



# Northmead

Creative and Performing Arts High School

## **8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 P&C meeting**

**Present:** Claire Keipert, David Charters, Mary Byrnes, Jaythene Hiscock, Aroma Kalot, Ala Hassan, Kim Shiels, Julia Lania, Karina Briffa, Shirley Tani, Rizan Hady, Saphesh Pathah, Deb

Mark Milne, Maria Scott,

**Apologies:** Casey Johnson, Narelle Vazquez,

Meeting opened 7.02pm

Acknowledgment of Country

## **President's report- Tara Lee**

- Previous minutes moved by David Charters, seconded by Mary Brynes
- The annual reports for years ending 2018, 2019, 2020 and will be doing 2021 with the ACNC in order to maintain our Charity status.
- Mary and I are currently in the process of getting our names on the P & C bank account. Once this is done the P & C will pay the \$31 374.54 that we owe the school for last year's wish list.
- There is \$39 521.84 in the bank account at the moment
- We still have 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Secretary remain open positions to be filled. If we have any nominations for either position? Unfortunately no nominations for either position so they remain open, and hopefully be filled at the next meeting.
- I just want to take this opportunity to thank the teachers who took the year 7s away on camp. Talking to other year 7 parents and to my own daughter I know they had a great time and really appreciated the effort the teachers put in.
- I also want to say how impressed I was by the talent at the showcase performance I saw, and again thank the teachers as well as to the backstage students who gave up their time to ensure the nights ran smoothly. It's so lovely to be able see performance face to face again.
- And lastly, it was so great seeing the celebration assembly, again talking to other year 7 parents we were impressed how it was run and the performance by the students involved. It was so nice being able to come back into school to attend events like this.
- The P& C has been asked to put our backing behind a grant- Community building partnership, this will enable the school to receive funds towards putting solar panels on the school buildings to reduce the cost of the electricity bills.  
I put forward the motion that we do back the grant. Motion seconded by Mary, voted in unanimously

## **Deputy Principal's report- Mark Milne**

- Year 7 went away to Narrabeen sport and rec camp. 185 Year 7 students went out of the 213 students. The students had a great time and were well behaved.



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- The feedback on the activities and experience was an overall positive one. The food is being looked at for Year 9 camp as the Sport and rec camp is going through a new process where all sport and rec camps have the same menu on the same day.
- Mid-year showcases started on Monday night with Year 7 and 8 Music and last night were year 9, 10, 11 and 12 plus a couple of the companies. Both Narelle and myself were impressed by the quality and variety has been outstanding. The support of both the music staff and the backstage crew allowed for two sensational nights.
- There are several other showcases coming up next week on the Wednesday is Circus, and Thursday is Dance and in week 10 is Drama and Visual Arts.
- Parent teacher nights- feedback was very positive to come back on site especially for the year 7 parents, they appreciated that it wasn't a zoom night, I know some of the older grade parents would have preferred zoom opportunities. We had a lot of parents show up for both nights and I wanted to thank the parents and the staff for giving up their time to run those.
- Celebration Assemblies were held a little bit later in term than normal, they were delayed so that we could get parents back on site. Again we had a positive feedback and a big turn out of parents from all grades. Thank you for the support to your children.
- Reports- hoping to get them out on Friday on the portal for Year 12. The rest for year 7-11 to be out by the end of the term. Just a reminder that for Year 7-9 reports they will not show any academic ranking, basically they will have a grade based on the outcome they have been working on in the in class informative assessments.
- Solar Program- The school applied for the solar schools project at this stage we have been successful to proceed with the project. There were two options presented.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> option- small solar panels on building B and that would cost the school only \$10000 with an annual incentive from the department of \$3000 over 7 years but that would only give us an average of 25 tonnes of CO2 avoided per year and the system size is 18 KW
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> option is a much larger scale the system size is 98 KW and that is 20 big solar panels over two buildings. The cost is \$45000 the department will be putting in, also the grant will be contributing a percentage and the school will put in a percentage of the cost. Should mean a greater savings over a 10 year period.
  - The school is leaning towards the second option as it is more viable and allows for 30% of solar consumption to cover our site consumption which means money that can be spent on the students and school rather than electricity.
- Building works- the main cola over the basketball court and the fencing has been completed so it is fully fenced and has been used all this term. The building company (Ages) that completed the work has donated post protection pads with our logos on them.
- They have started on the new fields, they have laid all the foundations, and if the weather is good they will be able to continue to work on the removal of the top soil.
- Access to the basketball court- we have been successful in getting some more money through ANU to fix up the drainage issues for the netball courts.
- The school has also been successful in obtain a grant to cover the cost of creating a wheelchair access ramp to the netball courts for next financial year.
- Vaccinations for Year 7 and Year 9 for next Thursday
- Subject selection for Year 8 and 10 commencing in either week 2 or 3 and Casey Johnston will send out an email to year 8 and 10 parents in regard to what will happen with subject selection, we will have some information sessions early next term about subjects so keep an eye out for emails.



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## Deputy Principal's report- Maria Scott

- Homerooms started, this is where we will be running activities and workshops with the students. It is once a week, the intention is that this will be their homeroom right through to the end of Year 12, and hopefully keeping the same teacher as well. It is about developing the relationship with the students and giving them the social and emotional skills that they need.
- This week we have started a free trial with atomy, students should have an email invite, every student has access to it. It is an online learning platform and is excellent for our Year 11 and 12 students, a lot of the teachers use what they need in the classroom, but students can go in and use the resources as well creating their own exams and past papers to practice. This is especially beneficial to our year 11 students who don't have access to previous years papers and exams. Only available for the next 96 days, after the trial we need to look at the feedback and see if its something we want to continue as the courses do cost \$20 per student per subject so not cheap. So it is worth looking and giving your feedback.
- Trial HSC exams start in week 1 and 2 of next term, ad have a later finish of 4pm. It is really important that they start to get study techniques, doing past papers and bringing them into school to get feedback from their teachers would be beneficial.
- The university of NSW Sydney came out and spoke to Year 12 students and will be speaking to Year 11 in August. They are offering their winter program to Year 12 students, its free to register and students get access to different workshops and HSC markers who will provide them with papers and say they have to send it back by 3 then mark and provide feedback for students. If they register for the program they can then go on and register for the gate way program which allows students early entry into the university of NSW Sydney, and they help with writing application forms and they also get up to 10 ATAR points reduction into some courses, so a worthwhile program to be a part of.
- Year 11 its important they need to start their assessments asap, a lot of students are leaving this to the last minute so we are encourage parents to be proactive in getting students to start, they could take a photo of their assessment as soon as they have it, so parents know what they have been given and even getting them to start that night dot point what they need to do bringing it in and showing the teacher to check they are on the right track, then getting them to write a draft and submit that. Parent support with year 11 students would be greatly appreciated.
- Jerseys are on their way and should be here by the end of June.
- For year 11 and younger grades new jumpers are in and can be purchased from the uniform shop. Students can also wear a white long sleeve top underneath their school top. They should not wear a hoodie or black jumpers.
- In memory of Kalie her friends planted an Illawarra flame tree.
- There was an Aboriginal history walk through our school for our Aboriginal students, and learn some of the history of the area

## Other business

- Questioned asked: How do students pick up certificates if they were away on the Celebration Assembly day  
Answered: They can pick them up from the deputies



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- Mary and I were discussing that as new mums (Year 7) it would be nice to have a face to face P&C meeting in term 4 and combined it with a light nibbles/supper at the end of the meeting as a way to show appreciation to parents of Year 12 students who have been on the P&C in the past or volunteered over the years and also a thank you to the past P&C president Tara Lee for her work over the years. It would be held at the school. We understand zooms are convenient but would like to introduce this for term 4.
- So the motion is that we have a P&C meeting to be held at the school as a face to face in term 4 with a light supper afterwards.
- Motion discussed and passed- met with approval from members.
- Question asked if there is a transition process for year 6 to year 7. Answered: Yes the school runs a transition process in term 4 of the year.
- Question: Is there a possibility of putting the soft shell jacket back into the uniform shop. Answered: Yes we know they love the jacket but often ended up looking crumpled as it was shoved into bags it has been replaced by the other jacket. So no not at this point. But they will take the feedback to Narelle.
- Question: About the minutes to the meeting? Answered they were sent out with the zoom link.
- P&C meeting for Term 3 is set for August 3rd

**Meeting closed 7:46pm**