

TURRAMURRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

P & C Association

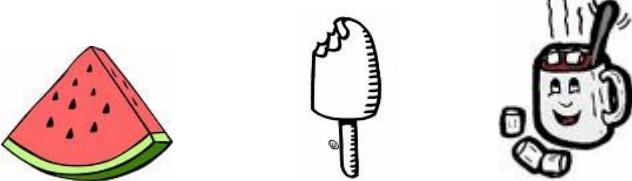
Minutes of Meeting

19 March 2008

AGENDA ITEM		COMMENT	ACTION
1.	Meeting Opened	7:35pm	
	Attendance	Anne Kenyon, Ros McCallan, Archie Johnston, Kim White, Mandy Sibbald, Audrey Fan, Garth Gum Gee, Karen Ayling, Andrew Casey, Jane Street, Michelle Eyre, Richard Brough, Mary Hill, Jenny Ross, Karina Richter	
2.	Apologies	Jo De, Katie Herbert, Craig Rich, Fiona O'Byrne, Tim Copping, Julie Thiele, Jason Smylie, David Tarbotton	
3.	Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting	Propose to accept: Mandy Sibbald Seconded: Archie Johnston	
3a.	Business Arising from the Previous Meeting	Reminders (see at right).	Ask Tim Copping to contact Sydney Uni re toilet blocks. AK to ask Katie Herbet for details of Rebel Sport vouchers for letter to Kindy parents.
4.	Incoming Correspondence	Email from Jo De – re safety issues of teachers' car park being in close proximity to classrooms. Possible solution to move car park to shaded area near front of school and transform existing car park into a primary playground area. Forward proposal to new Progress Committee as part of the 3-5 year school plan. Email from Garth Gum Gee re introduction of Asian language into curriculum. *See <i>New Business</i> below. Email from Karina Richter re Woolworths Community Grants application (up to \$5,000) for use on playgrounds/sand play areas. Applications close on 25 th March so further discussions to take place ASAP.	Karina to liaise with OOSH re use of grant as it is only applicable to out-of-school hours activities.
4a.	Outgoing Correspondence	Nil	
5.	REPORTS: President Anne Kenyon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lots of feedback from some of the points raised at last P&C meeting especially with regard to 3-5 year plan for the school grounds. Please understand that everyone has a say and everyone's suggestions are valid, but not everyone's suggestion will become a reality. Following on from that a new committee has been formed that will be named the 'Progress Committee' and it will meet to plan and discuss all the ideas put forward, as well as come up with a few of their own ideas. This committee will then present a plan to the school community for discussion. More will be discussed on this later in the meeting. I have had a number of meetings this month – one meeting with Ros and Craig Rich, myself and a representative of Kissing Point Sports Club to discuss the possibility of coming to an arrangement with them to lease our oval for sports training and 	

		<p>games. Their response was promising and it looks very likely that this may become a reality as soon as next term. Stay tuned!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ros and I have also had a meeting with the new Class Parents for 2008 which was absolutely packed with information. • All Class Parent Roles for 2008 have been confirmed <table border="0" data-bbox="598 257 1252 470"> <tr> <td>Kindergarten</td> <td>Kindie Orientation 08/Tea & Tissues 09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 1</td> <td>Walkathon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 2</td> <td>Mother's Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 3</td> <td>Disco</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 4</td> <td>Grandparent's Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 5</td> <td>Year 6 Farewell Dinner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 6</td> <td>Father's Day Breakfast</td> </tr> </table> • One positive outcome was their agreement that future communication from the school, P&C or the P&C subcommittees like Band, Uniform Shop etc will be emailed to the Class Parents who will then forward the email onto the parents in their own classes. Because of the concern for privacy all this communication will go through either Ros or P&C Executive Committee. • It was also agreed at the meeting that this year in November we will hold a School Fair – for which we will get a definite date booked into the calendar ASAP. 	Kindergarten	Kindie Orientation 08/Tea & Tissues 09	Year 1	Walkathon	Year 2	Mother's Day	Year 3	Disco	Year 4	Grandparent's Day	Year 5	Year 6 Farewell Dinner	Year 6	Father's Day Breakfast	
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6.	<p>Principal Ros McCallan</p>	<p>Construction Area: TAFE construction of outdoor seating/lunch area coming along – slight set back due to vandalism but getting back on track.</p> <p>Tree audit: Arborist consulted re tree work. Two years since previous audit.</p> <p>National Testing: Inaugural tests to be conducted in May (week 3, term 2) for years 3 and 5.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="598 1142 1037 1288"> <tr> <td>Tue 13th</td> <td>Language, spelling, writing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed 14th</td> <td>Reading</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thu 15th</td> <td>Numeracy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri 16th</td> <td>Make up test day.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Results and data should be available relatively soon after the tests are completed. Exemption rules are different to those of the basic skills test – stricter and a note to parents to go home shortly re these tests to ensure full attendance.</p> <p>Robotics program: with Macquarie Uni ITC centre. Four teachers have been trained in this program and the students are very excited. Program involves talking and moving robots that are programmable via a USB drive. Kids work in teams to put together and program robots. Stage 3 students to commence program first followed by Stage 2. Children have been asked to express their interest in the program as a show of commitment as it will involve one lunch time per week for a 10 week program. Macquarie Uni has offered to host a class of 32 students for tuition on these robots. Hopefully the program will in time extend to Stage 1 students.</p> <p>Assistant Principal: Interviews for short-listed assistant principal applicants continue tomorrow (Thursday March 20).</p>	Tue 13 th	Language, spelling, writing	Wed 14 th	Reading	Thu 15 th	Numeracy	Fri 16 th	Make up test day.							
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7.	Treasurer Karen Ayling	See report attached. Still no volunteer to audit accounts. Move to spend left over money on canteen – Mandy Sibbald Seconded by Mary Hill.	KA to locate an auditor AK will tell Canteen the good news re painting
8.	Band Mandy Sibbald	Band camp was fabulous. 151 students for the weekend. Many thanks to the committee for a huge job. Thanks to Di Bower and Tim Rowland. All helpers (around 100) – huge thanks. The new venue (Crusaders @ Galston) proved to be a great success. All bands have been entered in the Ryde East Festival on Sunday 25 th May. All bands have also been entered in the NSW Band Festival on 2 nd & 3 rd August. Saturday (2/8/08) will be Junior Band and Performance Band. Sunday (3/8/08) will be Senior Band and Jazz Band.	
9.	Classroom Refurbishment Katie Herbert	Painters booked to paint 6R over the Easter weekend and the room will be finished off (blinds and pinboards) over the school holidays. Class mums are organising all the cleaning and furniture moving etc. We only spent \$5,600 of the \$6,850 agreed. Perhaps canteen can have their paint job after all?! Re Kindy block, working bees will be announced next week re getting the rooms ready for the holidays. There has been an underwhelming amount of offers of help (what's new?!), so we'll ask class mums to rally up some more support for us. All the contractors are booked in so we're hoping for a smooth project completion! Rebel Sports: The MVP programme running at Rebel Sports offers parents a discount on purchases and money (2.5% of value of purchase) is donated to a school fund. Last year we mostly purchased vouchers for fund raisers, but this year we have purchased practice and match cricket balls and a new set of netball bibs for the primary school with our funds. KEEP USING THE CARDS! I have ordered a set for Kindy mums which perhaps someone can circulate with an appropriate note when they arrive. (# See note in <i>Business Arising from Previous Meeting</i> above.)	AK to speak to Katie re enlisting kindy parents to help for pre- and post-refurbishment of Kindy block. AK to speak to teachers re what is required. Suggestion that a note is put on each kindy door for sign up. Letter home to kindy and Year 1 parents to help. Ask Peter McCarthy to assist with the moving of any heavy items of furniture. Katie to supply Karen Ayling with final quote for 6R painters (\$5,600).

<p>10.</p>	<p>Canteen Lin Groundwater</p>	<p>Successful Hot X Bun drive today.</p> <p>Orange preparations for Harmony Day tomorrow (Thurs 20/3).</p> <p>Suggestion: remind children (especially Kindy) re collection of extra food items – handing in tags for hot/frozen items. Perhaps make them easier to read or include a token/picture to help the younger ones who cannot read. For example:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>AK to email Lin re new format for the note that is attached to the lunch order for collection extra food items.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Grounds Craig Rich</p>	<p>n/a</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Sustainability Team Julie Thiele</p>	<p>Harmony Day (Thurs 20/3) repotting plants - replant & sell some later in the year - 2 kinder & 2 year 6 classes tomorrow - hopefully enough volunteers will arrive between 11am & 11.15am to help.</p> <p>DIARY DATE: Mulching Day - Sunday 6th April</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>Uniform Shop Audrey Fan</p>	<p>Sales are quiet at present but these are expected to increase with winter on the way.</p> <p>Currently looking at polar fleece half-zip jackets. Suppliers to come back by next P&C meeting with prices.</p> <p>School sloppy joes are selling well.</p> <p>Looking into EFTPOS and a portable terminal. Collating information to compare banks to supply this facility.</p> <p>Will look into the possibility of stocking chiropractic approved school backpacks and/or wheelie bags.</p>	<p>RM to speak to Di Bower re Year 6 jackets – requested they be zip up jackets, not sloppy joes.</p> <p>Audrey to bring an EFTPOS proposal for next meeting</p>

14.	Progress Committee	<p>Steering committee - Ros McCallan, Peter McCarthy, Archie Johnston, Craig Rich, Mandy Sibbald & Anne Kenyon. Committee to then take on further members in future years as people move on.</p> <p>The committee will take on board opinions/suggestions to put together a proposed 1/3/5 year plan for inside and outside the classroom improvements. The school community will be asked to put forward ideas, committee to meet to discuss then decide what action to take.</p> <p>Committee to establish criteria for jobs to be done, time frame and a financial plan.</p> <p>Co-ordinator needs to be appointed at first meeting to act in the role of a project manager. Suggestion that P&C Vice President should be appointed as Progress Steering Committee Co-coordinator. Involve persons with appropriate skills. Perhaps past presidents to be involved to maintain continuity.</p> <p>Date to be set for initial meeting for early in term 2.</p> <p>Suggestions already offered for Progress Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re Jo De's email re teachers' car park – AK to reply. - Ramp access for Commenara and Dawson entrances. - Lighting for out-of-hours/evening access for entrances - Garth's email re Asian language tuition 	<p>AK to put notice in newsletter re submitting expressions of interest for 3-5 year plan in time for the first Progress Committee meeting.</p> <p>Mandy to supply suggestion box for infants and primary offices for expressions of interest.</p>
15.	New Business/General	<p>* Letter from Garth Gum Gee re Asian languages. Ros would have to look at timing in curriculum / personnel to implement program / availability and funding of primary language teacher / would require a review of current French program. Forward ideas/suggestions re same to Progress Committee.</p> <p>School Fair – date to be set – probably Saturday 8th November. Mandy to collate “to-do” list. Further discussion at next P&C meeting.</p>	<p>Mandy to check out availability of rides etc for Nov 8th.</p>
	General Business	-	
	Next Meeting	Wednesday May 14	
	Meeting Closed	9:40pm	