

Homebush Boys High School

P & C Association

15th May 2012

Meeting opened: 7.05pm

Presidents Welcome: Simone Burton welcomed guests to the meeting and introduced Mr Cheiban Elaro, HT English who presented a talk on the School Certificate replacement R.o.S.A (Record of School Achievement) which in essence is a new credential created for students who leave school after completing Year 10, but before receiving their HSC. It will be cumulative, showing a student's achievements until the time they leave school, it will be based on school-based assessment, it will be able to be readily compared between students across NSW and it will give students the option of taking online literacy and numeracy tests as well as it furthermore provides students the opportunity to incorporate extra-curricular achievements such as voluntary work, work experience and participation in things like surf lifesaving or scouts. At the present time it is still a work in progress but Mr Elaro seemed very pleased with the format so far. Mr Jurd further added that the Homebush Boys philosophy of Tripe A's is: Attend, Apply and Achieve. This should keep the boys in good stead for a happy outcome upon leaving the school. Thank You Mr Elaro for your informative presentation.

Attendance: Per attendance book

Apologies: Caitlin Dwyer, Anita Kumar, Richard Blaxland, Bradley Wynne

Min of Prev Meeting: Accepted Simon Ford / Seconded Catherine Lea

Business Arising: HBHS Gardening/Clean Up Day reminder – Saturday 19th May 2012 12.30pm- 4.30pm.
Mr Jurd would like to see the Bridge Road streetscape beautified.

Correspondence In: P & C Federation Journal

Correspondence Out: Nil

Principals Report: Mr Jurd presented his report

1. Every Student- Every School – a new method to support students with additional learning problems.
2. Local Schools, Local Decision – the discussion paper from the Dept. Education & Communities was over viewed.
3. NAPLAN – Year 7 & 9 are being tested. Mr Khurshed is overseeing this.
4. ANZAC Day Celebrations – Our student leaders and Drum Corp represented the school at Strathfield, Burwood and the City march. Well done boys.

5. Student achievement – a number of boys have represented the school nationally – Michael Napoli (Trampolining), Basel Rana (Weightlifting), Levi Anderson-Foster (State Dance), Hugh Black (NSW Public School Instrument Ensembles in the Symphonic Wind Orchestra playing Oboe), Daniel Parkee (Violin State Schools Symphony Orchestra, the whole Orchestra). Brilliant effort boys!
6. Invigilators for exams are being recruited – please see Mr Jurd if you are interested in helping out. This is a paid position.
7. Staffing issues – Mr Jurd informed the meeting of new teachers coming to the school.
8. Stop work Meeting – Friday 18th May 2012. Minimal early supervision.
9. Mother's Day stall & Barefoot Bowls – Well done parents who organised and helped on the two days.
10. Working Bee Saturday 19th May.

Treasurers Report:

Nil in Treasurer's absence.

General Business:

Forthcoming speakers – Simone asked if anyone had any ideas on who they would like to hear present a talk at forthcoming P & C meetings. Catherine Lea was keen to hear senior teachers discuss channels of communication between teachers and parents and feedback on boy's performance. Another parent suggested welfare which was quickly refined to 'antibullying'.

Student Welfare – Mr Khurshed (Deputy Principal Welfare) is reviewing and re-evaluating current policies on Anti-bullying at the school. Times are changing rapidly with the access to social media and Mr Khurshed wants to update school policies. School Council is meeting on the 5th June to discuss this but one idea raised was to hold a forum involving both parents and boys to get their feedback. Further discussion to take place.

School Funding – Simone and Mr Jurd addressed the letter that Simone received last month of school funding. HBHS receives funding from the State and Federal Governments and Community Revenue. Letter from Department regarding School Global Funding was tabled.

Rotary Dinner – Simone received an invitation as President of the P & C to attend a dinner on the 6th June organised by the Rotary Club to involve community schools.

P & C Bank Account signatories – Simone Burton (President) and Fiona Murray (Secretary) will be added to the list of people with signatory rights on P & C bank account. This has come about purely because our Treasurer has trouble getting to meetings through work commitments and there is always the need for cheques to be signed to pay for purchases for Mothers Day stalls or things like sausages for fundraisers.

Citizenship Ceremony – Fiona gave an overview of the last ceremony held in school holidays in April. Thank you to the four Year 12 boys who helped on the night – Niroshan Jude John Peter, Richard Li, Johnny Chen, and Saratchandra Panangipalli. Thank you also to those parents who donate food and money and thank you to Nicole Zabbal for

organising the wonderful donation of biscuits through OTEN. P & C raise nearly \$2000 annually from this. We require 40 families to donate food at each ceremony to fulfil our obligations to the Strathfield Council and if you would like to help, please ring the school office for further details. Simone thanked Fiona Murray for her continued efforts with the Citizenship Ceremonies but in particular the last one that fell within the school holidays creating extra complexities.

Barefoot Bowls raised \$672 and the Mother's Day Stall raised \$939 (costs still to be deducted). A parent has suggested that HBHS P & C organise a dance/entertainment night at the Bowling Club. Cheryl to look at this. Thank you Cheryl Miller and your team of wonderful workers who helped you.

Notifying parents of upcoming events and meetings – P & C are looking at ways of informing parents of events such as Citizenship Ceremonies, Trivia night, Mothers/Father's Day stalls, etc. Possibly a flier/note to come home with your sons or a school text message (however this is costly) because our son's sometimes forget to tell us what is happening at school. Simone would like this matter added to our agenda for the 19th June meeting for further discussion.

Mr Jurd suggested that the email addresses of the P & C Executive members could be posted on the school website for parents wishing to make a contribution of ideas for future meetings.

Nick Miller spoke about the recent Year 12 Parent/Teachers evening by saying how welcoming and professionally run the event was. He said that it was an enjoyable evening. Well done Teachers! Mr Khurshed would like to involve the SRC and P & C in future presentation nights.

Trivia night – This is happening on Saturday 11th August 2012 at the Concord Bowling Club, Clermont Ave, Concord. 7.30pm start. \$20pp. Parents can contact Laura at the school office to book a seat or a table of 8.

Staff Encouragement – Simone has purchased cards for the teachers who present a discussion at our P & C meetings by way of thank you. It is intended that other staff will be thanked also, for example, those who go above and beyond that which is required like Ms Edwards for her jewellery contributions to our fundraising efforts – more discussions to follow at our next meeting. It was raised that maybe an artistic boy from school could design a 'thank you' card for this purpose, integrating the school symbols of an owl and/or the fig tree. Mr Jurd to follow up with the Art department.

Meeting Closed: 9.27pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th June 2012