that performing arts to be encouraged and upcoming programmes at the school will do this. It was discussed that local artists can be hired to work with the children for aim of creating great art for possible auction.

- Entertainment books arrival pending.
- Bingo/Trivia Night

**WORKING BEE:**

Much was achieved at Working Bee on morning of Sunday 6th May. Raeleigh S requested assistance with repainting snakes on concrete path. Claire K has had a conversation with school parent Mr Asatour who works for Computershare and confirmed they have a community service day. She thought this might be a good project to request assistance with from them.

**CANTEEN TOUR:**

All present were given a tour of the newly cleaned and repositioned canteen demountable. All very excited at the possible many uses for this facility within the school.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 9.10pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday 4th June 2012