**Homebush Boys High School**  
**Parents and Citizens Association Meeting**  
**11 June 2013**

**Attendance:** As per attendance list  
**Apologies:** Simon Ford, Maria Lkimis-Healey  
**Handouts:** Legal Issues Bulletin, DEC No41 Reviewed September 2012

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| **Topic Talk**  
‘Technology’  
**Guest speakers:** Sherif Ahmed  
**Greg Sheath** | Edmodo video presentation – Social learning network. Facebook wall style tools to keep students engaged. Teachers post alerts and links –students can discuss, reply and submit assignments. DEC approved. Can be downloaded on iphone.  
At HBHS – teachers post blogs, rules of usage and have students interact, role play. Back channel discussions (real time) – helps with grammar/punctuation. Currently: Languages, Sciences, IT. Parents get a code – to view only – by letter. Unique code per teacher/class – on registering – restricted group. Can communicate with teacher and not whole class. Can be blocked if inappropriate. Also teaches Digital Citizenship, Netiquette.  
- **New website** – currently rewriting school website – should be up next term. Optimised to work on tablets/mobiles. Designed to keep Faculty areas/curriculum –relatively the same.  
- **e-diaries** – electronic version and adjunct of paper diaries. Also works with tablets/iphones. Includes calendar. One third of staff already registered, no student users yet. School online learning – moodle environment built up since 2004 – + edmodo with professional dvlp.  
- **Issues** – communication with parents to view/sign up – limited accuracy with emails; creating demand; equity for those without laptops/3G; barriers of information, Phasing in period – complex; communication initiative - a priority.  
- **Homebush Boys App:** on iphone/adroide - links to community calendar. Newsletters will be added in. $1 per student. Arinum solutions  
- Username: community; Password: Homebushbohs  
- Pango – [www.pango.edu.au](http://www.pango.edu.au) online tuition (by UWS) in process careers advisors signed up. |  
Suggestion for P&C to discuss taking on links with parent groups/networks? |
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<td>Correspondence</td>
<td>▪ P&amp;C journal Term 2</td>
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<td>Previous Minutes</td>
<td>▪ Correction dates: Trivia night – <strong>10 August</strong>; Yrs7 / 8 Dance – <strong>19 July</strong></td>
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<td>General P&amp;C</td>
<td>▪ Trivia night – Fundraising prizes – Cheryl; Questions – Tim and Scott (60 Q 4 X 15 - 3 table quizzes) MC – Caitlin and Kamie; Money counting – Caitlin and Wendy; Scorers – Tim + (PP?) Advertising quality flyer – Simone to coordinate Tim has British and Irish jersey (signed) at the school worth up to $6,000? Proposed framing it selling on eBay – to hand over on trivial night. (Cheryl to follow up with eBay)</td>
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<td>▪ <strong>AGM</strong> Discussion around whether to schedule AGM in Nov or March. Tim: Positives for both. In Nov – current Yr 12 parents exec can hand over; new committee ready to take off in new year In March – Yr 7 parents can take up opportunity, more attend, can actively invite exec.</td>
<td><strong>Trivia Night – 10 August</strong> Spend more time on trivia night at the next meeting <strong>Decision on date for AGM deferred</strong></td>
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<td>Treasurer’s report</td>
<td>▪ <strong>Partial report</strong> - proposing an amendment to keep the Trust account (useful to keeping clear paper trail. Current $6,000 Cheque for last year’s P&amp;C contribution - $10,892 Special contribution for Literacy + cheque $9,685 in bank ▪ <strong>Proposal 1</strong>: For a cheque of $10,000 to be given to the school for the Senior Lawn. (seconded Cheryl Miller) ▪ <strong>Proposal 2</strong>: To write a cheque to the school for $9,685 for Literacy Program. (seconded Linda Tarasenko)</td>
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**Prioritising funds**
Tim: Would like to start first wave of work for Senior Lawn with the $10,000 - for P&C to see evidence of work going ahead.
Simone: Expressed reluctance to commit to the full amount for funds that don’t exist yet – referring to a previous discussion around expectations of the full cost of the work on the Senior Lawn.
Q. What legacy to school if more funds available? Eg. Towards communication / Literacy?
Q. Possibility of raising contribution to $15?
Proposal to reimburse the school for the dingo ($200) – agreed.
Brief discussion on ensuring agreement in advance to clear priorities.

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<td>Secure Schools Grant</td>
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<td>As reported in March of Secure Schools project of electronic gates, CCTV and lighting is as a great benefit to the school. Since instalment – external vandalism has been cut to nearly 0. Table documented for March – legal issues bulletin on use of overt CCTV, Privacy Act – carefully monitoring. All recorded images stored on a served here and at DEC. Three w workstations and service operator – complying with issues bulletin.</td>
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<td>Fantastic outcome – everything working as planned – all $178,000 spent -</td>
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<td>In School Soccer Comp – cancelled</td>
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<td>Strathfield Girls / HBH dance at Strathfield Girls – + lucky door prize</td>
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<td>Special Olympics Volunteering – 10 volunteers</td>
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<td>Multicultural Day Parents to provide food, donations; Students to run stalls, raffle to fund prizes, cultural dances/displays –</td>
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Work on Senior Lawn to go ahead,
Tim to get quotes,
Cut back if P&C not able to fund
For further discussion
Agreed

19 July (correction)
Thurs 20 June at Syd Uni
23 August
Fiona and Nicole to link
General Business

- **Website update** in progress – thanks to Fiona for taking this on.

- **Thank you cards** to the following students
  - Year 11 Vid hushan Pah Eerathan – driving force behind breakfast club
  - Year 12 Leonardo Pane – promise in everything he works on
  - Year 11 Po-Shen Wang – leading the school orchestra – extraordinary violinist

- **Block G** ‘Gumnut cottage’ Rms 17 and 18 – major improvement – asbestos cleared out, electricity fitted out.

- **SMS alerts** – Discussion around limited/inconsistent communication and the possibility of having more events backed up by SMS or emails – Currently mainly sent out for P&C and report nights not for student driven events as SMS costs $150 each time. Suggestion to look at purchasing unlimited or different package for SMS messages.

- Automated emails/push notifications is another way – but high level of non-delivery. Suggestion to add with notifications ‘check website for updates’.

P&C President

**Simone Burton**

**Dates**

- **Next P&C Meeting 23 July**  **Topic** – Learner Support
- **Strathfield Citizenship Ceremony** – Thursday 13 June
- **14 September** – Next Gardening Bee (+barbeque)