

## Homebush Boys High School Parents and Citizens Association Meeting October 15, 2013

Attendance: As per attendance list

Apologies: Jacqui Foster, Nicole Zabbal, Kathy Totidis

Handouts: list of prefects

Item	Details	Action
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	<p>Moved be accepted – Tim, seconded – Fiona</p> <p>Business Arising – letter was sent to Min Education, by Kathy Totidis; coin recovered</p>	
<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>Inwards: 29/8/13 Letter to Adrian Piccoli, Min Education, acknowledging improvements to accommodate students with disabilities.</p> <p>Outwards: 24/9/13 Reply from Veronica Kapsimali, Director Public Schools NSW, on behalf Adrian Piccoli, thanking P&amp;C for support.</p>	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>HBHS P and C Treasurer's Report October 2013</i></p> <p><i>As of 30th of September the P and C held \$16,062 in the Bendigo bank account.</i></p> <p><i>This includes all the money raised from the Trivia night (\$4,312), \$500 from the catering for the Citizenship ceremony for Strathfield Council (thanks to Fiona Murray) and \$8, 400 from the 2013 Student Contributions as part of school fees.</i></p> <p><i>The money from the Trivia night and from the Special Contributions letter is dedicated to the Senior lawn study area (SCOLA) project.</i></p> <p><i>So far \$2235 has been collected in response to the Special Contributions letter.</i></p> <p>Discussion re use of different bank accounts</p>	
<b>Fundraising</b>	Bowling night November 15, time/cost/halal options/advertising	Wendy to complete flyer.

<b>Instrumental Music Programme</b>	<p>Programme going well, farewell assembly, SGHS 60th anniversary celebration with joint participation of some members of community orchestra. To come: town hall concert DC Arts unit with Kamahl – tickets available Angel Place box office/ opening of new Strathfield primary school / presentation night/ harmony day walk finish in city/ end of year concert symphony jubilate high tea will be the last practice, 16 November. Kids have become a friendly and cohesive group. band camp allows intermingling and good crossover of curriculum and Instrumental groups.</p> <p>Discussion – can we expand this success to other groups/faculties in the school?</p>	
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<p><b>School Executive</b></p>	<p><b>Caitlyn –Bring Your Own Device.</b>  The Yr 9 computer roll out is being discontinued next year.  School developing policy for students for “bring your own device” dealing with appropriate technology, equity to provide disadvantaged students with devices. Also how staff use ICT, consensus around starting yr 7 using computer technology, kids are coming from technical rich primary schools, not specify exact computer just specifications, software not needed use google drive, skootle, survey for guidelines/focus, licences, security, digital education, education v entertainment, accessible information, TechSupport will need be in budget.  Survey completed by those present re thoughts of how our children use computers.</p> <p><b>Kami –</b>  HSC Going well.  Prefects selected, Ms Bonis new co-ordinator, roles drawn up, many have come through peer programmes.</p> <p><b>Tim – Curriculum/timetable in conjunction with SGHS</b>  Thank you made for gardening bee, billets  Trip to korea, flight and land costs approx \$2000. offer to those who had billets, to go on trip  Naplan results discussed, will specifically address writing area.  New Strathfield Primary School official opening Monday  16 December. presentation night  Graduation day, went well</p> <p><b>Minute of thanks – hospitality dept who managed the food, especially when programme was running behind schedule.</b></p> <p>Donations for special contributions to date \$2000  China Trip – Symphony Jubilate – sister school, extraordinary school with 3500 students and many resources</p>	
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<p><b>P&amp;C President</b></p>	<p><b>Graduation Feedback</b>  kathy's letter  capt, vcapt, prefect speech to school  crowd thinned during ceremony  manage aspects within time constraint  management issues, logistics  involve school, staff, families, day Vs night/staff/parents 65%  emotional time  timing, seating for aged  pronunciation training for those reading out names</p> <p>all felt day was very rewarding and emotional, thankful for all work it entailed, but would like to see work on logistics to cater for guests and caterers.</p>	
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<p>Fiona – future allocation of funds.</p> <p>* Fiona suggested improvements to Hospitality Department kitchens as possible future project. Kitchens are used often for school's benefit as well as VET and reports they are in state of disrepair and hot. People encouraged to have a look before next meeting. Fiona asked for permission to obtain quotes on possible improvements. Granted.</p> <p>* Next meeting discuss school's wish list and other suggestions, looking towards consensus to vote on where P&amp;C contributions might be allocated towards.</p> <p>* Other suggestions: computers on wheels, literacy, repairs to old gym.</p> <p>reminder paying up P&amp;C subs/membership for those</p> <p>last meeting November 19, will also include AGM. In the order of: General Meeting followed by AGM.</p> <p>Yr 7 Orientation Day, December.</p> <p>Alena Yang (a mother) discussed her health issues and asked if anyone had any medical needs, she would be willing to talk to them to encourage their health.</p>	<p>Fiona to get quotes</p> <p>if possible, look at kitchens</p> <p>any other suggestions</p>

**Upcoming Dates**

Citizenship Ceremony – November 7  
Year 7 Orientation Day – December 6