

Fernleigh Public School P&C Meeting

Date: Tuesday 13th August 2024

Present: Melissa Dunbar-Reid, Dee Farrell, Fabia McWilliam, Mollie Titterton, Chelsea De Rooy, Rebecca Kinsey, Elissa Parfitt, Trena Gillet

Apologies: -

Meeting Opened 8:19am

Acknowledgement of country by Fabia McWilliam

Principals Report: *Melissa Dunba-Reid*

Budget:

- Department froze \$105K. When they said they were going to take it, school decided to quickly spend some. Department took the \$105K plus what we spent. This happened to a lot of schools – some were depending on that money to pay staff etc. Fortunately we just had it sitting there, it wasn't assigned to anything yet, so we aren't affected by it too badly.
- We're currently waiting for about \$40K to come back from department for the playground. They could give it to us at the end of the year, and then take it back if we don't use it straight away. So we're looking to have something planned so as soon as the money comes in we can use it. We're looking at levelling and concreting the area between the Turtles room and the lunch tables, get rid of garden, clear and level the space. The grass doesn't grow well there and it gets really muddy at times. It would be really great – we could move lunch tables out into the sun there in winter if we liked, and turtles would be able to access the lunch table area much more easily. We'll get a quote from the guys who did the playground landscaping. They were really good. That way we can be ready to go as soon as we get the money back.

Ms Sexton Maternity Leave

- Mel is going on maternity leave in term 4. We had Miss O organized but she's going to Empire Vale – they promised her employment for 2025 so she is staying on there. So we have organized Jade Herwig (Miss H) who lives in Brooklet and is lovely and very well suited to Fernleigh, to come in Term 4.

Ovenight Excursion

- Our excursion is coming up which is very exciting.

- We will send out an itinerary and checklist of items needed to bring by the end of week. Kids will need to bring a sleeping mat and sleeping bag. There are great \$20 mats available from K-mart.
- The excursion is Tuesday/Wednesday followed by our days in lieu which will give everyone a long weekend afterwards!
- The Kindy's will be staying at school for the days everyone is at the excursion. Miss S and Mrs Murray will be staying back with the Kindy's.
- P&C has pledged \$2K towards the cost of the bus for the excursion, and we have pledged \$3k for landscaping which we will hang onto until later in the year when we may need to do some maintenance.

Book parade

- Change the date until August 27th due to inclement weather preventing rehearsals this week.

Fundraising

We discussed how it would be great to do a big event like the Tintenbar country fair or Newrybar Fireworks but as much as that would be awesome we all agreed that we don't have the numbers or infrastructure to pull it off. Plus there is a lot of effort involved and weather can make or break something like that as well... So we are happy with our bakesales etc. for now.

Election:

- Saturday 14th Local Govt. election at Newrybar Hall.
- Do we want to do a bakesale there? (YES) We (school) are not a booth this election but we have the opportunity to do something at Newrybar Hall.
- People can bake goods and deliver to school on Friday at school drop off/pick up. Or bring on Saturday to hall.
- We could make a roster to get people to come and help at the stall on the day
- Democracy Sausage Sizzle? Ben? Could we get some people to help with this – include in the roster. Bring school BBQ or hotplates to the hall to do sausage sizzle.
- Peter Campbell is visiting the school on Friday 13th to watch Melissa teach a class so she will do baking with the kids and they can make a bunch of scones for the bake sale. Great idea!
- Much discussion about how best to eat scones... :D
- We'll get something to Dee to put in the next newsletter re: the election bake sale and Halloween disco. Berk to make roster.

Bake Sale at Newrybar Markets:

- Do we still want to do a bake sale at the markets this term as well as the election day sale?
- NO. One per term is probably enough. We have money in the bank.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle:

- Not this term.

Halloween Disco:

- Booked in already for Monday 28th? Fabia to check. (Actually it's booked for Friday November 1st)
- We can do bake sale, popcorn and sausage sizzle again like last year. The hall puts it on and provides all the decorations and we get profit share.

Treasurers Report: Mollie Titterton

- We have balance of \$7591.83 in the bank plus some cash in cash tin in safe – possibly close to \$1500 from markets and easter raffle.
- Mollie to count and bank and let us know the balance

Meeting closed at 9:02am