

<p style="text-align: center;">MACKELLAR GIRLS CAMPUS P&C MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY 6th JUNE 2007</p>

MEETING OPENED: 7.40 pm

ATTENDANCE: 16 parents and teachers were in attendance

APOLOGIES: Helen Redman, Brian Kirk

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Accepted by : Doug Price

Seconded by: Robert Johanson

CORRESPONDENCE:

Fundraising material

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Nothing to report this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Motion carried unanimously to pass over \$20 000 to the school from P&C funds.

CANTEEN:

- Attracting volunteers for the Canteen continues to be an issue and there are many cases of helpers not being able to work but not letting canteen staff know in advance. It was suggested that maybe there could be a 'Dad's Day' one day a week which may attract some fathers to get involved. Doug Price offered to suggest this idea to some other fathers.

UNIFORM SHOP:

- Year 12 jumpers are being organised by the girls and it was suggested that the girls be assisted in the ordering process which can often be lengthy and delayed.
- As the jumper order is late in being received, there is a chance that the girls will receive a discount.

TECHNOLOGY AT MACKELLAR

Lyn Christie gave a fabulous presentation to inform parents of the ways in which technology is being integrated into the girls learning experiences at Mackellar.

Lyn informed us that:

- there are 3 dedicated computer rooms at the school
- there are computer pods in various locations around the school
- all curriculum areas integrate technology into learning
- there are a number of computers in staff rooms for staff to access
- the Mackellar Website is one that is well worth a look
- there is specialist software available for all faculties
- there are search engines for the girls to access to look at career prospects

It was emphasised that the purpose for the use of technology within the school will always be to enhance and facilitate the girls' learning experiences.

Some websites that may be useful and worth a look are:

www.det.nsw.edu.au

www.tale.edu.au

www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

Thank you to Lyn for such an insightful presentation.

FOMPA

- The school Musical 'Happily Never After' was a huge success and well received by all who attended. It was very well directed and extremely clever.
- Girls at band Camp for last three days.

NORTHERN BEACHES SECONDARY COLLEGE

- Most of the discussion was in regard to the Principal's position at Balgowlah Boys' High School
- Some concerns were voiced with regard to the level of achievement of students attending the Freshwater Campus.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Susan reported that the RTA has agreed to the need for a Wombat Crossing to be constructed in Campbell Pde. It is not known yet as to when its construction will commence. Great news!
- An application with the DET has been successful in obtaining a grant to upgrade the kitchen area so that it functions to commercial standards. This has been a long time coming and it will be a great benefit for the girls.
- The school's Religious Education teacher, Megan Halvorsen, and Peter Richard, the Mackellar Area Scripture Board Secretary, will be coming to speak at the August P&C Meeting to discuss the \$20 000 grant that the Department are offering to schools for a Chaplaincy type position.
- Susan has asked Senior Constable Fran Aliprandi to come and speak to parents at the September P&C Meeting to discuss the very real issue of 'Cyber Bullying'.
- Susan will be attending the State Principals' Conference next week and Lyn Christie will be Acting Principal while Susan is out of the school.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The installation of rainwater tanks is continuing to go ahead thanks to Doug Price who is applying on line for the grant. There has been a quote that comes under the \$50 000 granted to the school for the project and it is likely that we will accept this quote given from a company called 'Bone Dry'. The company is known to Doug and he feels confident that the job would be well done. The application is to be finalised by June 22nd.
- Doug has obtained quotes for the Social Dinner to be organised for later in the year. The Manly Pier Restaurant has been booked for Friday October 26th 2007 starting at 7pm. We will need between 125 and 150 people to cover costs and we believe that this will be achievable. Doug has had some fabulous donations of prizes for the night that will either be put together in a raffle or used as lucky door prizes. A cheque for \$1 000 is to be drawn to give to the restaurant to secure the booking. It should be a great night and we hope that it will be well supported by parents and friends.
- Thanks again to Glynis Poole for providing the refreshments for this evening's meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 1st August 2007

MEETING CLOSED : 9.20 pm

Secretary

Diana Aitken