

HOME BUSH BOYS

P and C Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 20th May 2014

Meeting Opened: 7.00pm

Seminar: Mathematics at Homebush Boys High School

Speaker Mr M Carrozza

A new Australian Curriculum was introduced this year, beginning with years 7 and 9 and in 2015 it will be introduced for years 8 and 10.

The guest speaker gave us an overview on the maths curriculum and an understanding of its application to the various stages from K to 12.

Early Stage Kindergarten

Stage 1 Yr 1 & 2

Stage 2 Yr 3 & 4

Stage 3 Yr 5 & 6

Stage 4 Yr 7 & 8

Stage 5 Yr 9 & 10

Stage 6 Yr 11 & 12

The students are grouped into 3 sub stages from year 9 to 10 that is, 5.1 low ability, 5.2 middle ability and 5.3 high ability.

In year 11 and 12 there is General maths, 2 unit and extension 1 and 2

Mathematics general is an introduction course for year 11 and then for the HSC the course is divided into two courses Mathematics General 2 for the ATAR and General 1 non-ATAR, which is not available at Homebush Boys High school

At Homebush Boys High School Class Organisation is as follows:

In Year 7 they are arranged primarily on literacy ability

In Year 8 generally graded according to the students final ranking in year 7

In Year 9 classes are separated into the three stages listed above and are graded according to the students final ranking in year 8

In year 10, it generally continues with their year 9 ranking.

It was stated that the students might change classes throughout the year if the staff feel that they will benefit from being in a higher or lower class.

All Senior Maths offered at Homebush are ATAR courses.

Maths clinics are available to students twice a week during lunchtime which are held by the maths staff and a peer support programme is also available on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Further information can be found on the school website.

In Attendance: As per attendance book

Apologies: Cheryl miller, Fiona Murray, Stacey H and Jackie foster.

1. Minutes of previous meeting:

Accepted: Kim Houhlias,

Seconded: Wendy Wong See

2. Correspondence

Inwards: P & C magazine.

3. Treasurer's Report (Catherine Lea)

Thanked Cheryl and Linda

May citizenship ceremony is on this Thursday 22/5/14

Bank Balance brought forward from o 18th March 2014 \$1927.99

Incoming: Citizenship Ceremony March \$ 500.00

Mothers Day Stall \$ 447.50

Out going: Nil

Current Balance: \$2875.49

Cash box total \$143.00

This total excludes school fee contributions for 2014, which have yet to be transferred from the school, trust account.

4. Fundraising

Mothers Day Stall was held and did well

Bunning's BBQ: Annette to call Bunning's enquiries and organise rosters etc.

5. Instrumental Music Programme:

The band camp went well.

The school Orchestra will be performing in the Horizon Youth Music Festival and the 24th of May at the ACU Campus so have been rehearsing.

Will be auditioning for the Grandville School Spectacular Monday next week.

No other news at present all going well.

6. Principal's Report/ School Executives

- Tim informed us that He and Kathy were involved in assessing non-applicant enrolments for 2015.
- Overall number of students has been reduced which has lead to the reduction of staff numbers therefore new timetable had to be reproduced for year 7.
 - The new furniture for the common room has arrived, the room was recarpeted and painted and special thank you to Mr and Mrs Khurched for there hard work
 - The new kitchen will be installed soon.

The latest Annual report is out and available for all to read.
School has employed an extra General Assistant and extra office staff.
Tim praised and thanked his office staff for all there hard work.

Main Teaching target this year will be concentrated on Writing and Literacy.
The staff have looked at passed exams and Naplan results and have been assessing where assistance is required to improve the boys in terms of reading and writing. This years results will be available sometime in September.

Federal Funding cuts will seriously impact the schools in NSW. Mr Craig Laundry spoke on radio raising concerns.
Parents at meeting raised the issue of providing support by writing to respective ministers on the matter.

This weekend Senior students are able to offer there services by volunteering to assist in the Strathfield Red Shield Appeal.

The School Canteen is looking for a parent to come in and help a couple of hours 4 days a week.
Contact: Lilly Lee.

The next school council meeting is on the 3rd of June.

Another matter of concern due to the narrowed demographics of the school and the no of students dropping may need to review and drop one executive position.

By 2020 a new high school is to be built in the Olympic /Newington area.

7. General News and Other Business

Multicultural Day June 6th.will be held all day

All students and teachers will attend the day.

P & C representative Nicole informed us at the P&C meeting some points about the Multicultural Day as per Ms Sathya Kumaralingam head of the SRC.

Theme: 'We are all the same underneath our skin'

There will be a morning assembly with community and local government guest speakers , and a brief performance by Strathfield Girls.

A Student survey, which was conducted at the school: What does multiculturalism mean at HBHS?

The responses - generally reflect the following:

Recognising and Accepting differences to Unite as one

Different races celebrating the Success of HBHS

Diversity, Harmony, Respect, Family: sense of Belonging

No Discrimination

Poster competition

Boy's performance (approx. 10 scheduled in) will be staggered through the day

Food: about 10 cuisines organised through parent support

Flags: students to bring in if available

A semi working day (not full day event)

New Scarfs and Beanies with the HBHS logos are now available for \$12 a set.

Meeting closed: 9.05 pm