

Fernleigh Public School P&C Meeting

Date: Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Present: Melissa Dunbar-Reid, Trenna Gillet, Dee Farrell, Mia Munro, Fabia McWilliam, Mollie Titterton, Chelsea, Rebecca Kinsey, Laura May, Katelyn Wallin, Vanessa

Apologies: -

Meeting Opened 8:22am

Acknowledgement of country by Fabia McWilliam

Minutes from previous meeting held 23rd July 2025 approved by all.

Meeting Agenda : Fabia McWilliam

Safe on the Socials

- Parents have asked about availability of notes promised for the Safe on the Socials presentation by Kirra Pendergast held last term
- 6:34am this morning Dee received email about this – apparently the recording of our presentation didn't work – but we will be given access to another one. We will also be given instructions for accessing the notes online. Dee will send this out to everyone.

Halloween Disco:

- Coming up this Friday!
- Mollie and Fabia will head to hall tomorrow (Thursday 23rd) to set up. Teachers ask if they can take some live photos of the set up and send to Mia Monroe so she can make insta post/s on the school account. Laura can also come in on Thursday morning to help out.
- Fabia sending list around the room with roster for helpers on the night – will also put this on the school notice board. Perhaps also send a photo of the roster to the school whatsapp chat.
- Fabia has prepared all the lolly bags for the night – including some separate bags of sugar free and also gluten free lollies.
- We sent a message to the WhatsApp group about help needed for disco, but haven't had any response. Maybe because snake lockdown took precedence yesterday.
- We need a helper or 2 for Dane who is BBQ boss. Fabia messaged Ben and he is able to help.

Year 6 gifts

- Ideas for end of year gifts for year 6 kids (Juni and Elkie)
- School will give them calculators and journal/diary.
- All kids will be given a book.
- P&C to give year 6 gifts as well – suggestions are an activity/experience. High ropes Currumbin / Local rock climbing / what about something arts/crafty seeing as both girls would enjoy that – painting class? Brook Clunie pottery class? To be discussed further.

Staffing

What is happening with staffing for next year?

- Funding allocation will come in at the end of this week.
- So far plan is to have Mia Monroe teaching Whales, and we are hoping to keep Jade Herwig in the Turtles classroom.
- Jade was offered a fulltime position at Byron Bay which she has declined – because she would ideally like to stay on here at Fernleigh. We all want Jade to stay here!
- Mrs McClymont is rallying to find somewhere else to be. She is currently in a position at Empire Vale and waiting to find out if she can stay there next year. Once she becomes permanent elsewhere, her position here will be open, and Jade can apply for it.

Enrolments 2026

- Looking at possibly growing to 38 – we have 2 new families who will possibly be joining the school.

Snakes/Guinea Pigs

- In light of the recent brown snake issue – the snake catcher has informed us that the guinea pigs are snake magnets and will continue to attract snakes.
- The kids will be devastated but we have to rehome them for the safety of everyone at the school.
- Does anyone want them?
- Maybe Kate. (Hugo loves snakes!) Chelsea will take them if no one else wants to.
- School has been approved for funding to clean up garden and school yard to make it less appealing for snakes.
- Chickens don't really attract them – baby chicks do though.
- Dee wonders if P&C want to contribute to purchase of snake deterrent devices but we all concur that they do not work and are a waste of money/scam, and that best thing to prevent snakes taking up residence is to clean up yard.

P&C Positions

- Fabia and Mollie's last year at the school next year (2026) – just a heads up that their positions (president and treasurer) will need to be filled after 2026 – and ideally if

new people could take those positions at the 2026 AGM so that Fabia and Mollie can help handover/mentor the new position holders.

Newrybar Hall

- Fabia is on committee at Newrybar Hall – will she continue to be? We hope so as our school has built a great relationship with the hall and we do most of our fundraising there – through market Bake Sales and the Halloween Disco which has gained good momentum over the past 3 years.
- Fabia said that there is an AGM coming up for the Hall – and last year they had some contention with business/property owners in the town trying to take over the hall for personal/business interests rather than as a community interest. So it would be great if the community to come to the AGM to help rally to keep it a community hall. Fabia will let us know when the AGM is on.

Treasurers Report – Mollie Titterton:

- Bank Balance is currently \$5526.74 - Before shopping for Halloween Disco and after having paid for Safe on the Socials presentation and Miss Ruby's leaving gifts.
- We have yet to pay for the PSSA carnival student levies. Dee will forward amount owing to Mollie.

Meeting closed at 9:05am