

**Homebush Boys High School
Parents and Citizens Association Meeting
23 July 2013**

Attendance: As per attendance list

Apologies: Fiona Murray, Jackie Foster, Maria Ikimis-Healy

Handouts:

Item	Details	Action
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<p>Topic Talk 'Learning Support' Guest speaker: Judith Edwards</p>	<p>Learning and Support Teacher (LAST, was STLA) Judith Edwards + (LAST) Merrill Sells More admin, educating colleagues Negotiate use of teacher aides and resources Mix ways of teaching/learning worksheets – walking around/ consulting Helping redo assignments with headteachers Make worksheets for teachers / modifying assessment tasks / Mini books – different task every week for practice 15 min writing exercises – in adopted or team teaching class. A struggle for some to do. Practice at different Mireille – Disability provision applications 2 Out of hours literacy programs – 2 multi-lit roll calls – Adrian pissani + other teachers who help with the reading, also uses year 9 students as tutors – usually identified at year 6, one boy wanted to join just to improve, maybe struggling with basic phonics. Can take 18 months. Used \$500 from Mothers' Day stall for resources.</p> <p>components MultiLit experience comes with working at Macquarie University Vocabulary, timing Grid for speed reading – repeat timed reading for visible success. English mentals – tiny activities verbs, punctuation etc, 15–17 minutes per session Network licences for programs? For digital access? How many? About 8/9 students in all – more than 2 years below reading age Others who lack fluency and comprehension Students join though – Selecting negotiating and volunteering – identified through naplan Monday and Tuesday after school, Wed and Thurs before school, positions vacant for helpers, yr 9? Trasition programs The green box – comprehension reading Tim: this is why our targets/goals are being met Caitlin: teachers involved in intensive sessions with learning support</p>	
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<p>Correspondence</p>	<p>Correspondence in: Email in from president P&C Region – Simone read out and noted – administrative restructure of P&C supervisory level. Cheryl to attend P&C annual meeting Annual P&C annual report</p> <p>Bendigo bank – advertising incentive for parents (donation for prize giving) Asutralian Scholarships Group – Inspirational Teaching Award – nominate a teacher. Suggestion to nominate Mrs Edwards (Annette) seconded nomination (Nicole) Teachers Federation – pamphlets on Gonski reform (x2)</p> <p>Correspondence Out: (no)</p>	<p>prepare nomination – Annette</p>
<p>Previous Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cheryl Miller moved minutes – seconded by Annette Bremner 	<p>Accepted</p>

<p>General P&C</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business arising from past minutes: • Decision on AGM Simone: benefit in November that executive will be organised to have of new year up and running. If in March, Kim: don't assume others will self nominate, new parents – also important to have them involved New parents may need time to feel they want to contribute Challenge of finding people to step up by November What if no one steps up in Nov? Could we leave position open until new year? Simone: Proposes: That the AGM be scheduled in conjunction with the last P&C meeting of the year, usually November. Simon seconded it. • Question regarding Dingo hire – yes account was paid • Two quotes from TIM regarding Outdoor Area for Senior Lawn. Discussion re shadecloth verses solid roofing most preferring solid roofing. 	<p>Tim to go ahead with solid roofing</p>
<p>Treasurer's report – Catherine Lea</p>	<p>\$9,000 to Tim for the Literacy Program \$10,000 to Tim for Senior Lawn</p>	

Principal's Report - Tim Jurd	<p>Successful distribution of all semester 1 reports – business arising from staff – senior exec disappointed with large number of unexplained absence. Leading review of absence policy – communicate with parents</p> <p>Students leadership: at top of wave of success. Quality of prefects superb and too SRC. Some non reps put their hands up for leadership. Rotary and Audry Interact over 40 boys involved – were so impressed a citation given from the governor of Rotary – never before sent – outstanding contribution. Kids who are not usually noted: mainly yr 9,10, 11</p> <p>NAIDOC week – Combined Strathfield and Homebush disco – prefects pivotal in making night a success. Iftar – students are passionate about it, extended invitation to P&C, Islamic charities, bring a friend</p> <p>Two audits – VET audit – Caitlin led VET high calibre industry standard – “amazing” Hospitality, construction and sport coaching – communication benefits to non-academic boys – Mr Saber – also involving three life skills disabilities kids</p> <p>Admin audit – short notice, to appear on school development day. Asked do you know of any fraud? Extensive financial audit. Also anti-bullying policy cross checked with website. Anticipated enrolments – for budgeting. Came out with flying colours.</p> <p>Current enrolment – 1302 Planning for year 7 – waiting list for permanent accommodation – places for brothers and ties. Need to be strict because of lack of full permanent accommodation. Boundaries were changed 2015, in line with Strathfield girls. 19 kids from in area, were given selective offers. Out of school policy – hitting the ceiling year 7 190 – once 180 can't take more in. Kamie – looking at addressing the shift out of public system – 7a Gifted & Talented Strategies – differentiation to bring kids back into the system. Additional needs esp “high achieving”. To attract and sustain the broad range of ability – particular gift in art, music, sport. Kathy: need to keep this in mind – for reputation – aspiration</p> <p>Refugee week celebration – 90 poems – Ms Effie Bonis, English staff</p>	<p>Friday night Catherine Lea and Annette Bremner to attend</p>
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Kamie's Report	<p>New prefects elections</p> <p>Through Michelle Degny - Champion System Limited - sponsored \$3000 for disadvantaged boys - eg. Travel costs and equipment Kamie will encourage/approach kids about assistance.</p> <p>Communication - revamping website - new design including 'parents' - for more specificity.</p>	
General Business	<p>Thanks Simone: appreciative of teachers who come in before school and during holidays to teach esp year 12</p> <p>Trivia night 6 games: Coin in the bottle - MC theme Elvis and Priscilla Not many tables booked as yet, need to promote and confirm bookings</p>	5pm to set up
P&C President Simone Burton	<p>Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Next P&C Meeting: August 20, 2013 ▪ Strathfield Citizenship Ceremony - September 5, 2013 ▪ Next Gardening Bee (+barbeque) -14 September, 2013 	