

Homebush Boys High School

P & C Association

18th October 2011

Meeting opened: 7.45pm

President's Welcome: Simone Burton filled in for an unwell Simon Ford. As our guest speaker Mr Greg Sheath, HT IT & Computing was unable to attend the meeting due to family circumstances; Mr Jurd gave an overview of the latest NAPLAN results and answered questions from the floor. We looked at how the school fared overall and how the boys performed individually. As Mr Jurd stated, these results are only a 'snapshot' of the boys' overall performance in years 7 & 9. However, the school uses these results to better support our sons in areas they may need individual help with. A NAPLAN evening will be held later on in Term 4 for parents to discuss their son's results.

Attendance: Per attendance book

Apologies: Greg Sheath, Simon Ford, Anita Kumar, Cheryl Miller, Linda Tarasenko, Myra Craig

Min of Prev Meeting: Accepted Fiona Murray Seconded Joanne Coverdale

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence In: Fundraiser fliers, P & C Association End of Year Magazine, Strathfield Council Citizenship Ceremony remittance notification

Correspondence Out: Barefoot Bowls flier

Principals Report: Mr Jurd presented his report

- 1 Band Program - Ms Tracy Burjan (Year 11 parent & Conductor/Composer) has offered her services to the music department to form a band. A survey will be sent out to all boys on 19/10/11 enquiring as to their musical aspirations and interest.
- 2 P & C Fundraising Initiatives – Mr Jurd congratulated the P & C fundraising efforts and advised that the time had come to send out the Voluntary Contribution letter as has been sent in past years. He suggested that the P & C might devote some funds to the Instrumental Music Program this year. Catherine Lea proposed that a major portion of donations received be directed to the Performing Arts Program. Seconded Richard Blaxland.

- 3 HSC Presiding Officer – Mr Gary Power has accepted the position and Mr Jurd thanked the new team of supervisors.
- 4 Changes to School Certificate – 2011 is officially the last year that the exam will be held.
- 5 Multicultural Education Grant – The school has received a grant for an action research project on multiculturalism drawing on HBHS diverse cultural groups to look to improving cultural inclusivity.
- 6 Environmental Support Grant –
- 7 HBHS P & C Constitution – The school cannot locate a copy of our constitution therefore Mr Jurd suggested that using the P & C Federation Constitution as a guideline, we rewrite it. P & C Vice President Simone Burton to look at this.

Treasurer's Report: Nil

General Business:

Simone Burton requested that an official thank you be minuted to the P & C Fundraising team of Cheryl Miller and Linda Tarasenko thanking them for their work on the school Diamond Jubilee Raffle. Therefore; "On behalf of the P & C Committee and Homebush Boys High School, we would like to extend our thanks to you both for your amazing work putting together the Monster Raffle and Silent Auction for the school Diamond Jubilee. Your tireless efforts yielded a fantastic array of prizes and you should both be very proud of yourselves. The P & C Fundraising is in very good hands indeed".

Citizenship Ceremony reminder- the last ceremony for 2011 is on Thursday 17th November 2011. Parents please note this date on your calendar. Food donations can be left at the school office on the day before 11.00am.

HBHS School caps – Catherine Lea asked Mr Jurd to look at the resizing/refitting of the sun caps. They don't fit most heads and boys won't wear them. Mr Jurd will look at this.

Uniform Supplier - Mr Jurd reported that Lowes store at Burwood Plaza, who are the schools official uniform shop have presented him with a cheque for \$2000.

School website – Ms Dwyer is working on a project to make the website more 'user friendly' particularly for new parents to the school. Information will include list of FAQ's. Feedback will be gathered from P & C parent volunteers and passed on.

Clean up day – Mr Jurd thanked all the keen gardeners who have helped at the last two days and advised that Don Moreton donated two lovely shrubs to the school.

Barefoot Bowls, Sausage sizzle & Fashion/Jewellery extravaganza – The P & C end of year fundraiser at Concord Bowling Club on Friday 18th November 2011 starting 6.30pm – get your friends and family together for a great night.

Meeting Closed 9.15pm

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2011