

HOMEBUSH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

P & C Minutes

Meeting Date - Tuesday 17 May 2016

P&C Minutes		Decision/Action
1.	Apologies Cheryl Miller, Shani Prosser	
2.	Previous Minutes Accepted by: Mark Burfield Seconded by: Christine Harley	
3.	Multicultural Day – Friday 3 June 2016 Celebrates & reinforces “We are all the same under the skin” School contact: Sathya Kumaralingam & Nina (Maths teachers) 7 th year at HBHS. Formal ceremony – Assembly with dignitaries & entertainment. Throughout the day periods will be shorter. Boys allowed to attend school in traditional dress. Students from other schools are invited, some perform. Food Fair is held – parents are invited to set up stalls selling food. Still seeking additional Food stalls. Flags of many Nations are used in the formal march – Sathya seeking more flags if anyone has any to loan.	Requesting loan of Shade shelters for Food Stalls – Drop into school Front office List of Flags to be distributed to P&C mailing list seeking additional flags.
4.	Correspondence <u>Homebush West PS</u> overcrowding and development – email & links from HWPS P&C – Suzanne Ellis <u>Benefit for Brian Lister</u> – teacher from Strathfield South on 28 May at Marrickville – flyer to be uploaded onto HBHS website <u>Teens & Technology workshop</u> – Leichhardt 24/5 & 31/5 6-8pm <u>Headspace Ashfield</u> – Services for young people 12-24 years. <u>Mad Fridays</u> – Games at Airey Park sponsored by Strathfield Council. Last Friday of the month 3-6pm.	Link to letter to be forwarded to P&C circulation list (AD to f/u) JK to arrange “ “
5.	Gonski Update Key message is for parents, staff and communities to get behind Gonski and support the campaign for the full funding to be endorsed by the major parties.	Jesse Wotton – Unable to attend.
6.	Principal’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the holidays major renovation (\$75000) of the toilets – boys very happy. Upgrades around the site – all electrical boards upgraded/ 5 additional rooms being carpeted/termite treatment in Block B. Once eradicated replacing the floors in Room 61. Pigeons in residence in C Block. Mr Kurshed is back. 	John Kennedy

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently 25 HBHS boys went to Music workshop at Lane Cove – great experience. • Multicultural Day June 3, 2016. Jodi McKay, Craig Laundry & Kathy Totidis to be guests. Launch of the Confucius Classroom. Developed as a result of a partnership with the Chinese government to teach Mandarin. • HBHS Annual Report 2015 completed – uploaded to the school webpage under School/Annual Report. New format reflects the new way of planning for schools. • Anzac Day – Drum Corps with Jonathon Sculthorpe represented the school at the Anzac March. SRC students attended the Burwood Service and Homebush. • Athletics Carnival – a successful day at SOP. • Counsellor time – Following a review of the school profile HBHS has received an increased allocation in School Counsellor time. This has resulted in the school having a Counsellor on site 5 days a week. • Iftar night at Homebush – Thursday 16 June 2016. Aim is to invite as many non-Muslim families as possible to share Iftar. Details on School website. • Staffing – one of the Maths teachers, Douna, has been appointed Head Teacher Maths at Punchbowl BHS. • Year 11 & 12 Parent Teacher night next week (24/5/2016). Bookings through the school Moodle from tomorrow afternoon. Query as to whether time will be extended given date is during Ramadan. 	
7.	<p>School Council New members: Fay/ Cathy/Megan/ Shani Next meeting: 07/06/2016</p>	
8.	<p>Professional development for Staff at HBHS. Student outcomes are the primary driver of all professional development. Schools are now running on a 3 year planning cycle that incorporates 3 strategic directions: community/quality teaching/school culture. As a result of an agreement between the NSW Teachers Federation and the NSW government all staff now develop a <u>Professional Development Plan</u> each year. Staff identify areas of professional development for themselves as professionals and as they relate to their school plan in the form of goals. Goals are set at the beginning of the year, reviewed in the middle of the year and signed off at the end of the school year. From 2017, all teachers will need to be Accredited. The Professional Development Plan cycle supports the ongoing development of staff and schools as communities of learners.</p>	<p>John Kennedy Kamie Kurshed Jonathon Sculthorpe</p>

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9.	<p>Forum and Agenda options 2016</p> <p>21/06 – Science 16/08 – Confucius Classroom Ms. Su 20/09 – Robotics Mr Sheath ? Assessment & Feedback</p>	
10.	<p>Fundraising 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major fundraiser this year to be via the School Donation request letter to be mailed to school community mid-June. • Target amount to be raised is \$60 000. • School identified Wish List: New Server/upgrade of essential IT equipment/ purchase of new drums and equipment for the Drum Corps/ replenishing sporting equipment. • Drum Corps submitted a Wish List: new Banner/ 10 x new drums/ 30 X new sticks/5x practice pads. • Secondary – Purchase a “Brick” Fundraiser running Term 2&3. Details on HBHS website. Contact: Cheryl Miller • 2015 fundraising efforts – Returfing the oval, pair and improvements to the cricket nets. 	
11. .	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Exam Supervisors</u> Calling interested parents to assist as an exam supervisor. We will need an extra 3 or 4 supervisors this year. Normally about 3-5 sessions are given. Pay is \$20/hour approx. All supervisors MUST have Working with Children Check (\$80 at RMS). Contact Mrs. Cath Harper, HBHS Front Office for paperwork. • <u>Parent teacher nights</u> Raised issue of receiving Reports on the night leaves parents little time to read before meeting with the teachers. One parent reported finding Parent-Teacher night stressful as she sought to read reports, navigate her way through the school, long wait times to see teachers despite having made an appointment. Suggestions – more information provided regarding the location of rooms & teachers/maps/assistance with managing timing/teacher’s names clearly marked. • <u>Communication between School & Parents</u> Some parents expressed concern that they don’t feel like they know what is going on for their son at school. Discussion re: accessing website for daily notices/Mr. Belgre sent out a Term newsletter to families in Year 7 last year which parents reported as valuable. Mr. Kennedy spoke with some parents individually. 	<p><u>Communication:</u> Suggested be raised as an Agenda item for the School Council to address.</p>
Next P&C Meeting:		21 June 2016