

# **ANNANDALE NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes Wednesday 5th August 2015 meeting 7:30pm - 9:10pm**

**Welcome:** We acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respect to the elders past and present.

**1. Attendance:**

P&C members: Ruth Lyons, Naomi Toy, Josh Collins (ex-officio - A/Principal), Mel Waller, Julie Charlton, Jacqui Owen, Sally Webb, Ian Cranwell, Lisa Trevisan, Tracey Blow, Annette Walker, Kate Rutledge  
non-members: Peter Crowe, Melanie Oxley (AP), Michael Roche

**2. Apologies:**

P&C members: Pen Bye, Wendy Routledge, Annabel McGilvary, Sarah Taylor-Holmes, Ali Donaldson

**2. Confirmation of previous minutes:**

- 2.1. That the minutes of the June meeting are confirmed as true and correct.  
Moved; Annette Walker, Seconded: Kate Rutledge. Carried unanimously.

**3. Business arising from previous minutes:**

nil

**4. Reports:**

- 4.1. **President:** no report - all relevant matters covered in agenda.  
4.2. **Treasurer:** see attached  
Agreed to maintain approximately \$25,000 in accounts (excluding Band and Strings) to enable funding of major events and contingencies.  
**Principal:** see attached

**5. Sub-committee reports:**

**5.1 Fundraising:**

See attached report for more details.

Several small events remain for 2015: more cupcake stalls, yrs 6 and 5

Father's Day stall Sept 4th and Dad's BBQ to be arranged

**Agreed** that the fundraising committee and Sally Webb will consider a large event for first half of 2016. To report to September meeting with proposals.

**Resolved** that the basic 2015 fundraising calendar of events as outlined on the P&C website be continued in 2016. The fundraising sub-committee to bring a calendar of events for 2016 based on the 2015 calendar for consideration.

**Moved:** Naomi Toy seconded Sally Webb, carried unopposed.

**Sally Webb** mentioned the opportunity to fundraise with “clean skin” wines. She will investigate further (in liaison with Fundraising Committee) and report back plan at the Sept meeting.

**Michael Roach updated Christmas tree planning:** Michael will place an order at the end of August with pre-sell now and a further push in Nov and is aiming to sell approx. 150. Flyer to be sent home with children and wider advertising later in the year. Orders will be placed on-line and phone no's are required to keep track of those who purchased so follow up can be managed on the day of pick up (Dec 12th).

**Markets:** still going through Council and a new car park has been identified at John st Annandale. Michael still awaits acoustic, traffic and parking reports.

**5.2 Band and Strings:** report held over to September meeting

**5.3 Facilities/Grounds: see attached report for more details**

In addition to the Principal's report on options for new playground equipment, it was suggested the committee review “like sized” schools to review the type of equipment purchased for smaller schools.

**Resolved:** that the Grounds Committee (a) update quotes for the purchase of age appropriate play equipment to replace current equipment and also for new structures. (b) Consult with landscape architect/school playground designers with a view to updating and building on previous plans and so we can consider the “big picture” as well as small projects.(c) identify relevant grants that may be applied for (d) Look at other schools with limited space to see how they have dealt with the challenges and for possible inspection.

**Moved:** Naomi Toy, seconded Mel Waller carried unopposed

**5.4 Grants:** Community Grants close on August 7th and a vacancy still exists for for a Grants co-ordinator. Having someone in this role will be invaluable if large purchases are planned for 2016.

**5.5 Supporting Quality Learning:**

Lego Mindstorm kits: **Resolved** that the P&C funds the purchase by the school of a Lego Mindstorm kit which will facilitate mathematical, IT & science education of students, up to the value of \$6,500 (less GST). **Moved:** Kate Rutledge, seconded Naomi Toy, carried unopposed

**Resolved:** That the P&C fund the school \$9,000 (less GST) for additional classroom furniture. **Moved:** Tracey Blow, seconded Mel Waller, carried unopposed

6. **New business:**

- Cyber safety information night/workshop for parents: **School introducing cyber safety program for children.**
- **Motion on notice for September:** That the first paragraph of rule 18 of the P&C be amended by substituting \$1500 for \$200, that is, to read: *Any motion to expend Association monies over an amount of \$1500 must be placed on notice for the meeting at which it is to be considered.* **Moved:** Wendy Routledge, seconded: Tracey Blow
- Suggestion for a gallery of previous successful students and names in the office to promote the school, but the idea was not supported at this time by the school representatives.
- Feedback from athletics carnival: Discussion around whether younger children could compete with their peers as there is a lot of time spent waiting for those who don't compete. Ms Oxley pointed out that this is an unfortunate part of participating in large school events and supporting your house is also part of school participation at carnivals. School undertook to look at means of integrating younger children into events.
- **Resolved:** that the P&C contributes \$220.00 towards the expenses incurred by the family of student Abby Foster to compete in the NSW PSSA State Carnival for hockey in May in Murwillumbah. This would cover the fees from PSSA which paid for uniforms, umpires, grounds and insurance. **Moved** Mel Waller, seconded Naomi Toy, carried unopposed
- Update on school uniforms: **Principal to update school community in newsletter**
- NAPLAN results: **families will receive results in coming weeks and presentation to P&C to follow in term 4.**
- Julie Charlton suggested resolving early in each year, fund establishment costs for future fetes, discos and stalls, etc., to assist budgeting, to aid planning and certainty. Idea to be further developed at next meeting.

7. **Correspondence:**

- Media request for information on overcrowding at ANPS & students moving schools. President replied with general factual information and that no in-area students and been refused enrolment.
- Fundraising brochures

**Next meeting: Sept 2nd 7:30pm**

## **REPORTS**

### **GROUND AND FACILITIES REPORT: prepared by Naomi Toy**

- The Committee met with Acting Principal Josh Collins to discuss ways in which the school grounds could be improved.
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**Treasurers Report**  
**(ANPS P&C Meeting, 5 August 2015)**

- Profit and Loss for the main P&C accounts for the months of June and July 2015:

		MTD	MTD	YTD
		Jun	Jul	Jul
		\$	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>				
Commission			202.79	561.67
Bank Interest		42.48	40.61	466.83
Dad's BBQ		4.00		2,921.85
Disco				6,680.20
Easter				3,950.15
Fete				34,964.30
Christmas Trees				1,445.00
Fundraiser Stalls		779.15		3,503.37
Mothers Day				2,002.63
P&C Memberships				81.00
Second hand uniform sales		130.00		1,156.05
Step Into Life				100.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>955.63</b>	<b>243.40</b>	<b>57,836.05</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
ANPS Band Contribution/Grant				-
Dad's BBQ	-	791.56		- 791.56
Disco Expenses	-	2,775.70		- 3,688.05
Easter Raffle				- 232.74
Fete Expenses				- 2,743.81
Gifts-Teachers				- 957.75
Insurance-Public Liability			- 805.00	- 805.00
P&C Contribution to ANPS Wish List	-	7,500.00		- 63,178.50
P&C cupcake contribution to library	-	776.75		- 3,460.97
Aidan Brown Quest	-	319.00		- 1,584.00
Christmas Trees				- 1,800.00
Lucia				- 500.00
Year 6 Year Book				- 170.00
Thank you gifts				- 150.00
BBQs				- 1,777.29
Trestle Tables				- 179.95
Kindy welcome				- 996.37
Other	-	1,000.00		- 1,045.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>-13,163.01</b>	<b>-805.00</b>	<b>-84,060.99</b>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>		<b>- 12,207.38</b>	<b>-561.60</b>	<b>- 26,224.94</b>

- Ending bank balances at end of July 15 - \$51,442.71 for main P&C accounts (\$1,000 of unpresented cheques) and \$17,862 for band account

# Principal's Report

Wednesday 5th August

Josh Collins



## For the ordinary meeting of the Parents and Citizens Association, Annandale North Public School.

### At a glance

- \* New staff
- \* Principal's position.
- \* Student health
- \* Athletics carnival thanks
- \* Professional learning and maintenance
- \* Reforms
- \* Cyber safety
- \* enewsing
- \* Playground ideas

It has been an interesting winter thus far. Our new teachers Mrs Hughes-Clapp on Year 6, Mrs Newey on Year 1 and Mr Stofer on 3/4 have all settled in well and are, by all accounts, doing a great job with their students. While it was sad to see a few favourites move on or go on leave, the new enthusiasm entering our school is refreshing.

Less refreshing is the 'nothing to report' status of the Principal role at ANPS. Staffing have not yet made the decision as to how to fulfill the position and patience is called for here. I might add, under the circumstances, the school is not only functioning well but striving towards goals set out prior to





Mrs Bollard's departure and those the executive team have since set themselves. This is not a caretaker team.

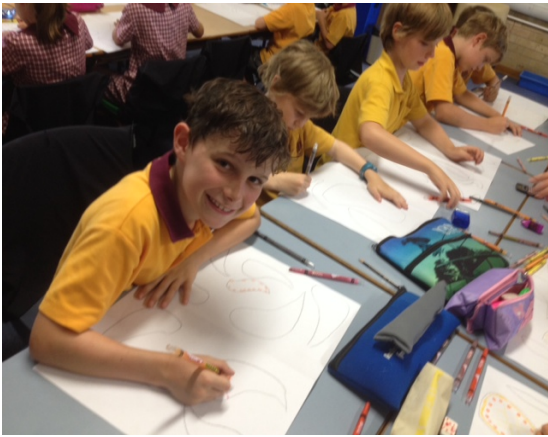
Student health has taken a hit in recent weeks, not only with reported cases of whooping cough, but maladies all and sundry. I understand working parents struggle with keeping children at home, but if there is an environment where contagions can spread quickly, it is here. Our advice is to keep them home if they are crook please.

The athletics carnival was a big success, and I am glad to see Ms Oxley survive yet another line ball weather call. A perfect day for Mr Babbage, Mrs Russell and their respective crews, and a great job by all staff and parent volunteers. Thank you.

Lots of professional learning being undertaken by staff. Professional goals developed with supervisors earlier in the year are being pursued and supported by the school. Teachers are undergoing training in student centred learning, special needs such as Autistic Spectrum Disorder, performing arts, the new science syllabus and new technologies for teaching. The executive have also participated in leadership for learning conferences to hear from top researchers in the field.

In all things busted, I have met with Assets Management to address school maintenance issues and we have been allocated approximately \$28000 to fix up the playground, some painting in rooms, new carpet for Mr Allan who probably feels abandoned, a ceiling repair and the ubiquitous bung toilet. Further development in the roof space above Mr Maurice's room is to attempt an internal fix as the exterior approach is prohibitively expensive and disruptive to power supply and Johnston Street traffic.





Big changes afoot for the way schools are run. This term marks the beginning of sweeping reforms for public schools. For example, Principals are now responsible for the accreditation of teachers new to the profession. On top of this, schools will be given a large chunk of their total budget to manage themselves. This has ramifications for school management as expert educators find themselves needing to be expert accountants. Funding is to be determined not by student numbers, but by complexity.

Cyber safety appears to be needed by younger and younger students these days and we have invited visits from Police Youth Liaison officers this year. All parents are welcome tomorrow morning at 9.30 to hear from the experts, who will talk to our K - 2 students shortly after. This is an ongoing theme at our school, not an isolated program. All teachers talk about safety during IT based activities as it happens, bringing immediacy to the topic and our anti bullying program also has a digital citizenship element to it. Like all aspects of student well being, from behaviour to relationship management, the conversation doesn't stop at the end of the lesson.

Enewsing overload. A plan has been put into place to reduce the avalanche of emails being sent out by the school. As you can appreciate our dedicated office staff have been trying to keep everyone happy by fulfilling requests for enews from a number of parties. We had to step in and ask for Monday Newsletter and Wednesday 'urgent bits' publication dates to aggregate the communications, so apart from urgent medical notifications, we hope to stem the flow.

Finally, we have been playing around with a new playground equipment idea. I stress this is head noise at the moment, but I have had Moduplay in to suggest what might work with our site and the different ages at school. I will end the report here and refer to some photos for discussion.



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