Minutes - General Meeting

Thursday, 11th April, 2013

Meeting Opened: 5.45pm

Members Present: Jamie Swales, Sharon Ryan, Dawn Dew, Kassy Cassidy, Tammy Armstrong, Pete Stevenson.

Apologies: Cathy Chandler, Robyn Frazier

Apologies Moved: Jamie  Seconded: Dawn

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (14th March 2013)
Read and distributed via email, school newsletter & school web page. Confirmed as being true and correct.
Minutes Moved: Tammy  Seconded: Sharon  Carried

Business arising from previous minutes:
Brief summary on how recent events went:
Cross Country
Merriwa Open Gardens
Lana Catering – good profit of approx $2,200
Long Jump – Extension and maintenance on schedule
Moved: Tammy  Seconded: Kassy  Carried

Correspondence Out: Welcome Letter to all new parents/families
Correspondence In: Various Fundraising
Various Grant Info

Moved: Sharon  Seconded: Jamie  Carried
Reports

**Treasurers Report:** See Attached

**Moved:** Dawn  **Seconded:** Sharon  **Carried**

**Principals Report:** See Attached

**Moved:** Jamie  **Seconded:** Tammy  **Carried**

**General Business:**

**New Upper Division Teacher**
General discussion about Kurk’s departure as Upper Division Teacher and his replacement – Emma Bennett. Emma looking for a house locally. Everyone to put feelers out to see if anything available.

**New Tuckshop**
General Discussion on the new Tuckshop rules, regulations. Anna Stevenson & Ang Swales now in charge. It has raised that the Hall had a recent inspection by Health & Safety and mice dropping and other minor issues were reported. Could potentially be a problem for Tuckshop. General discussion on if Food Preparation/Handling Certificate was a good idea for Tuckshop mum to complete.

**Grant Information**
Dawn provided general information regarding Grants. Main Points were
We need to reverse engineer our thinking around Grants. Work out what we want and then try and find a grant that fits, not have to be reactive every time we hear about a grant application being available.

*Write out what we want to achieve and how we are going to achieve it*

**Sharon provided a wish-list on items that she wanted for the school**

Need to be more specific when applying – Have a strategy. Be creative, be specific.
Targetted approach, An Aim, Goal
Hit there objective buzz words.
Kelly Emmett came and gave some good tips to Dawn & Ang re applying for Grants
Good Grant Contacts are
Uralla Council – Stephanie McCarth
Renee – Bemendeer Pre-school
Felicity @ Namoi Catchment Authority
Hamilton Public School – Newcastle – Headmaster really nice
CMA – Environmental Grants
Cessnock City Grants  Cessnock.nsw.gov.au/council/community grants
Think about things like – childhood obesity issues, dental care
Get Grandparents & community input
Cultural Awareness
Look at Volunteer Grants for screens and mobile BBQ?
We should use our 20% aboriginal school percentage better/more often
Need to be more organised for the Dollar for Dollar annual funding that comes round every March. It's a min $5k for capital improvement

_Grant Brainstorming 10 min session will be added to each P&C Meeting_

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**Kelly's v Thunder's – 10th May**
General discussion on who would do what re BBQ, Bread, help out on the day etc.

**Small School's Athletics Carnival – 14th June**
Timers, ribbon givers, more peeps, general helpers. No set lunch time. 160 kids, 60-70 adults? Hot drinks, milo at school. Very 4 years. Bacon & Egg Rolls on arrival???

**Other**
Info

**Date of Next Meeting – 29th May 2013**

Meeting closed: 6.50pm

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P&C Principal’s Report  Term One April, 2013

Thank you to the P&C for your support and fund raising throughout Term One. Our students and school are very lucky to have such a supportive parent community behind them.

On behalf of the School Community-our thoughts and support are with Marise Skewes and her family who were involved in a serious car accident on the Easter weekend. We are glad Marise and Sarah are OK and we wish Dean the best in his recovery journey. We know that Marise and Dean will have much support from their family and Kingstown Community over the coming weeks.

- Subject to a 10 day appeal period, last Monday the panel interviewed applicants and elected Emma Bennett as the new permanent teacher. She was very excited to be moving to the Kingstown area and will be looking for accommodation.
- We thank Kurt Bock for his hard work over the past terms and wish him the very best.
- Cross Country- A great success- Thank you to the Hamilton family who put so much noticeable effort into the track and signage this year, the P&C for organising the barbie and all the parent helpers on the day.
- Thanks again Hamilton family who kindly removed the swallows which were nesting nightly under our cola and making a mess on the handball courts.
- Merilba Gate- Thank you to Tim and Jaimee for giving up their time to man the tent and collect money at Merilba gate last Saturday.
- Luncheon- This week at “Lana” Thank you to Dawn for putting in a huge effort to shop (two trolleys- with Dylan!) organise the fundraiser for the P&C and make 100 gourmet sandwiches on the day. Thank you also to Tammy, who worked with Dawn at Lana on the day and Angie for the zucchini slices.
- Mandarin Enrichment Program commences Week 2 next term for Lower Division and Week 4 for Upper Division.
- Myung from UNE has contacted me re-the possibility of including Kingstown in her Asian Links Program (Korea) to include Mandarin and
link with a school in Hong Kong. This would be a fantastic cultural exchange for students in both countries. So we hope it can happen.

- Our Regional Education Director with Sydney official guests visited last Friday after the Cross Country and is very keen to support this program this year. He has provided funds for Terms Two, Three and Four.
- Next year, with greater school autonomy and no regions nor Regional Education Directors the opportunity for regional funded projects will not Next term will be a busy.
- **Small School Conference**-Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday 28\(^{th}\), 29\(^{th}\), 30\(^{th}\) April
- **NAPLAN** Week 3, May 14\(^{th}\), 15\(^{th}\), 16\(^{th}\)-Years 3/5
- We have our School, **“Thunders v Kelly’s” Sports Carnival** in Week 2, May 10\(^{th}\), and **Small School Athletics Carnival**, Week 5, 31\(^{st}\) May
- Public Works Funding: Toilet Upgrade Grant submitted-We’ll see how we go!
School Wish List

- Covered Walkways

Stage One

Classrooms to Library Office

Matched Funding Rounds $5,000 to $10,000?

John Beynon? Quote

If done in stages, up to $5000, schools can organise project themselves-Will look into it.

- Library windows or skylight-Dark library/office area –Ideas welcome
- Woodchips- Bus seat area, under blossom tree –Dusty area –handball court
- Music: Six Merimbases Cost? Speak to Julie Guitos and Danny Spillane - Keep in hall
- I pads- 6
- Display Cupboard/ School Trophies
- Tank outside library
- Large chess set in playground- Quiet corner near Hamilton building
- Chook pen /Garden in front of the BER building
- Harmony Day- Bulb gardens around trees-
- Veranda boards –outside library
- Synthetic grass
Treasurers Report Kingstown P & C Association
Mar-13

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