

Kingston Primary School

School Community Association

Meeting Monday 19th June 2017

Meeting opened @ 1834

By Chairperson: Vice Chair - Natalie Williams, standing in for, Chair – Alicia Townsend

Present: Natalie Williams, Amy Millhouse, Andrew Nash, Vicki Bygrave, Tania Virieux, Dorothy Raymond, Jodi Enright, Claudia Nevah, Deb Kingston, Christine Rumley

Apologies: Alicia Townsend

Minutes from meeting held Monday 15th May 2017, true and accurate record of proceedings

Moved: Andrew Nash	Seconded: Natalie Williams
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Business arising/Actions:

1. Policy Development

Behaviour Policy – To be carried over

Appearance – To be carried over, the staff are working on implementing the uniform policy effectively. Dorothy has had a meeting with the Grade 6 year group in particular about the uniform as there are issues including; some students claim they don't own certain items and it's too late in the year to purchase items for the remainder of grade 6, also some students state fashion concerns. Students and parents/carers are reminded there is an opportunity to get some money back on second hand items. , further to this, Jodi will confirm the track pants are also part of the Kingston High School uniform

2. Further updates on Dave Kilpatrick -

The New Town High School position has been advertised this week. Dorothy will provide updates as they occur

3. **Working group for TASSO grant** – Amy Millhouse to organise a working group in term 3

Correspondence in:

Father's Day Fundraising brochures

Correspondence out:

Nil

REPORTS:

Principal's report: Dorothy Raymond

Principal's Report – 19.6.'17

Teachers are busy with report writing and these mid-year reports go home on the last day of Term. Parent-Teacher interviews will be held in the second week of Term 3.

Grade 3-6 Swim and Water Safety Program is half way through and Angela Kadziolka is thrilled with the positive attitude of the students and the development of skills.

Cross Country continues with the State Cross Country at Symmons Plains on Tuesday 27th June, with approx. 40 Grade 3 -6 students competing.

The ECE Music Performance/Concert, The Gingerbread Man, is being performed for parents on 28th June at 2.00 pm and the Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday 27th will be performed in front of the primary students. We are so lucky to have someone as talented as Shona Hunt teaching our students music. Shona recently did some training workshops with Richard Gill, one of Australia's most highly regarded conductors and music educators as part of the National Mentorship Program for music teachers. Shona is willing to pass on Music skills to class teachers so they can also use musical activities in class for a range of purposes including calming techniques (the soothing effects of rhythm are well known) and brain breaks.

The Department of Education is currently participating in the White Ribbon Workplace Accreditation Program to become recognised and accredited as a workplace taking active steps to end violence against women. The Southern Region White Ribbon Project Officer, Christian Ellston, visited me on Friday to discuss the steps required for accreditation and he will be presenting this in a staff meeting next term.

Last Wednesday we continued developing our list of Social Skills that students are focusing on and practising in class and around the school. For the remainder of this term, 'Don't Say No, Give It A

Go', is the focus. Senior Staff did the role play for this and it seemed to have a pretty good impact on the audience, who roared with laughter! More U R Busted prizes were also given out.

All Kindergartens, including ours, have recently been audited to see what adjustments would need to be made if the School Starting Age changes go ahead from 2020 as recommended in the new Education Act.

Teachers are continuing training in KidsMatters modules and Mental Health and Wellbeing continues to be a priority at Kingston Primary.

Regarding the role of Principal – New Town High position will be advertised this week and once that is finalised we will know what our position is. D.Raymond

Moved: Tania Virieux	Seconded: Vicki Bygrave
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Treasurer's report: Deb Kingston

KINGSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS
2016-2017

Opening balance as at 4/4/16

\$9,538.89

INCOME								
Date	Amount	Received from	Uniform Shop	Fundraising	Student Banking	Canteen	Miscellaneous	Comments
5/04/2016	206.62	Commonwealth Bank			206.62			Commission
6/04/2016	812.35	Kingston Primary School				812.35		
29/04/2016	1,255.00	Kingston Primary School	1,255.00					
1/05/2016	3.91	Commonwealth Bank					\$3.91	Interest
13/05/2016	985.00	Kingston Primary School	985.00					
20/05/2016	65.00	Blackmans Bay Primary				65.00		Catering Student Free Day
20/05/2016	100.00	Illawarra Primary School				100.00		Catering Student Free Day
20/05/2016	135.00	Kingston Primary School				135.00		Catering Student Free Day
24/05/2016	626.65	Kingston Primary School				626.65		
1/06/2016	4.85	Commonwealth Bank					\$4.85	Interest
6/06/2016	35.00	Cygnel Primary School				35.00		Catering Student Free Day
6/06/2016	144.75	Kingston Primary School				144.75		Reimbursements
8/06/2016	308.85	Kingston Primary School				308.85		
10/06/2016	1,352.00	Kingston Primary School	1,352.00					
1/07/2016	4.34	Commonwealth Bank					\$4.34	Interest
1/07/2016	1,047.00	Kingston Primary School	1,047.00					
5/07/2016	142.74	Commonwealth Bank			142.74			
19/07/2016	512.65	Kingston Primary School				512.65		
29/07/2016	1,300.00	Kingston Primary School	1,300.00					
1/08/2016	4.42	Commonwealth Bank					\$4.42	Interest
1/08/2016	100.00	Kingston Primary School				100.00		catering late night PL session
1/08/2016	76.00	Kingston Primary School	76.00					hats for new students
3/08/2016	9,107.95	Kingston Primary School		9,107.95				School fair profit
24/08/2016	690.05	Kingston Primary School		690.05				Mother's day Stall
24/08/2016	493.60	Kingston Primary School				493.60		
1/09/2016	8.14	Commonwealth Bank					\$8.14	Interest
9/09/2016	840.00	Kingston Primary School	840.00					
20/09/2016	1,014.85	Kingston Primary School		1,014.85				fathers day staff
1/10/2016	8.70	Commonwealth Bank					\$8.70	Interest
5/10/2016	110.54	Commonwealth Bank			110.54			
14/10/2016	607.25	Kingston Primary School				607.25		
31/10/2016	147.00	Kingston Primary School	147.00					
31/10/2016	208.00	Kingston Primary School		208.00				Entertainment books
1/11/2016	9.30	Commonwealth Bank					\$9.30	Interest
4/11/2016	1,026.00	Kingston Primary School	1,026.00					
28/11/2016	1,246.20	Kingston Primary School				1,246.20		
1/12/2016	7.67	Commonwealth Bank					\$7.67	Interest
9/12/2016	960.00	Kingston Primary School	960.00					
16/12/2016	1,700.00	Kingston Primary School	1,700.00					
1/01/2017	6.60	Commonwealth Bank					\$6.60	Interest
10/01/2017	91.68	Commonwealth Bank			91.68			
31/01/2017	247.25	Kingston Primary School				247.25		
1/02/2017	6.97	Commonwealth Bank					\$6.97	Interest
2/02/2017	3,455.00	Kingston Primary School	3,455.00					
2/02/2017	4,376.00	Kingston Primary School	4,376.00					
10/02/2017	1,403.00	Kingston Primary School	1,403.00					
10/02/2017	2,405.00	Kingston Primary School	2,405.00					
24/02/2017	1,050.00	Kingston Primary School	1,050.00					
1/03/2017	7.83	Commonwealth Bank					\$7.83	Interest
1/03/2017	1,231.90	Kingston Primary School		1,231.90				welcome back bbq
15/03/2017	677.00	Kingston Primary School	677.00					
	42,158.99		24,054.00	12,252.75	551.58	5,434.55	\$72.73	\$42,365.61

EXPENDITURE								
Date	Amount	Paid to	Uniform Shop	Fundraising	Student Banking	Canteen	Miscellaneous	Comments
31/05/2016	10.00	Kingborough Chronicle					\$10.00	AGM Advert
31/05/2016	1,468.50	Perm-A-Pleat	1,468.50					
31/05/2016	3,888.23	Perm-A-Pleat	3,888.23					
31/05/2016	150.00	Kingston Primary School					\$150.00	50% Life Be In It Welcome BBQ
1/08/2016	47.55	PWS	47.55					
1/08/2016	327.60	PWS	327.60					
1/08/2016	327.60	PWS	327.60					
1/08/2016	296.40	L W REID	296.40					
24/10/2016	763.62	Style Knit	763.62					
24/10/2016	1,346.40	Perm A Pleat	1,346.40					
31/10/2016	1,253.45	Uniform City					\$1,253.45	Donation for Blazers
4/11/2016	3,500.00	Kingston Primary School					\$3,500.00	Donation for PA System
1/12/2016	5,400.00	Kingston Primary School					\$5,400.00	Donation swimming program
8/02/2017	3,244.52	L W Reid	3,244.52					
8/02/2017	5,000.00	Perm A Pleat	5,000.00					
8/02/2017	1,490.50	Perm A Pleat	1,490.50					
8/02/2017	2,182.97	Sparton School Supplies	2,182.97					
20/02/2017	31.00	Emma Etherington					\$31.00	End of year function
22/02/2017	115.25	Emma Etherington					\$115.25	welcome back bbq
	30,843.59		20,383.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$10,459.70	\$30,843.59
								\$21,060.91

Uniform shop commitments as at 27/3/17
Perm A Pleat \$4,000.00

Bank Balance as at 27/3/17

\$21,060.91

less unrepresented cheques
plus unbanked deposits

TOTAL

\$21,060.91

Motion: To accept the Treasurer report carried over from the AGM as true and correct, noting the balances are incorrect in the AGM minutes

Moved: Amy Millhouse

Seconded: Dorothy Raymond

Carried.

Motion: Kingston Primary School Community Association appoints as auditor: R.J. Newton & Associates

Moved: Deb Kingston

Seconded: Vicki Bygrave

Carried.

2017 Opening balance: \$22,953

Closing balance: \$17,802

Second account opening balance: \$1000.00

Closing balance: \$1000.03

Audit has been amended and now properly states, Kingston Primary School

Moved: Vicki Bygrave

Seconded: Amy Millhouse

Uniform shop: Jodi Enright

Bills are paid, stock levels are good and sales are good

Fundraising Committee:

Carried over

Canteen: Alicia Townsend

Carried over

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Motion:** The KPSCA will cover the remainder of the cost of the bus for the cross country team travelling to Symmons Plains, after the students have paid \$10

Moved: Natalie Williams

Seconded: Dorothy Raymond

Abstain: Jodi Enright

Carried.

2. **Winter jackets/coats worn at school** – Dorothy has met with the grade 3-6 students concerning this issue. The students are permitted to wear an extra layer such as a thick puffer jacket outside but not in class. Students are also reminded, a thick jacket is not a substitute for a school jumper
3. **Environment/heating-** Claudia states concerns re: the observation of the use of heaters in the classroom on very hot with doors and windows open. Other parents have also observed this. Concerns about what this is teaching the students in relation to caring for the environment and the vast amounts of power being wasted at the school. Dorothy stated she will address this at a staff meeting
4. **Kitchen/garden program** – Dorothy stated her and Andrew wished to apologise for the confused information concerning the funding for this program

for the remainder of 2017. MONA will fund half of the program until December 2017, along with KPS, this was passed in the budget. After this time MONA will continue to provide support through professional development and workshops, teacher, Josh Durno is attending a session at MONA on bush tucker. MONA may also assist in sourcing more sponsors for the program moving forward. Christine Rumley, grade 3-4 teacher also attended to provide some positive feedback on the program, Christine provided a comprehensive report stating how deeply embedded the program is in the curriculum, including areas such as, Bioscience, sustainability, Health and Physical Education and Maths:

Gardening Program

Science

- The garden has been an integral component of our Biological Science unit on lifecycles of flowering plants and insects.
- We went to the garden on multiple occasions to explore different fruits, flowers and seeds.
- We looked at the different seed dispersal mechanisms to see plants that have seeds bursting from pods and those that spread seeds through fruit that is digested by other animals or birds.
- We looked at the stages in the life cycle of insects. The students were particularly interested in the lady birds.
- Next term, the garden will be a focus for our HASS unit and cross-curricular focus on sustainability. The students have already begun learning about re-using waste in our new hot composting areas. They have also observed the erosion impacting the path through the centre of the garden and have started moving woodchips to rebuild and protect it.
- The garden will also be utilised in future Science units looking at classifying leaf shape and plant adaptations.

Maths

- The garden provides excellent authentic opportunities for applying maths skills taught in class as the students are able to apply their measurement and multiplication skills when planting seedlings.
- They are measuring the length of garden beds, then using the recommended distance between seedlings/bulbs to determine how many they are able to plant in a row. They are able to see multiplication arrays in action when they are planting multiple rows.

Health

- The garden program is also relevant to our health unit on healthy eating and healthy lunchboxes.
- The students are learning to name and recognise the growth form of different fruits, vegetables and herbs. They have taken risks to try new fruit and vegetables in the garden such as gooseberries and fennel!

Kitchen Program

- The kitchen program reinforces our message of sustainable use of produce and healthy eating.
- It is fantastic for providing authentic applications of maths skills.
- The students get hands-on experience with measurement, they consider mass of different ingredients and build their knowledge through real experiences to help them appreciate how heavy 1kg is compared to 100g.
- It provides a great application of fractions through measuring in cups and cutting into $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$.

- It is fantastic for learning about rates and ratios when they upsize or downsize a recipe by doubling, tripling or halving quantities.
- The kitchen also allows students to make connections back to Science. They have considered the change from a liquid batter to a solid when heat is added.

Overarching Benefits

- Many students do not receive these experiences in the garden or kitchen at home. By providing a shared experience that I know all students have participated in, I am able to draw upon it and refer back to it in my teaching, knowing that all students have a foundational understanding.
- These shared experiences help us build a sense of community and pride in our school.
- The chance to talk with students in a casual setting, where they are actively busy at the same time often enables many students to speak more freely without feeling self-conscious. It is very valuable as a teacher, to check in with students during these sessions.
- Many students benefit from the heavy lifting opportunities in the garden to regulate their bodies physically. The strenuous digging or lifting can help them feel settled.
- Students often work together in a team and build cooperative skills during these sessions.

The Future

- MONA has informed us of their upcoming training opportunities for staff relating to Indigenous bush foods.
- This could be an exciting addition to both our kitchen and garden programs and it could assist us with the teaching of our cross-curricular priority of Indigenous perspectives.

5. **Mathletics** – Claudia enquired about programs such as Mathletics. Christine stated the school log ins are only for school, however parents are able to sign up to these programs at home if they wish

Close of meeting @ 1950

Next meeting:

21st August 2017

Meetings for 2017:

21st August, 18th September, 16th November, 20th November, 11th December