

Fernleigh Public School P&C Meeting

Date: Wednesday 14th May 2025

Present: Melissa Dunbar-Reid, Trena Gillet, Dee Farrell, Mia Munro, Fabia McWilliam, Mollie Titterton, Chelsea De Rooy, Rebecca Kinsey, Sarah Wilson, Katelyn Wallin, Laura May

Apologies: -

Meeting Opened 8:17am

Acknowledgement of country by Fabia McWilliam

Welcome to Laura (Mum of Eli & Zev) – We will add her to the parent/carers Messenger Group Chat.

AGM

All positions open. Positions nominated and agreed upon:

2025 P&C positions

President: Fabia McWilliam (Dee renominates Fabia, Mollie seconds)

Vice president: Chelsea de Rooy (Bek renominates Chelsea, Fabia seconds)

Secretary: Rebecca Kinsey (Fabia renominates Bek, Chelsea seconds)

Treasurer: Mollie Titterton (Fabia renominates Mollie, Bek seconds)

Fundraising : *Fabia McWilliam*

Election Bakesale – Held at Newrybar Hall 3 May for federal election – huge success, we made \$1011.57 – better than last year election bake sale & sausage sizzle. This time we just sold cakes and baked goodies 9am-2pm, pretty much sold out of everything.

Halloween Disco:

We have a little glitch, Shortie Brown is unable to perform at our Halloween Disco, planes for Friday 31st October. She could do a few days later but that doesn't really work for us. Fabia suggests getting Hunter to DJ and possibly getting her friend's daughters to run the entertainment/dancing/games/prizes side of things. She will look into this.

Meeting Agenda : *Mollie Titterton*

Generator

- Any news regarding Generator?

- It was previously raised that we might look into option of getting a generator so that the school may continue to operate during unplanned power outages, as the school has to close and send kids home when these occur – mostly due to fact that we rely on electricity to pump water but also due to lack of lighting etc., which can be tricky at short notice for working parents.
- Trena has looked into options, and to get the type of generator we would need to run everything would cost \$15K, plus it needs a shed for storage, and monthly maintenance.
- We could get a smaller one that might run the lights and water for about \$1K but this would also need storage space and alterations made to current system so that it could run things. Plus it would require maintenance and someone to be able to operate it (likewise with the big one) So it would probably cost about \$10K in total to get that set up.
- We would have to fund this ourselves – the department won't financially support getting a permanent generator/solar setup.
- A solar setup with battery banks that could run water and lights at minimum is also expensive.
- Department will fund loan of emergency generator if/when we need it.

Carpark

- We need improvements/maintenance made to carpark area, and signage.
- Do we own the carpark/road area or is it public? Council says it belongs to school. Department says it belongs to council....
- We need repairs done to the driveway itself. They recently added some gravel, but we might need more. Entry point to driveway is also hazardous.
- Trena says that if parents report incidents to NSW Transport it is more effective than if school does it. We need to contact them regularly – like every week. She will get us details for who to contact.
- Ideally we would have bus zone signage, kiss and ride or timed parking/school zone signage..When there is wet weather it is best if parents drive right up to front gate, collect child/ren and leave straight away. Can a reminder about this be sent out.
- Is it possible to make some 'unofficial' signage that could be attached to fence? Marking designated parking/kiss&ride/bus zones?

School Camp

- Can we organise camp better this year to avoid disappointment like last year (Tangalooma camp being organised, kids get excited and then plans had to change)
- Actually there will be no camp this year – it is every 2 years and we had one last year. However teachers are looking into options ideas now for next year so that it may be organised ahead of time to avoid disappointment.

- Do we want a camp where kids travel somewhere and do lots of different activities at different locations (like when the kids went to Sydney)? Or something where they go to a single location/venue and have all activities take place there (like when they went to thunderbird park)?
- Tangalooma camp (for yrs 5-6 with Empire Vale last year) was awesome – lets also do that again if we can – we have to wait to see if other school/s want to do it again, or we could initiate...
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Principal's Report: *Melissa Dunbar-Reid*

Days in lieu:

- Last term our days in lieu coincided with region wide school closures due to Cyclone Alfred – do we want to claim them later this year sometime or just let them go?
- Let's claim them! Discussion re when best to use them...
- This term's days in lieu will be attached to the King's Birthday long weekend so Thursday 5th and Friday 6th June- giving us a 5 day long weekend 5-9 June.
- Term 3 we plan to take days in lieu on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th August.
- Term 4 we plan to take them at the end of term Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December.
- We could tack on the Term 1 days to the other ones or have a separate long weekend/s. Staff to discuss further to decide most suitable time/s to use them

Wildlife Sanctuary excursion:

- Cancelled due to wet weather. New dates yet to be decided. Staff to let us know.
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Enrolments:

- We have 31 students at school currently!

Meet & Greet Morning/afternoon tea:

- We will organize a meet & greet morning/afternoon tea for all parents/caregivers at school sometime in near future – date to be decided.

Treasurers Report – Mollie Titterton:

- We have \$7575.20 in the bank
- Plans for expenditure this year? We will see what happens with parking situation to see if we need to contribute for signage or repairs....

Meeting closed at 9:09am