

HOME BUSH BOYS

## **P and C Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday 12th May 2015

**Meeting Opened:** 7.00pm

**Seminar:** Learning Support and Assessment Matters.

Speakers: Kerry Meucci and Andrew Lai

Kerry Meucci

Informed the P & C and discussed the importance of the Assessment Booklet, which is provided by the school to all students at the beginning of the year. It is also available on the school website. It is a timetable for most of the assessments that all students will be asked to do during the school year. It includes assessment tasks and exams.

Andrew Lai

The guest speaker gave us an overview on the new way of learning embracing technology and moving forward into 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning. This involves the use of different Modes of Assessment

1. Formative (guiding the students on the right path of learning)
2. Assessment while learning (encouraging students to take responsibility for their own learning, by taking what they have been shown to the next level,)
3. Long-term goals.

More detailed information in reference to the seminar will be provided on the school website.

P&C meeting opened at 8pm

**In Attendance:** As per attendance book

**Apologies:** Cheryl Miller, Cathy Scanlan.

### **1. Minutes of previous meeting:**

**Accepted:** Kim

**Seconded:** Mark

### **2. Correspondence**

Inwards: National Excellence in teaching awards and Amy emailed the P & C in regard to providing some nominations.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer thanked Cheryl and all volunteers for the mothers day stall.

Refer to attached treasurer's report for current balance sheets etc.

#### **4. Principal's Report/ School Executives**

There have been staff changes within the school this term.

Mrs Chan from the maths department has left due to her promotion at Sydney Boys High. Mr Doolan replaced her.

Mrs Gilchrest has transferred to an open high school at Randwick and Mrs Zamitt has been hired to teach French and Italian.

Fortunately there have been minimal changes to the existing timetable.

This will be the last year that French and Italian will be taught as a language in our school due to the availability of staff.

The 2014 Annual School Report is now available and can be viewed on the school website.

The new school planning process is also available to upload for your perusal.

A new teaching method in a learning English programme has commenced all head teachers are being taught the new programme and the school is aiming that at least 40% of the staff will be trained by the end of the year. This is a lengthy programme.

Year 7 enrolments for next year have been looked at by the enrolment committee, which is made up of Cathy Scanlon (parent rep), two office staff members, Mr Kennedy and Ms Dwyer.

Various guidelines are followed in regard to out of area student's selection: this includes, sibling, distance of travel, father came to school.

Next year may need to look at open days for the school numbers may be reduced due to narrowed demographics and future new high school in the Olympic park precinct, selective school and other private schools.

Year 7 2015 155 students are enrolled and the whole school has 1165 students enrolled.

Anzac Day went well, the school captain participated in the dawn service and the School Drum corps participated in the City march and lucky to appear on TV. A Ceremony at school was held.

Year 7 and 8 students participated in the Burwood Girls disco, tickets sold went to Nepal Earthquake appeal.

Athletics carnival held last Friday went well even though the weather was harsh, the all weather track was amazing.

Parent/Teacher night for year 11 and 12 will be held next Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May.

Next School Council meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June.

## **5. General News and Other Business**

Multicultural Cookbook as a fundraiser was discussed. Most agreed it is worth a try. Will require a committee to be formed a parent body partnership with the school and sponsorships need to be found. There is a lot of work involved and It was decided a meeting should be held at 6pm before the next P & C meeting in June to be advertised and try and get some new parents involved and see if some interest can be stirred.

The president informed us that Cathy Scanlon who was unable to attend tonight would like some feedback on the Family photo fundraiser if it is to go ahead. P & C agreed to proceed with the family photos day. November was the preferred month. Cathy to contact Mr Kennedy for confirmation date that will fit in with the school calendar.

### **Citizenship Ceremonies Dates:**

11<sup>th</sup> of June

3<sup>rd</sup> of September

5<sup>th</sup> of November

Please assist by providing food or donation.

**Meeting closed:** 9.10 pm