Date: Tuesday 14th February 2012
Opened: 9.30am
Chairperson: Sarah Wilson
Welcome everyone and thanks for coming.
Apologies: Melissa T, Tim H, Vanessa M and Harold R
Minutes: Sent out, posted on the school website and read, minutes be accepted, Moved Helen and seconded Melissa T
Matters Arising: Sarah W tried to sell black pants/ non-logo uniforms etc. on site, unfortunately no response. New uniforms are still available to purchase in larger and very small sizes. Kindergarten orientation and also perhaps information on the website of what is left and available for purchase.
Swim caps are ordered and being delivered before Zone Carnival, thank you to Melissa T for organising.
Correspondence: Fundraising newsletters and Information.
Reports:
Uniform: Still lots of new larger sizes to sell and small skorts. Kirsty will take some to the Early Stage one information session on Wednesday 15.2.12.
Fundraising: Draft Calendar of Events to be discussed in General Business.
Treasurer:
Treasurer’s Report
January 2012
Opening Balance $1,598.08
Credits -
Debits -
Closing Balance $1,598.08
February 2012
Bills pending approval $250.00 Peter Munton (Auditor)
$150.00 Melissa Turner – refund of deposit paid for swim caps
Principal’s Report:
Thanks to Peter and Julie Donald for their hard work at Warnervale over the past 5 years.
We wish them well for 2012 at Wyong PS. Thanks to P&C for their gift basket of goodies the staff received on Day 1.
Enrolment – 435
2012 Class Structure / Staffing
17 classes have been formed.
Awaiting confirmation from Staffing for new class teacher / Assistant Principal
Assemblies will now be K – 2 and Year 3 – 6. Structured for a large school in place.
Parent Information Evening TOMORROW
Stage expectations, class routines, curriculum, events and excursions will be discussed.
K Hall 4.30 pm Stage 1 Library 5.15 pm
Stage 2 Hall 6.00 pm Stage 3 Library 6.45 pm
2012 School Priorities
1. Literacy - Focus on Reading Comprehension, Writing
2. Mathematics – Focus on Measurement activities
There will be a staff development day on March 10 replacing the SDD scheduled for December 21.
Explicit weekly lessons are taught which aim to assist children to develop the following 5 key social and emotional capabilities: Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience.
1. HSIE / Science - Focus on practical innovative and engaging teaching practices
2. Technology - Focus on student learning using digital tools and resources

L3 Literacy, Learning, Language
Kindergarten teachers are involved in professional learning each fortnight strong focus on Literacy skills.

Harmony Day – March 21
Community event – activities planned. Sarah to give an overview

Canteen
3 days per week paid supervisor for lunches Wednesday, Thursday, Friday + 1 office day for ordering, accounts.
Volunteer support to open each day at recess for children to purchase snacks.

Workbooks 3 – 6 $55 - 5 separate books – Spelling Rules, Grammar Rules, Go Maths 3
Yr. 1 – 2 $40 Targeting Handwriting, Go Maths – 3 books
K - $30 Targeting Handwriting, Go Maths - 1, Scrapbooks

Class Packs Yr. 1 – 6
$25 Yr. 1 – 2 $20 Yr. 3 - 6
Individual whiteboard, ACER Testing answer booklets Toolkit – all essential stationary items, pens, pencils, glue sticks etc., Scrapbooks, folders – Home Reading. Welfare, workbooks for classroom

Student support has been utilised by approximately 20 families.

Panel Training is available for anyone interested. Let me know.

Harmony Day
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Harmony Day is on Wednesday 21st March, involving acceptance of all cultures, combining with WFCC and the Warnervale Wildcats.

Activities mostly for Yr 3 and Yr 5 students and Yr K-2 will participate in researching cultures in class. Yr 4 will be cooking Italian food.

There will be a whole School assembly with multicultural performers including talks by students. Yr 3 and Yr 5 will be rotating in groups to various cultural activities, like African beading, musical instruments and dressing up in cultural clothes and costumes etc. A visitor to the school will represent Islamic Culture. Since soccer games are played world wide, the Wildcats will also organize games and activities for the children. There will also be time for sharing and educational time at the end to give feedback.

There will be a BBQ in the lunch break. Harmony Day children can wear Orange. P&C will assist with Fruit Break, oranges, carrot sticks, and rock melon?? Could be frozen or on pop sticks.

Parents of different cultural backgrounds are welcome to be involved as well in other ways, perhaps in the class room activities / talks.

Sarah M. also thanked us on behalf of the staff for the welcome basket of goodies on the SDD.

General Business

Auditors Bill $250.00 invoice to be paid, Moved Sarah W, seconded Melissa T

Survey Update Survey will finish at the end of February, reminder in Wordabout this week for their last chance to have a say. Feedback so far indicated people did want to participate in P&C meetings not just information sessions. There were some negative comments however many constructive and positive comments
from the parent surveys. It was great to see information about the skills and capabilities of many people in our school community. There was a strong indication to alternate the meetings to provide one evening meeting per term for working parents and this trial needs to be supported by better attendance. A reminder was given to all parents to follow the correct channels of communication. Photo was great. People still wanted meetings, not information sessions. Fundraising information. Thank you to Lee.

Meeting times
One morning, one evening meeting at this stage next meeting time, cleaners will need notice.

Fundraising
Draft Calendar of events, see attached and are not set in concrete. We discussed the various activities and in Term 1 there will be a Mufti Meal Deal Day (Sausage sizzle), Easter raffle using donated eggs from the families and possibly the Business Register. Parents were keen on many of the ideas, possibly promote the cookie dough at Harmony Day, lots of input from everyone and maybe link the wristbands with the Yr 6 Olympic fundraiser. The end of year event will be a Christmas Fair during school hours in the afternoon on Friday 14th December. We would need a sub committee to help organize this. Plenty to be involved in!

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th March at 7pm (Please note evening meeting)

Meeting Closed: 11am

Bronwyn Barnes 16.2.12