February P & C Monthly Meeting <u>17/2/15</u>

Meeting opened at 7:45 pm

<u>Present</u>: Nicole McEvoy, Nikki Wheen, Allan Hynds, Angie Pirie, Nicolette Oram, Darryl Carle, Melanie Mackie, Tessa McLaughlin

Apologies: Nil

Minutes Read: Moved: Nicole McEvoy Second: Allan Hynds

Business Arising:

The security screens and Garth's labour for the job in the canteen have been paid for.

Correspondence:

• Nil

Treasurer's Report:

December Balance for P&C account: \$6087.27

January Balance for P&C account \$6550.57 Roughly \$2000.00 will need to be taken out to pay for school uniforms.

January Balance for canteen account \$6737.49

Moved: Allan Hynds Second: Darryl Carle

Principal's Report:

- Mel thanked the P&C committee for making her feel so welcome at our school.
- She also thanked Allan for organising the Swimming Carnival
- Bilpin Cross Country Carnival will be held on the 20th of March
- Basketball Gala Day will be held on the 27th of March
- This year students will participate in the Hawkesbury Dance Festival. The choreography will be worked out this term ready for auditions in early Term 2. Information will go out to parents in Term 3 regarding the performance in Term 4.
- Hayden and Jack, our Year 6 leaders, attended the Leadership Camp at Yarramundi last week and found it to be a very worthwhile experience.
- The tennis court will be upgraded in the future, as we have been given a \$50,000 grant for the project. Quotes for the job will be provided shortly.
- Council needs to be contacted to sort out a root barrier before the resurfacing occurs.
- Mel attended a Small Schools Planning Day last week. Our School Strategic Plan is currently being devised by the staff and community consultation is needed to help us plan for our school's future direction. Mel discussed the idea that surveys regarding this would be given to the children to take home in Week 5 as part of their homework.

- Our staff will be participating in a range of professional learning courses this term; including ways to plan lessons using Smart Notebook in the classroom, implementing the new History and Science curriculums, behaviour management and Music.
- Our school will also participate in the EEC Partnership and CCC which will provide external professional learning and funding support.
- Mel also asked the committee if they would provide funds for student subscriptions (\$6.60 per child) to access the Skwirk website (an online program which covers the key learning areas).

Canteen Report:

- It was pleasing to have so many parents volunteer in the canteen this term.
- There are a few new items on the menu this year for the children to order.
- Numbers for garlic bread will need to be counted before morning assembly.
- Need to purchase a laser thermometer, as this was one of the recommendations from the council inspection.

General Business:

- Is a separate policy covering student injury insurance required? We need to make further inquiries.
- The current way of charging parents for school uniforms is too confusing for the uniform coordinator, due to store discounts for bulk purchases etc..The committee will review the uniform price list shortly.
- Our current fundraising events for 2015 will include;
- Small Schools Cross Country BBQ and Lollyfest (1st May)
- TomahROMA and Back to Back (2nd May)
- 2016 Calendar (if Amanda is willing to do again)

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm