

## Ashtonfield P&C Meeting

Term 1 – Week 3

Tuesday 11th February 2025 – 6pm - School Library

<b>Welcome:</b>	Jenny opened the meeting at 6:03pm
<b>Attendance:</b>	J Hicks, G Garbutt, G Baker, J Welford, B Sülentrup, P Moloney, M Roberson, H Mansfield, R Edwards, I Graham, R Parr, M Scully, D O’Neill
<b>Apologies:</b>	L Johnston, J Patterson, R McKenzie, T Aspey
<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of previous meeting were distributed via email.  Motion to Accept: Gemma Seconded:
Correspondence in:	Email from Lisa Johnston advising that she will not be nominating for treasurer at the next AGM – treasurer role will be vacant.
Correspondence out:	None
Business arising from previous minutes	None
<b>Reports:</b>	
<b>Treasurers Report:</b>	Last year \$10K profit after everything out of the bank – fundraising, donations, canteen, uniform store Donated \$15,000 to the school Everything made a profit, nothing at a loss  Closing balance: \$101,776.32 Less outstanding invoices: \$93,353.08 Less playground funds held till build: \$43,353.08 \$20,000 held as buffer for uniform/canteen expenses: \$23,353.08  Motion to Accept: Gayle Seconded: Gemma
<b>Principals Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently APS has 51 staff – 23 classes with 508 students.</li> <li>• Increasingly diverse – increasing ESL intake and currently run 3 support classes.</li> <li>• Several new educators this year:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kate Oliver – Assistant Principal Stage 3 – brings valuable expertise in curriculum development and educational leadership</li> <li>○ Amanda Ailing – 5 days per week in the front office as a School Administrative Officer</li> <li>○ Reanna Lantry – School Learning Support Officer – increases school capacity support students</li> <li>○ Alex Blackam – Release from Face-to-Face – supports teachers time for planning</li> <li>○ Returning staff – welcoming back Luke, Heather, Megan and Sam. Students very excited to have them back.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Staff Development – 4 days beginning of year as professional learning days – in line with the new teachers award. Participated in the Collaborative</li> </ul>

	<p>Network “Multi-Enterprise Teaching Community of Schools (METCoS) – includes 7 schools in Maitland –all schools met at APS and shared instructional strategies and best practice in explicit instruction – benefits whole school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moved from 4 to 3 kindergarten classes in 2025 – drop in kindergarten enrolments across the area and other schools similarly affected.</li> <li>• Student vacancies at present has meant APS has decided to utilise school funds to purchase additional teacher for Stage 1 classes – so there is a Year 1-2 composite class to relieve the pressure and reduce flow on impact. This avoids having to have cross stage classes for Year 2-3 and Year 4-5 which is difficult to run and for students with different stages being taught. School committed to clear communication around the formation of classes and stage information has been sent home around this – student numbers dictate everything. The school took the first two days to make sure numbers right and make best call for the school community.</li> <li>• Compliance with new award conditions – managing meeting schedules and workloads for time for planning and professional development. Only 1 hour a week for outside school hour meetings.</li> <li>• Meet the teacher event moved to the morning – last year there was a clear preference for morning events with Mother’s and Father’s Day celebrations – hoping more parents able to stop on way to work. Scheduled event, everyone feel welcome to come meet teachers and look around classroom – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• Maitland Council has shared information with the community over the holidays regarding works planned for adjoining streets – set to be complete by April – no other update but letter out from council to Maitland community.</li> <li>• APS has asked for update from School Infrastructure regarding outstanding works including the traffic management plan, the front gate and easy access to school, the playground, forecourt damage.</li> <li>• 2025-28 School Excellence Plan includes the school vision for the next 4 years – P&amp;C feedback collected on key words via vote for most popular phrase(s) – staff will do the same thing later. Add if think of extras add them. Moving away from “Every child, every moment” which a new fresh way of explaining what they do at APS.</li> </ul> <p>Motioned: Jeremy Seconded: Jenny</p>
<b>Canteen update:</b>	<p>Prices have had to increase to coincide with costs. Looking at extra lunches to align with the school.</p>
<b>Uniform Shop update:</b>	<p>19<sup>th</sup> Feb – unisex polo to come in – out of most sizes. Another order of shirts coming in a month after. Summer tunics have been ordered and are currently being made. Teal skorts - few comments received about the waist tightness – elastic can be loosened at the back but seems a size down on standard.</p> <p>Action: Feedback to manufacturer on skorts waist</p>
<b>Fundraising:</b>	<p>Nothing run over school holidays – calendar to be worked up for agreement at AGM with possible activities discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Easter Raffle (planning will need to commence before next meeting as time to set up raffle system) – April</li> <li>- Mother’s Day Stall – May</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thompson's pies (being booked in for pre-winter) – June?</li> <li>- Billy G's cookie dough – Term 4?</li> <li>- Kindergarten Tea Towels – early Term 3</li> <li>- Father's Day Stall – September</li> </ul> <p>All ideas welcome – and volunteers for events/sorting days.</p>
<b>General Business</b>	
	<p>School has been asked to set P&amp;C up as a supplier to pay donations electronically. All voted in favour – passed</p> <p>School communications – class/stage newsletter next week for library, sports days etc.</p> <p>Kiss and Ride – new from council – Council will be doing surveillance possibly aerially to enforce.</p> <p>January storms - school not much damage from storms – few tree branches down but buildings ok.</p> <p>School points for school – Rebel Sports – through P&amp;C a few years ago – ex-member has raised they are still getting emails. Action: Jenny/Gayle to contact Rebel Sports and enquire if still running.</p>
<b>Notice of AGM</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Week 8
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Week 8