

Fernleigh Public School P&C Meeting

Date: Tuesday 22nd October 2024

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

Apologies: -

Meeting Opened 8:19am

Acknowledgement of country by Fabia McWilliam

Minutes for last meeting:

- Approved by Fabia
- In future Bek to send through to Fabia and the Fernleigh school email so that Dee can put them in the newsletter.

Fundraising:

- Election Day Bake Sale at Newrybar Hall last term was really awesome. We'll definitely do that again – it's a lot of work but totally worth it. Thanks to Mollie and Dane for organising purchase of new BBQ and working on the day and to everyone who baked and helped on the day. (We raised \$1016.86)

Principals Report: *Melissa Dunbar-Reid*

Budget:

- Department froze money last term and they're not giving it back – We are appealing as it's money they gave for the playground. We feel like we've got a pretty good case to get it back. If it takes time to get it back that's ok as its better if we get it next year so we don't have to rush to try and use it by the end of this year.

Turtles Classroom:

- Turtles classroom has been closed due to water leak and mould. It looks like a rat got in and ate a pipe in the aircon which has then leaked into and through the wall into the classroom. At the time of this happening last term it must have happened end of week and then after weekend when classroom was locked up days Trena and Melissa noticed that there was a situation – Pod was sitting in a puddle.

- We've had to make an insurance claim. After they came into assess, the classroom was locked up for 2 weeks which made the mould situation worse, and now we have to throw everything out – pod, carpets, mats, whiteboards, furniture, everything. We're going to get new everything, including air con, wall etc. and we should get that all on insurance.
- Work is being done this week, and then hygienist will come and check. Hopefully kids will be back in the classroom next week.
- Turtles have been split in 2, which has cost more money having extra teacher and using library. It's actually been really good for them, the 2 groups have benefitted having more honed time.

Review for kids with extra funding:

- This is coming up so Melissa and Trena have been very busy with paperwork and meetings with parents in preparation for this.

State Principals Conference :

- Melissa attending State Principal's conference next week in Sydney for 4 days. She's never been to one in her 16yrs being principal.

Days in lieu:

- Monday at beginning of this term was a last minute student free day – we have to decide what to classify it as – staff development / kids day in lieu / or? We agree that school should call it as a necessary student free day due to issue with turtles classroom which staff had to deal with before students could come back to school.
- Days in lieu – we will have at the very end of term – so that Monday 16th December will be last day of term. By having it end of term rather than in the middle we will have more time for end of year presentation performance rehearsal etc during term time.

End of year Presentation Day

- Set for Tuesday December 10th

Year 5 & 6 Camp

- During the holidays we got an email from Empire Vale (sent out to a few of the Ballina small schools) inviting 8 yr 5 & 6 kids plus a teacher to come on a camp with them to Tangalooma. Melissa jumped on this awesome opportunity as we have exactly 8 yr 5 & 6 kids!
- All yr 5 & 6 kids are going. Melissa will take them. Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th December. There will 2 teachers from Empire Vale going as well – Teya Orchard and Bonnie. It will be awesome as they will be able to do all of the activities we wanted to do with them when we were looking into doing camp

at Tangalooma but were restricted to do because of the little kids, so it's very exciting for them.

- If it goes well, we might look at doing something like this with Empire Vale or other school/s for the yr5 & 6s every couple of years.
- Exciting!

End of year presentation dance:

- Whales want to do a dance to the Bar Song. Is that ok? The lyrics talk about going to a bar and drinking Jack Daniels.
- Everyone approved.

Numbers for next year:

- We have 3 Year 6's leaving. (Marlow is first kid that Melissa has taught all the way from Kindy to year 6)
- 2 new kindies
- A couple of other possible enrolments we are waiting to hear back from.
- We are currently at 29 so should have at least 28 next year.

Additional agenda items:

Year 6 Leaving Gifts:

- Halle, Marlow and Ben
- Mollie thinks an experience is better than giving a 'thing'. Agreed.
- The last couple of years we purchased Byron High uniforms for Tyrel and Taleeka.
- Ideas - a dinner for kids and their families and teachers, rock climbing vouchers?
- Everyone have a think...

Halloween Disco:

- Coming up quickly! Next Friday November 1st
- Fabia has all the decorations, and we can set up on the day.
- We will do popcorn, sausage sizzle and cupcakes/baked treats. Great fundraising opportunity.
- Dane has been officially volunteered by Mollie to do sausage sizzle.
- Bek to get more popcorn/ghee/coconut oil. And will make cupcakes.

Bake Sale:

- We won't do a Bake Sale at the Newrybar market this term, as the Halloween Disco will be our main fundraiser, and that should hopefully be enough.

Ted Talk:

- It has come to parents attention that Ted has taken kids food at lunch time.
- Teachers are well aware of this – there has been a mix of how this has happened – but Ted is now to stay in the classroom or over at the office while kids are eating. Teachers trying to get the kids to also eat their lunch more quickly.

Treasurers Report – Mollie Titterton:

- We have \$9537.85 in the bank – almost \$10K!
- Yet to pay the \$2K we pledged for the overnight excursion bus. We'll pay it once we hit the \$10K mark (hopefully after Halloween disco)!
- Melissa thanked Mollie for organizing insurance for students – as she noticed Empire Vale does not have this (there was a liability waiver in their email about camp) Mollie was surprised they don't as it's not particularly expensive (about \$200 for the year) but apparently most schools don't. We also have liability insurance for things like bake sales etc.

Meeting closed at 9:10am